

What's Connect Night?

Begin with the end in mind... that is the theme of this year's SHS Connect Night. Whether a student's educational journey will end at Seckman High School or at an Ivy League university, the best laid plan is the one that begins with the end result in mind. Meeting that end, and all of the goals in between, begins with strategic planning for high school beginning with the freshman year. Research shows us that students that connect with their high school are more likely to graduate. Getting involved in both the classroom and the school community results in an enriching high school experience.

Connect Night is designed to help students and parents plan for the student's freshman year. The keynote presentation delivered by guidance staff and administration will deal with all of the aspects of scheduling that a freshman needs to consider. Students and parents can then attend specific breakout sessions to address our programs designed to better guide students down a particular career path. We will also have students and staff available to answer specific questions about curriculum and extra-curricular programs.

This brochure includes an agenda, breakout session descriptions, and an example planning pathway. The evening is designed for both parents and students. Every participant should attend the 6:00pm keynote presentation. Doors open at 5:30pm for registration.

Example Pathway

Parents and students can choose any sessions they wish on Connect Night, but below is an example pathway to illustrate one way to plan your evening.

AP Path

Keynote 6:00—6:45
(Gym A)

Session 1: @ 6:50

AP Core*

Gym A, bleachers

Session 2: @ 7:25

Curricular Fair

MPR

Session 3: @ 7:55

Jaguar Athletics

Cafe

Other possible sessions:

- Schedule Workshop (MPR, all sessions)
- Seckman Clubs and Activities (Gym B, all sessions)
- Student-Athletes (Gym A, bleachers @ 7:25)

For more information visit:

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If you have questions, call the SHS guidance department:

636-282-1485

Doors open @ 5:30 pm

Keynote begins @ 6:00

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Class of 2022



February 1, 2018

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Seckman High School

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AGENDA

5:30 – 6:00	Registration (Lobby)
6:00 – 6:45	Keynote Presentation (Gym A)
6:50 – 7:20	Breakout Session A (pick one) AP Core (Gym A, bleachers) Jaguar Athletics (Cafe) Seckman Clubs (Gym B) Scheduling Workshop (MPR) Curriculum Fair (MPR)
7:25 – 7:55	Breakout Session B (pick one) Student-Athletes (Gym A, bleachers) Jaguar Athletics (Cafe) Seckman Clubs (Gym B) Scheduling Workshop (MPR) Curriculum Fair (MPR)
8:00 – 8:30	Breakout Session C (pick one) Jaguar Athletics (Cafe) Seckman Clubs (Gym B) Scheduling Workshop (MPR) Curriculum Fair (MPR)

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Keynote Address (Presentation at 6:00 in Gym A, bleachers)

The keynote address is designed to explain the scheduling process to students and parents. All participants should plan on attending the keynote to learn the important information so that you can make the most of your Connect Night experience. Counselors will be discussing all aspects of planning for a high school schedule and a more enjoyable high school experience. .

Parents that arrive late and miss the Keynote can attend one of the Scheduling Workshop break-out sessions and meet directly with guidance counselors to learn the most pertinent information regarding student course scheduling.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose and attend 2 or 3 of the breakout sessions described below:

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CORE (Presentation at 6:50 in Gym A, bleachers)

This breakout session is designed for students that are planning on enrolling in honors courses at the high school. Whether you are currently enrolled in an honors course, or interested in upping your game, this presentation will cover the differences between the AP core and regular academic classes. Presenters will discuss what students can expect in terms of rigor and what a challenging academic core will mean for college preparedness. Presenters will also talk about “The Power of 15” as it relates to college readiness.

STUDENT-ATHLETES AND ACADEMICS (Presentation at 7:25 in Gym A, bleachers)

This breakout session is designed for participants that plan on juggling athletics and academics. Presenters will discuss important details in maintaining eligibility and preparing for collegiate athletics. Counselors will cover some basic details regarding the NCAA Eligibility Center (formerly the NCAA Clearinghouse) and the college recruiting process as it relates to high school academics.

SCHEDULING WORKSHOP (Presentations ALL SESSIONS in MultiPurpose Room)

This breakout session is designed for participants who are concerned with how to fill out the freshman schedule. Counselors will be available for 1 on 1 consultation to answer questions in choosing classes. Although most families will be able to navigate the process on their own, our staff is ready to help you map out your child’s schedule.

JAGUAR ATHLETICS (Presentations ALL SESSIONS in the Cafeteria)

This breakout session is designed to introduce participants to the 18 different sports offered during the course of the year at Seckman. Guests can visit with coaches and current athletes to learn more about these programs. This is a good opportunity for a perspective athlete to connect with the coach and get more information about athlete expectations, off-season programs, and summer camps.

SECKMAN CLUBS and ACTIVITIES (Presentations ALL SESSIONS in Gym B)

This breakout session is designed to introduce students/parents to the 35+ clubs, activities, and student interest groups available at SHS. Guest will be able to browse displays and meet with club sponsors and participants. Students can begin planning their extra-curricular and social calendar with events that interest them.

CURRICULAR FAIR (Presentations ALL SESSIONS in MultiPurpose Room)

This breakout session is designed to give participants an opportunity to speak directly with teachers to learn more about the academic programs. Not sure what class is right for you? For example, talk to an art teacher to learn about the differences between our fine arts course offerings. Teachers can explain the levels of rigor in our different programs and some general expectations of high school classes.