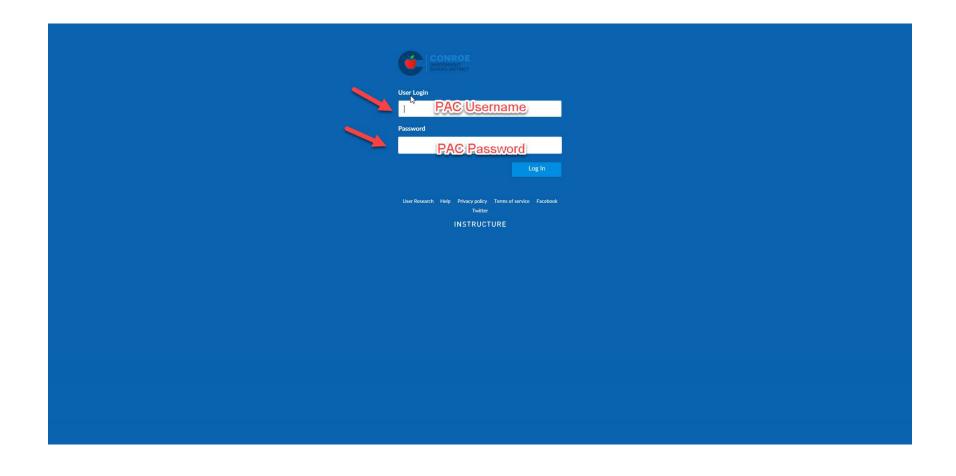
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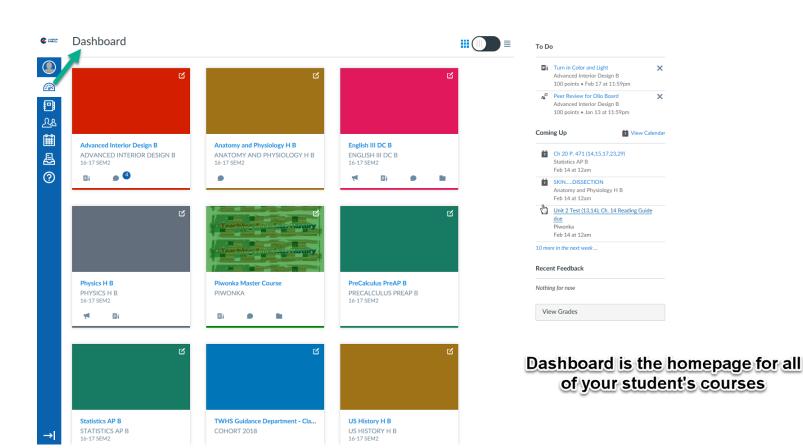


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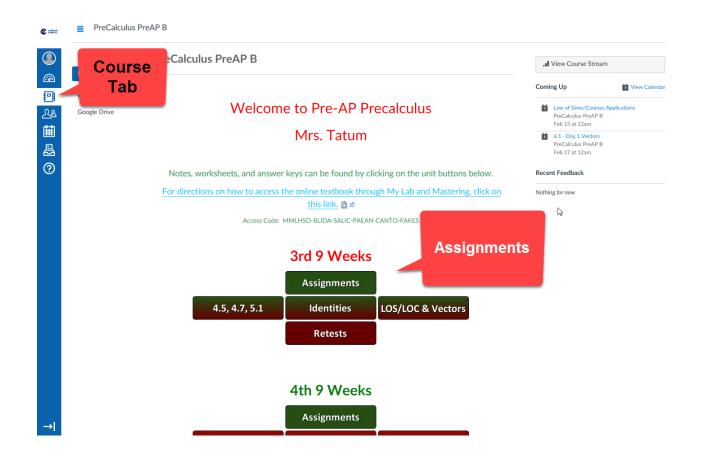
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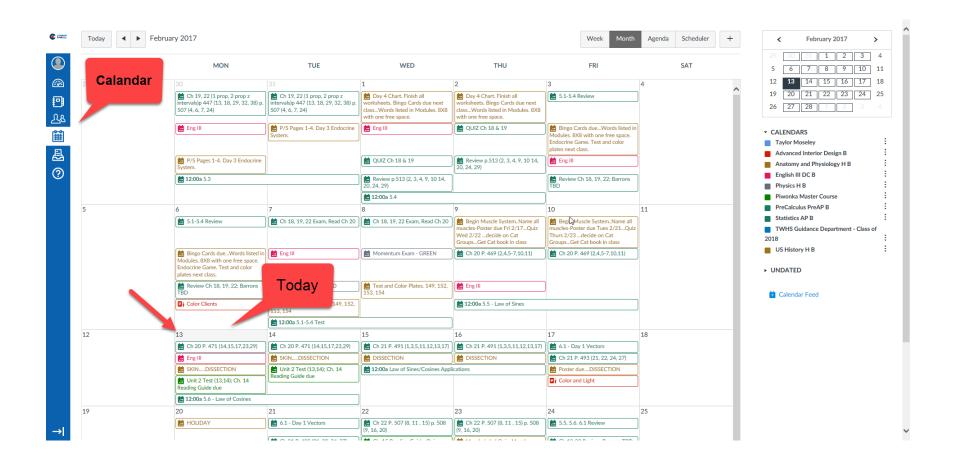
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### Canvas Calendar



#### STEPS FOR COURSE SELECTION



- BLITZ WEEK: January 22 January 25
  - Students will receive Paper Course Information
     Sheets through their English classes during the week of Jan 28 through Feb 1
  - Teachers advised students on course levels for next year
- Online Course Selection DUE February 8th

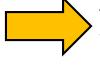
#### WHAT IS BLITZ WEEK?

- Teachers *advise* students individually on academic levels for core and foreign language courses for the following school year
- Parents and students should review the advisements and make the best choices for their student
- Advanced course agreements for Pre AP, Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses will be electronically signed through PAC in late March of 2019

### STEPS FOR COURSE SELECTION



 Students will update 4 Year Plan through Student Access (SAC) or Parent Access Center (PAC)



- Next year's courses will be pulled from 4 Year Plan in SAC/PAC
- Teacher advisements are visible electronically in each student's 4 Year Plan
- Deadline for updating 4 Year Plan is February 8th

#### HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

#### Go to www.conroeisd.net/parents/

Parent Access - Web-based Student Information System





#### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Logging In

- Q: I lost my password. How do I reset it? A: Click here
- **Q:** Why do I get a session expired message as soon as I login?
- A: Your browser's security settings are most like set too high. You will need to adjust them.
- **Q:** My login and password are correct. Why can't I login?
- A: Your browser's security settings are most likely set too high. You will need to adjust them.

#### Multiple Accounts

- Q: Why can I only see information for one of my children when I login to Parent Access Center?
- A: You must create an account for each child.
- Q: How do I set up accounts for multiple children?
- A: You must create an account for each child. Click Here to start.

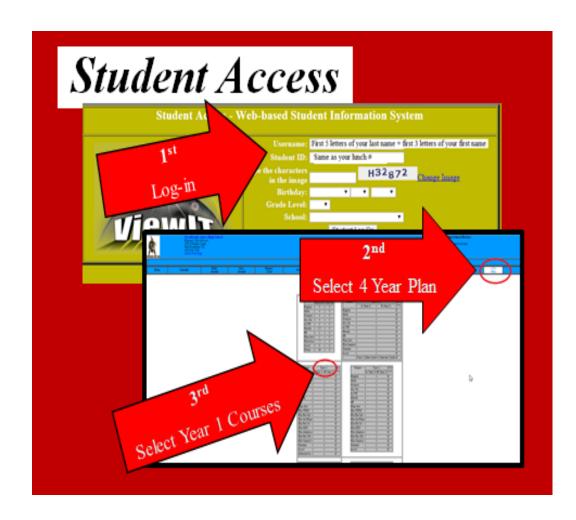
#### Updating Information

- Q: I have a new email address. How do I update my account?
- A: You will need to sign up for a new account
- Q: How can I change my password?
- A: Click on the Manage Account tab.

#### HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

# Updates can be made in SAC or PAC

- 1. Log in to your account
- 2. Click on 4 Year Plan to update courses per year according to what you have taken and what you want to take.



### HOW TO UPDATE 4 YEAR PLAN

3. Find the student's next school year

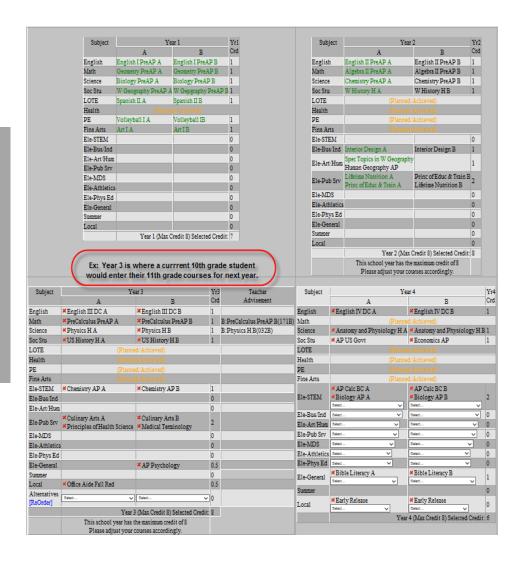
Example:

8th Grade - Year 1

9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Year 2

10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Year 3

11th Grade – Year 4



# HELPFUL HINTS: UPDATING 4 YEAR PLANS (4YP)

- Year long courses require an A an B part add both to the 4YP
- One semester courses are indicated with an H
  and only need to be added one time
- If a course is grayed out, look at your next year plan to see if it is there. If so, delete the course in the later year in order to add it to next year
- Click on the Red X to delete a course

# HELPFUL HINTS: UPDATING 4 YEAR PLANS

- Include three alternate courses in case you do not get your first choices for alternates
- The online 4 Year Plan data will be copied straight into our scheduling database for next year. Make sure the courses in your 4 Year Plan match your requests
- The paper copy is simply a guideline and will be used by the counselors in individual conferences with students

# INDIVIDUAL COUNSELOR-STUDENT CONFERENCES

#### WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:

- Current transcript will be reviewed (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> only)
- Graduation Requirements (per Program of Studies)
  - Foundation Plan with Endorsements
- End of Course (EOC) Exams and scores required
- Four Year plans

#### WHEN:

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade: February 19 March 4 (Geography)
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade: February 4 February 26 (Chemistry)
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade: March 5 March 29 (English 3)

### STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS (EOC)

- EOC Exams are subject based tests and are taken upon completion of the course
- Students are required to pass the following EOCs to complete Graduation Requirements:
  - English 1
  - Algebra 1
  - Biology
  - English 2
  - US History

## STAAR END OF COURSE EXAMS (EOC)

- EOC's must be retaken if failed, even if the student passed the course
- Students who fail an EOC will participate in small group remediation during Advisory periods
- Counselors will review EOC status during Individual Counselor-Student Conferences

#### UPCOMING EOC TEST DATES

- April 9 English 1 retest
- April 11 English 2
- May 6– Algebra I
- May 7 Biology
- May 8 United States History
- Attendance is important because makeup testing is limited

#### **EOC Time Limits:**

English 1 & English 2 – Five hours Algebra 1, Biology and US History - Four hours

#### **EARNING CREDITS**

- Grade level classification requirements: (total credits required at start of school year)
  - 6 credits to be classified as a Sophomore
  - 12 credits to be classified as a Junior
  - 18 credits to be classified as a Senior
- Failed courses that are required for graduation must be retaken to earn the needed credit

#### OPTIONS FOR RETAKING A FAILED COURSE:

- CISD Summer School
- Retake it during the next school year
- Credit by Exam through Texas Tech University High School Program (\$50.00/half credit; www.dce.ttu.edu)

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL 2019**

#### **Location: To Be Determined**

- For more information see <u>www.conroeisd.net</u> website in late March
- Sign up begins in April of 2019
- Out of District options are available in some cases

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL DATES:**

To Be Announced

# HOW TO DETERMINE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES

- What levels are available?
  - Level
  - Honors or Pre AP
  - Dual Credit
  - Advanced Placement (AP)
- What level did your teacher recommend/advise?
- What are your past grades in that subject area?
- Why do you want to take an advanced course?

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT V. DUAL CREDIT

#### Advanced Placement (AP)

- College Level Course where students may earn college credits based on AP Exam score taken in May
- Scored 1-5 (5 is highest)
- College credit determined by College or University attending

#### ADVANCED PLACEMENT V DUAL CREDIT

#### Dual Credit (DC)

- Course gives credit at LSC and TWHS
- Students receive college credit by earning a 70 or above in the course
- College Readiness testing required:
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: TSI/PSAT 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: TSI/PSAT/SAT/ACT
- Tuition: Approximately \$72 per class (TBD)

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Dual Credit courses available at TWHS for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grades:
English 3, College Algebra, PreCalculus, US History, &
English 4
1301/1302 (DC not taken for English 3)
2322/2323 (DC taken for English 3)
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# HOW TO DETERMINE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES

- How much time will be required outside of class to complete assignments/study?
- How much extra time are you willing to devote to this class?
- How much time do you spend on extracurricular activities like church, job, sports, etc.?
- How many other advanced level courses are you taking? There are only 24 hours in a day!

#### HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

- Level Classes:
  - 30-45 minutes per class period
- Honors/Pre AP Classes:
  - 45-60 minutes per class period
- Dual Credit/AP Classes:
  - 1.5-3 hours per class period
    - ➤DC/AP classes are college-level courses and move at a faster pace
    - >More reading, writing and research-based assignments

#### ADVANCED COURSE AGREEMENT

- An advanced course agreement is required for all Honors, Pre AP, Dual Credit and AP courses
- Students are committing to the course for the entire school year
- Parents will be notified to sign an Advanced Course Agreement in PAC (late March)

Dual Credit and Advanced Placement courses will require additional time commensurate with that expected of a college-level course.

# GPA EXEMPTIONS FOR CURRENT 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

- Courses listed on the next slide are available to be exempted from computation of GPA during the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of the course
- The application for GPA Exemption should be completed during the Spring Semester of 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Students must have already taken the first two years of the course at a high school and earned at least a B average in both courses

#### GPA EXEMPTION COURSES

- Advanced Journalism
   Newspaper and Yearbook
- Art (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year)
- District –Identified CTE courses
- Athletics (not PE)
- Band
- Cheerleading
- Choir

- Color Guard
- Debate
- Drill Team
- JROTC
- Oral Interpretation
- Orchestra
- Theater
   Technical Theater,
   Theater Arts, and
   Musical Theater

#### WHAT BENEFIT IS A GPA EXEMPTION?

- The GPA Exemption policy encourages students to pursue their areas of special talents and interests and not be penalized by an unweighted elective
- Students with a weighted cumulative GPA greater than a 4.0 will benefit the most from this exemption
- Counselors will discuss the GPA exemptions with students during individual conferences

## **GRADEPOINT SYSTEM**

Grade Range	Letter Semester Grade	AP/ DC	Pre AP/ Honors	Level
90-100	A	6.0	5.0	4.0
80-89	В	5.0	4.0	3.0
75-79	C	4.0	3.0	2.0
70-74	D	3.0	2.0	1.0
Below 70	F	0	О	О

# HOW MANY COURSES CAN BE GPA EXEMPT?

- Two courses/two credits can be exempt
- Students cannot reverse their decision after the course has started

One credit each during junior and senior years OR

Two credits during senior year

#### **DUAL CREDIT COURSES**

- Dual Credit courses receive both high school and college level credits
- TSI, SAT, or ACT scores are required to qualify for a Dual Credit Course
- April 26 Deadline for all Dual Credit paperwork
- See TWHS website for additional information
  - Dual Credit core courses taught on TWHS campus receive advanced grade points.
  - Dual Credit courses taught at Lone Star receive level grade points.

#### DUAL CREDIT/WORFORCE PROGRAMS

- LSC Continuing Education/Workforce Programs require students to take the TSI test
- Transportation is not provided
- More information on course offerings can be found on page 12 in the CISD Program of Studies – see link below
- http://www.conroeisd.net/wpcontent/uploads/2019/01/19-20-Programof-Studies-January-23-2019.pdf

#### ADDITIONAL TWHS COURSE OFFERINGS

 The following programs are offered at other CISD high schools for juniors and seniors only

- Cosmetology I & II: Oakridge HS
- •Auto Technician I & II: Conroe HS
- Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing I & II: Conroe HS
- Practicum in Culinary Arts: Conroe HS
- Some transportation is provided students travel to the required school each day
- School hours are extended
- Additional costs required

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR REGISTRATION

- February 7: 4:30 6:30PM TWHS Senior Cafeteria
  - Parent and Student Help Night
- February 8: Course Selection Sheets and online registration via 4YP due
- February 15: Junior GPA/Rank release
- March 1: Sophomore GPA/Rank release
- March 22: First Course Verification
- April 26: Dual Credit paperwork deadline
- April 26: Deadline to make course selection changes

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Students and parents can email their counselors with any questions or other concerns