## REGISTRATION INFORMATION -- INCOMING FRESHMAN GUIDELINES 2020

- 1. The course catalog is available online at <a href="https://www.galesburg205.org/o/ghs">https://www.galesburg205.org/o/ghs</a>. Look through the course catalog carefully. Read through the course content, pay attention to grade level requirements, prerequisites, and number of terms. It is suggested that you and your parents spend time reviewing and planning your future coursework.
- 2. Use the "Planning Guide" at the back of the course-offering book to plan the rest of your high school coursework; work backward from your senior classes to ensure you meet the proper prerequisites. For example, to take Anatomy & Physiology, you must first have taken Biology & Chemistry. The prerequisite for Chemistry is earning at least a C in Algebra IB.
- 3. PE must be taken unless you have an exemption (marching band, color guard, or medical).
- 4. You will be choosing 16 terms of classes. The counselors will use Scantron scores and get recommendations for your Math, Science, and English placement. You will choose electives from any department to fill the remaining spots.
- 5. Pick the courses you really want as there is no guarantee of what will be available for a schedule change. <u>Please list six alternate classes in the event that your selections do not meet enrollment standards</u>.
- 6. Two & four term courses are considered a commitment for the entire length of the course. Transfer out is only with the teacher's recommendation and administrative approval. Parental contact will be made if the above situation should arise.
- 7. Graduation requirements are listed at the beginning of the course offering book.
- 8. College bound students should begin looking online to make sure they are preparing adequately for the college of their choice. Some colleges require more of particular courses. Many colleges will have a world language requirement. The counselors will work with you to make sure your requirements are met.
- 9. Students should consider taking World Language freshman year if they would like to go through four or five levels of World Language.
- 10. Extra and co-curricular activities are important! Colleges and employers want to see that you are capable of being involved in activities—clubs, athletics, work experience, volunteer programs.
- 11. Information regarding Advanced Placement (AP) courses is listed near the beginning of the course catalog. The Academic Hall of Fame requirements are located at the front of the course catalog.

- 12. Please bring your completed "Scheduling Worksheet" with you when you register with your counselor. Please remember to list six alternate courses.
- 13. Students taking Driver's Ed next year will enroll based on their date of birth:
  - a. Term 1 (DE201)- born on or before May 15, 2005
  - b. Term 2 (DE202)- May 16, 2005- July 31, 2005
  - c. Term 3 (DE203)- August 1, 2005- October 15, 2005
  - d. Term 4 (DE204)- October 16, 2005- February 15, 2006

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning with school year 2020-21 before participating, all students must have passed eight courses from the previous two terms. Fees must be paid before a student can enroll in Driver Education. If you are unable to make payment for Driver Education, please contact Mrs. Kane at 973-2001.