



**EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Garden Spot High School**

“THE SPARTAN WAY – HAIL TO GARDEN SPOT!”

December 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's a great day to be a Spartan! Course selection is an exciting time for all involved because it demonstrates the strength of the home-school partnership. As we venture into the course selection process, we ask that your child communicate with his or her counselor so courses can be chosen that align with your child's goals.

A great deal of time and energy are invested by the high school faculty, guidance counselors and administrative team in helping students make informed decisions. Discussions regarding course selection begin in October and the entire process is not finalized until summer. From an administrative perspective, the scheduling process is extremely important as we utilize student course request data to assign staff, allocate resources, and decide which courses will be offered.

Ultimately, students are responsible for the courses they request. Course requests should only be completed after carefully consulting the *Program of Studies*. School counselors are available throughout the process to answer any questions regarding the selection process. Furthermore, students are permitted to submit schedule change requests during the selection and verification stages of scheduling from January to the last day of the current school year. After this time, changes will only be made under special circumstances that are the result of an error on the part of school district.

Please note, course selection will occur online as it has been done in the past. Directions, Course Selection Sheets, and the *Program of Studies*, are available on the High School's website. The following schedule will be implemented for Course Selection:

Class of 2019 → 12/20/2017 – 01/22/2018

Class of 2020 → 12/21/2017 – 01/22/2018

Class of 2021 → 01/02/2018 – 01/22/2018

Finally, we encourage our students to challenge themselves academically by setting realistic goals and enrolling in courses that will best meet their future aspirations. Please contact your child's school counselor with any questions you have regarding course selection.

Respectfully,

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