



Incoming Freshman Scheduling Information

2021

Prayer

- ▶ Heavenly Father, thank you for gathering us here this evening, as we welcome new students and parents into the TCHS family. Help us to welcome others as if we are welcoming you. Let this evening be an informative and supportive first step in the transition to high school. Help us to remember these families are sharing their most precious gifts with us, their children. Be with us every step of the way to guide us and help us make the right choices. Amen
- ▶ Father Teurlings, pray for us.

Outline

- ▶ TCHS Program of Studies
- ▶ Elective Options
- ▶ Honors Program
- ▶ Special Schedule Options
- ▶ Next Steps – How to make course requests
- ▶ Contacts/questions

Presenters

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TCHS Program of Studies

- ▶ **TCHS follows the TOPS University Diploma Pathway**
 - ❖ *Students who graduate from TCHS will have a **TOPS University Diploma**. This does not mean that the student receives the TOPS Scholarship Award.*

What does a 9th grade schedule look like?

- ▶ Students will have 7 classes each year
- ▶ Freshmen will have one course in each of these areas:
 - ▶ Math
 - ▶ English
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Religion
 - ▶ Social Studies
 - ▶ Health/PE
 - ▶ Elective

TCHS Program of Studies - English

NOTE: Students must take an English each school year

English Options	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
9 th	English I	English I Honors	_____
10 th	English II	English II Honors	_____
11 th	English III	English III Honors*	DE Eng III (101/102)
12 th	English IV	English IV Honors*	DE English IV (201/202)

*Availability depends on minimum class size requirements

TCHS Math Pathways

NOTE: Students must take a Math course each school year

Pathways	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Traditional	Algebra I or Algebra I H	Geometry or Geometry H	Algebra II or Algebra II H	Advanced Math I or Adv. Math I H
Students who took Algebra I in 8th grade*	Geometry or Geometry H	Algebra II or Algebra II H	Advanced Math I or Adv Math I H	DE/H Advanced Math II or DE/H Calculus
Accelerated	Algebra I or Algebra I H	Geometry and Algebra II (or Honors versions)	Advanced Math I or Adv Math I H	DE/H Advanced Math II or DE/H Calculus

*Students who took Alg I in 8th grade CAN retake the course at TCHS.

TCHS Program of Studies - Science

NOTE: Students must take a science course each school year

Science Options	Option 1	Option 2
9 th *	Physical Science	Physical Science Honors
10 th	Biology I	Biology I Honors
11 th	Chemistry	Chemistry I Honors
12 th	Senior Science elective: Biology II, Biology II Honors, Anatomy and Physiology Environmental Science Physics, Physics Honors	

*Students who already have a Physical Science Credit can choose to retake the class or enroll in Biology I

TCHS Program of Studies – Social Studies

NOTE: Students must earn 4 credits in Social Studies

Social Studies Options	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
9 th	World Geography	World Geography Honors	-----
10 th	Civics	Civics Honors	-----
11 th	US History	Honors US History*	DE US History
12 th	World History	Honors World History*	DE World History

*Availability depends on minimum class size requirements

TCHS Program of Studies – Additional Requirements

- ▶ **Religious Studies I, II, III, IV** – TCHS requires students to take one Religious Studies course per year
- ▶ **Health/PE I and Health/PE II**
 - ▶ “Athletic” designation for Football, Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Cheer, Dance, Softball
- ▶ **Foreign Language (2 credits in SAME language)**
 - ▶ Spanish I and II
 - ▶ French I and II
- ▶ **Art (1 credit)**
 - ▶ Art I, Fine Art Survey, Theatre I (competitive Speech/Debate team), Theatre I - Drama

TCHS Program of Studies – Other Electives for Upperclassmen

- ▶ Health/PE III and IV
 - ▶ Also “Athletic” designations
- ▶ Introduction to Sports Medicine
- ▶ Multimedia Productions
- ▶ Psychology
- ▶ Sociology
- ▶ Art II and III
- ▶ Theater II and III
 - ▶ For both Drama and Competitive Speech Teams
- ▶ Cyber Literacy
- ▶ Online DE electives through Northwestern State University
 - ▶ Students must have minimum GPA/ACT scores

TCHS Freshman Electives

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: French I, Spanish I

ART: Art I (few spots available for 9th graders), Fine Arts Survey, Theatre I (Competitive Speech Team), Theatre/Drama

STUDY SKILLS

Honors Program Criteria

- ▶ Students must have earned a C or better in the respective course at the end of the 1st Semester of the 8th grade

AND

- ▶ Students must meet the standardized test criteria
 - ▶ **2021** Score a 20 or higher on the corresponding subject test on the PreACT. (Note: Placement into Honors World Geography is determined by the score on the Reading subject test.)

What to consider when scheduling an Honors class...

- ▶ Challenging environment that incorporates more student-directed learning
- ▶ Students who succeed in honors classes generally have above average skills in these areas
 - ▶ Self-motivation
 - ▶ Self-discipline
 - ▶ Organizational skills
 - ▶ Ability to work independently
 - ▶ Ability to work collaboratively
 - ▶ Appropriate classroom behavior

What to consider when scheduling an Honors class...

- ▶ Honors classes prepare students for upper level honors and DE courses
- ▶ Certain upper level honors and DE courses are on a 5pt scale for TOPS GPA calculations...
- ▶ Honors distinction at Graduation
- ▶ Students are evaluated for Honors courses yearly

- ▶ NOTE – schedules are not changed once the school year begins

Interested in qualifying for one or more Honors courses?

- ▶ Please complete the [Google Form](#) (2021 Incoming 9th Grade Honors Application - TCHS Class of 2025) that was sent with Registration Information (Ms. Hanes)
- ▶ Due Friday, March 26th by 2:30PM.
- ▶ Testing date:
 - ▶ Primary – **Saturday, April 17th** @ TCHS in morning
 - ▶ Make up date – **Tuesday, April 20th** @ TCHS after school
 - ▶ Specific times and locations will be sent at a later date

Special Scheduling Options:

▶ Study Skills Class – limited size

- ❖ Students in Study Skills will receive extra help from both a Freshman English teacher and Math teacher.
- ❖ It will count as an **elective credit** (but not one of the required credits)
- ❖ Recommended for
 - ❖ Students who have scored below the 30th percentile on standardized tests
 - ❖ Students who need extensive support in math and/or ELA, reading
- ❖ If you are interested in your student scheduling study skills, email **Dawn Aucoin** for further evaluation

Special Scheduling Options...



▶ Foreign Language Credit

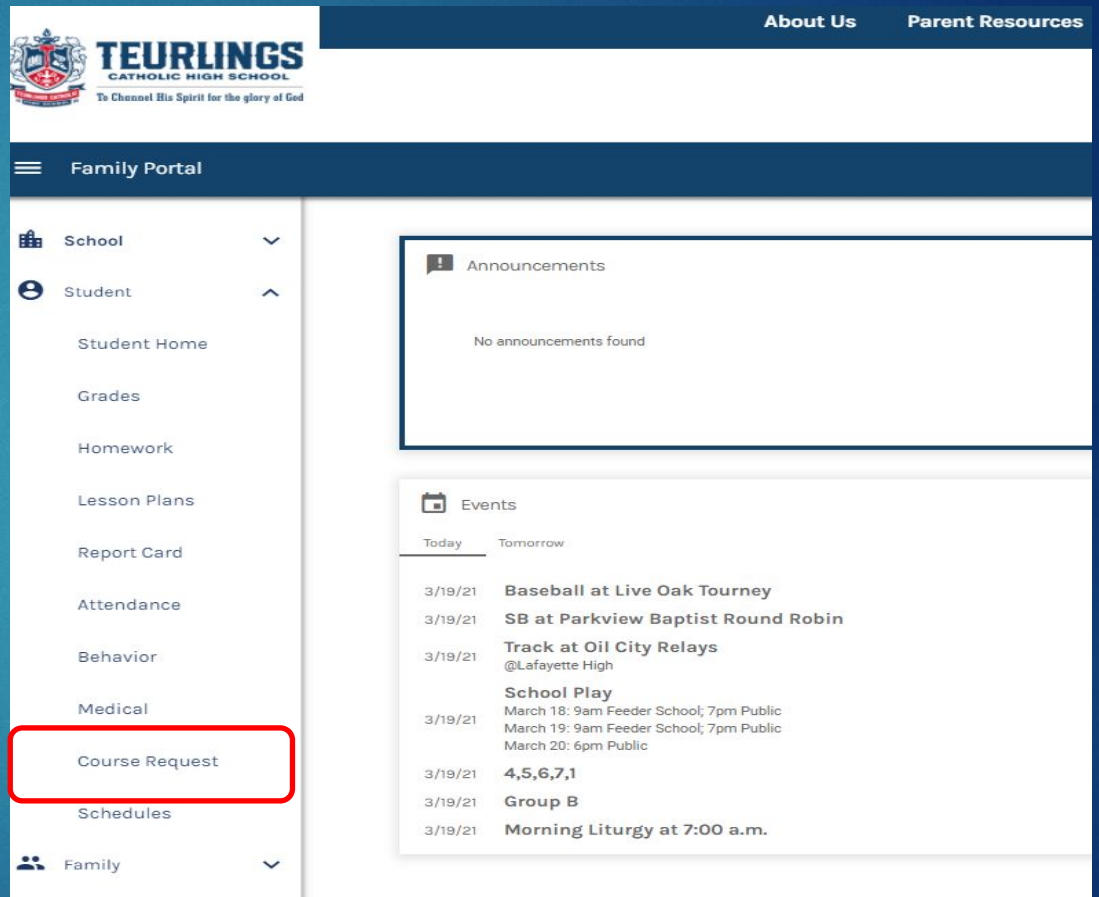
- ❖ If your child would like to take the French or Spanish credit exam to earn a high school credit in the course, please contact Dawn Aucoin for more information.
- ❖ This exam is offered to those students who are fluent in another language or have taken French or Spanish Immersion in elementary/middle school.

Next Steps

1. Discuss this information with your child...
 - ▶ Honors vs non-honors...
 - ▶ Complete [Honors Application Google Form](#)
 - ▶ First and second choice for elective...
 - ▶ Athletic PE?
2. Between Monday, March 29th and Friday, April 9th, log in to RenWeb and complete the Course Requests

Next Steps – Course Requests

- ▶ Log in to RenWeb
- ▶ Under the Student tab on the left side, click on Course Request



The screenshot shows the Teurlings Catholic High School website. The header includes the school logo and the motto "To Channel His Spirit for the glory of God". Navigation links for "About Us" and "Parent Resources" are in the top right. The main navigation bar is labeled "Family Portal". A left-hand menu is organized into three sections: "School", "Student", and "Family". The "Student" section is expanded, showing options like "Student Home", "Grades", "Homework", "Lesson Plans", "Report Card", "Attendance", "Behavior", "Medical", "Course Request", and "Schedules". The "Course Request" option is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The main content area on the right features an "Announcements" section with a message "No announcements found" and an "Events" section with a calendar view for "Today" and "Tomorrow". The "Tomorrow" column lists several events, including "Baseball at Live Oak Tourney", "SB at Parkview Baptist Round Robin", "Track at Oil City Relays @Lafayette High", "School Play" (with dates and times for March 18, 19, and 20), "4,5,6,7,1", "Group B", and "Morning Liturgy at 7:00 a.m."

Next Steps – Course Requests

- ▶ The Course Request screen will appear for your student
- ▶ Please pick a course for each drop down box
- ▶ Please select any Honors courses you would like your student to take. Once we receive the PreACT scores, we will adjust the requests based on eligibility.

Schedule one course from each of the drop-down boxes below. Only students who have been pre-approved should schedule Honors (H). All students should select an English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Religion, and PE class. You should also select a first choice elective and an alternate elective. Your Art or Foreign Language choices should be placed in the "Elective" and alternate spots. Freshmen should select from French I, Spanish I, Fine Arts Survey, Art I, Theatre (for speech team), or Theatre I/Drama as the elective. Please note that space is limited in French I so if you cannot be placed in it in your 9th grade year, you may either take Spanish I or schedule an Art elective and take French in the 10th grade. If you have already received credit in a first year of a foreign language and need a second year or have already completed any other freshman subject, please contact Mrs. Aucoin in the guidance department.

Select an English course:

Select a Math course:

Select a Science course:

Next Steps – Course Requests

- ▶ Click SAVE
- ▶ Unfortunately, RenWeb does not show a verification message that your selections were saved

Athletic Health & PE I-Boys Soccer (boys soccer team)

Athletic Health & PE I-Girls Soccer (girls soccer team)

Health & PE I Boys (regular PE for boys)

Health & PE I Girls (regular PE for girls)

Select an elective and an alternate elective choice. Please note that French II and Spanish II are not a choice. If the student already has a valid credit in either French I or Spanish I, please see Mrs. Dawn Aucoin in the guidance department.

Then what?



- ▶ We will notify you of placement into Honors courses
- ▶ Once schedules are made, you will receive an email. You can then access schedules on RenWeb.

Summer Reading Questions



- ▶ [Link](#) to info on the TCHS website was included in Registration email from Ms. Hanes
- ▶ TCHS.net □ Academics □ Summer Reading □ Freshmen
- ▶ Questions – Ms. Vivica Marino
(vmarino@tchs.net)

Contacts...

- ▶ General scheduling questions
 - ▶ Dawn Aucoin (daucoin@tchs.net)
 - ▶ Lauren Jeffrey (ljeffrey@tchs.net)
- ▶ School Nurse – Joelle Charpentier – jcharpentier@tchs.net
- ▶ Individual Student Needs (ISN) Program
 - ▶ Kristy Underwood – kunderwood@tchs.net



Thank you for
coming!

Questions????

After the meeting - Clarifications and FAQs...

- ▶ Will my child have to take athletic PE for __ sport/team as a junior and senior, therefore using up 2 of the 3 free electives?
 - ▶ No, but for some teams, the coaches strongly encourage it.
- ▶ My child is currently in Alg I in 8th grade. I am not sure my child is ready for Geometry but I do not want my child to be “bored” in Alg I. Can my child take Honors Alg I, even if he/she does not score a 20 on the PreACT?
 - ▶ YES, the student can repeat Alg I for Honors credit. This is the only exception to the standardized test requirement
- ▶ Is there an athletic wrestling PE for freshmen?
 - ▶ No, but there are wrestling PEs for 10, 11, and 12th grades

After the meeting - Clarifications and FAQs...

- ▶ Some students took a summative standardized test within the past year. If that is the case for your student, please email the score report to Lauren Jeffrey to be evaluated for honors placement.
- ▶ The Theater classes (Drama class and Speech/Debate class) fulfill the Art credit requirement.
- ▶ Some students will not be able to select their desired classes in the Course Request window. If this is the case for you, please email Dawn Aucoin and she can enter the correct course. For ex:
 - ▶ A student who took Spanish I in 8th grade won't be able to select Spanish II bc that course is traditionally a sophomore course
 - ▶ A student who took Physical Science in 8th grade won't be able to select Biology I for the same reason

After the meeting - Clarifications and FAQs...

- ▶ In order to limit the class size for Study Skills, it is not included in the elective choices. If you would like your student to be in Study Skills, please select other elective choices AND email Mrs. Aucoin letting her know you are interested in Study Skills for your student. If approved for the class, we will manually make the change to the requests for you.