



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

“THE SPARTAN WAY –HAIL TO GARDEN SPOT!”

November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's a great day to be a Spartan! Can you believe we are already through the first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year? Regardless, I trust your child is having an enjoyable high school experience. I look forward to serving as their principal in the coming months.

The second quarter is an especially busy time of year for us, so I wanted to pass on some important information. First, seniors are presenting Service Learning Projects between November 14, 2018 and November 20, 2018. During this time, seniors will not have Open Campus privileges. Please note that Service Learning Projects are a graduation requirement. Any learner not completing a presentation will be ineligible to graduate regardless of the number of credits earned.

Second, course selection is quickly approaching. Each learner will have an opportunity to engage in a course selection assembly. The following schedule will be implemented for course selection:

Class of 2022 → 12/19/2018 – 01/18/2019

Class of 2021 → 12/20/2018 – 01/18/2019

Class of 2020 → 12/21/2018 – 01/18/2019

Class of 2023 → 01/03/2019 – 01/18/2019

In addition, school counselors will meet with students individually throughout the second semester to discuss college/career plans and course selection, specifically. The *Program of Studies* will be available on the high school website for you to review around the first week of December.

Finally, Keystone Exams and Final Exams are coming in January. If your child is currently enrolled in Biology or English 10, or if they did not score Proficient or Advanced on any of the Keystone Exams (Algebra 1, Biology, or Literature), they may be required to retest in January. As of now, the following schedule will be implemented for Keystone Exams and Final Exams:

Algebra 1 Re-takes / Multiples → 01/07/2019 & 01/08/2019

Biology & Literature → 01/10/2019 & 01/11/2019 [Alt. Schedule]

Final Exams [Blocks 1 & 2] → 01/16/2019 [Early Dismissal HS only]

Final Exams [Blocks 3 & 4] → 01/17/2019 [Early Dismissal]

More detailed information about Keystone Exams and Final Exams will be forthcoming. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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