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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are looking forward to your child attending Alan B. Shepard High School for the 2023-24 school year. In preparation for the upcoming school year, your student has been placed in core area academic classes and now has the opportunity to select up to 4 semesters of elective courses.

You can select elective classes online at a time and location that is convenient to you through Skyward Family Access from January 12 - January 24, 2023.

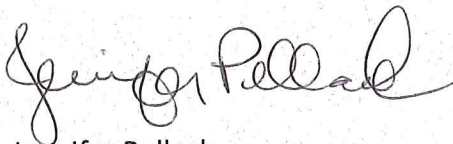
If you have questions about course placements or elective courses, we invite you to meet with a counselor on **January 25, 2023. Counselors will be available for in-person meetings from 5:30pm-7:30pm in our cafeteria (Door 12).** No appointments are needed for in-person meetings; however, if possible, we ask that students with the last names A-L arrive between 5:30pm and 6:00pm and students with the last names M-Z arrive between 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

Enclosed you will find a copy of your student's placement in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses along with directions to select elective courses electronically through Skyward Family Access. A copy of the **Elective Course List** is enclosed for you to review as well. A full description of all courses in the **Course Selection Guide** is available on our website at www.chsd218.org under Academics/Instructional Services or use the QR code below to find out more information.

If your child has an IEP, their schedule will be determined at their high school transition meeting held at the junior high. You are **not** required to attend our course selection events; however, you are welcome to come and meet a member of our counseling staff if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this very important process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (708) 371-1111.

Let's Go Astros!!



Dr. Jennifer Pollack
Principal
Alan B. Shepard High



Elective Choices for Freshman Year 2023-24

Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences 661F	This is a basic course which offers a variety of experiences in personal development and family relationships, clothing construction, food preparation and meal planning, and child care, as they relate to adolescent needs.
653F Intro to Guitar & Popular Music	This course presents students with an overview of the basic concepts in music theory, music history, electronic music, piano lab, and music's place in society and culture in the United States
Mixed Choir 621F/ Concert Choir 641F	Students are expected to participate in a number of performances during the school year. This includes rehearsals and performances outside of the school day.
605F Preparatory Band	Some rental instruments are available. When students have progressed to a sufficient point, they are recommended for membership in the Performance Band.
601F Performance Band	Marching Band, Pep Band, Concert Band-Previous band instrument experience is required and students will be expected to participate in a number of performances in and outside of the school day.
581F Introduction to Art	This course is a general survey and introduction to art. Recommended to those wishing to take additional art classes.
566F Modern Standard Arabic I	This is a first year of study for students completely new to Arabic. They will learn the alphabet, basic reading and writing skills, and interpersonal conversation. <i>Offered at Richards campus only.</i>
557 Arabic for Native Speakers I***	This course is for native speakers of Arabic who wish to develop all facets of their Arabic language skills: speaking, listening, writing and reading. <i>Offered at Richards campus only.</i>
558 Arabic for Native Speakers II***	This course is for native speakers of Arabic who wish to grow their Modern Standard Arabic language skills. Students in this class have strong verbal abilities and experience in reading and writing. <i>Offered at Richards campus only.</i>
571F German I	In the first year of study, the emphasis is on understanding, speaking, reading and writing the language. <i>Offered at Shepard campus only.</i>
561F Spanish I**	In the first year of study, the emphasis is on understanding, speaking, reading and writing the language.
562F Spanish II**	In the second year of language study, there is continued emphasis on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing.
576F Spanish for Native Speakers I ***	This course is for native Spanish speakers who have limited literacy skills in Spanish and wish to improve their reading, writing, listening and speaking of the language.
578F Spanish for Native Speakers II***	This course is taken to improve written and oral communication in Spanish, to enhance Spanish reading comprehension and analytical skills, to build on students' historical and literacy knowledge of the Hispanic cultures.
551F French I**	In the first year of study, the emphasis is on understanding, speaking, reading and writing the language. <i>Offered at ABS & DDE only.</i>
552F French II**	In the second year of language study, there is continued emphasis on understanding, speaking, reading, and writing. <i>ABS & DDE only.</i>
472F World History 473F Honors World History	This course is concerned with the full range of history from prehistoric man to the present time. The Honors course requires advanced writing skills, higher order thinking and supplemental readings.
511S Intro to Business*	Do you want to learn how to balance checking accounts, invest in the stock market, or learn what it takes to buy a car? This class will help you graduate and learn the basic financial skills to live a prosperous life. This course fulfills the Consumer Education graduation requirement.
515S Keyboarding & Document Processing*	Do you want to type faster? Finish essays and projects quicker? In Keyboarding, you will learn to touch type, format various documents that you will use academically and professionally, and learn the basic features in Microsoft Word.
516S Computer Concepts*	Prepare yourself for your future! Whether you decide on college or to enter the business world after graduation, Computer Concepts will teach you the applications needed to succeed. Learn PowerPoint, Word, Excel, Access, and Publisher. Earn college credit and have the opportunity to earn Microsoft certification for PowerPoint. Keyboarding is recommended before this class.
427S Production/Construction*	Designed to foster awareness and understanding of production and construction methods. Students will have the opportunity to develop basic skills using hand, bench and power tools.
431S Personal Auto Care*	This course is designed for those who wish to know more about the car they drive. Students who take this course will learn preventive maintenance and simple mechanical repairs that can be easily accomplished by the consumer. <i>Offered at Shepard & Richards only.</i>
432S Foundation of Technology*	This is the introductory course for the Technology and Engineering Education programs. Students will explore how technology is used in modern industry through hands-on activities.
438S Introduction to Media Production*	This course will provide students with the basic knowledge and skills necessary for social media, video, film and audio production. This is the introductory course for the Digital Media Program. <i>Offered at Shepard & Richards only.</i>
439S Electricity & House Wiring*	This course is designed to provide a variety of fundamental experiences in house wiring, application, repair and basic electricity concepts.
447S Drafting/CAD I: Intro to Engineering Drafting/Design*	Experiences in drafting will include the use of basic tools leading to the use of computers-aided drafting (CAD) systems to produce two and three dimensional drawings. Drafting/CAD is an essential course for any student interested in the fields of STEM, architecture, engineering, construction trades or computer graphics.
267F JROTC 1	JROTC can be taken in place of Connecting to Wellness. If a student chooses JROTC they will then need to take Health Freshmen OR Sophomore year. The objectives of this course are to develop informed, responsible citizens and leadership skills. JROTC consists of non-combat training and does not obligate a participating student to military service after high school graduation. Must be taken as a full year course.
Orchestra I 650/ Orchestra II 652	Orchestra I is offered to all students, with or without experience playing orchestral instruments. Orchestra II placement is by director approval. <i>Offered at Eisenhower campus only.</i>

* Indicates a semester course, ½ unit of credit

** Students enrolled in junior high Spanish courses can elect to take Spanish II or can elect another freshman level foreign language course.

*** Students who speak Arabic or Spanish at home can place into the Arabic or Spanish for Native Speakers Program