

Anzar High School— 8th Grade Parent Orientation



ANZAR HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING 2020

School Tour



- Typical classrooms
 - Science/Math/History/English
- Studio Art room
- Library / Computer lab
- Vocational Ed. Building
 - Culinary Arts
 - Multi-Media/Photography Lab
 - Woodshop

Agenda:



TOUR first!

- About Anzar (Why Anzar?)
 - Advisory (SC)
 - Service Learning (SC)
 - Graduation Exhibitions (DM)
 - Rigor of High School (AC)
- Sports/Clubs (TW)
- Sample 9th Grade Schedule (TW)
- School Loop On-Line Gradebook/ Info program (DM)
- Transportation (AC)
- General Questions

Advisory



Advisors....

- Meet with students two times weekly, right before lunch-grade-specific curriculum
- Stay with their advisory groups for four years = develop meaningful and deep relationship/ rapport
- Consider the uniqueness of each student
- Provide consistency as an adult advocate and liaison to family
- Assist with scheduling, college and scholarship application
- Oversee service learning

Service Learning



- 6 semesters required for graduation; 18 hrs = one semester
- Meaningful, mutually-beneficial, empowering work encouraged
- Advisors help students find placements
- School-wide evaluation forms utilized
- Culminates in formal reflection done in an exhibition project completed during senior year

Graduation Exhibitions



It's kind of early to be tackling this subject, but why not demystify from the start?!

- Students can begin junior year; some wait for senior year
- Projects are a combination of research, written work, oral presentation, and a Q & A session
- Projects are individual, reflecting true passion and interest
- Projects are supported by an elective class, teacher, and coach
- Projects are issue-based and prepare students for the critical thinking and synthesis required in college
- Completed projects are an intense source of pride

High School Rigor



- Students must learn to think critically in high school – informed opinions matter!
- Assigned homework is never “busy work”; thoughtful completion is necessary for students to understand what comes next in the class
- Late work is often not accepted – and never for full credit. Timeliness matters.
- Understanding concepts and issues take priority over memorized facts

Sports and Clubs



Athletics- PCAL League (eligibility 2.0 GPA)

- Fall: Cross-Country, G. Volleyball, 8-man Football
- Winter: G/B Soccer and Basketball
- Spring: Baseball, Softball, Track/ Field, Swim (Golf)

Clubs- initiated by students, advised by faculty (mostly meet at lunch)

- CSF, Interact, Chess, Music, Yearbook, Link Crew, Poetry Aloud, Reading, Outdoor – all recent examples

Sample 9th Grade Schedule:



1. English 9
2. Math: Geometry (unless already completed)
3. Science (Integrated Science, Honors option)
4. (Elective) Spanish (as a second language or for native speakers) OR Studio Art/Drama/Photog.
5. World History
6. Fitness

*(required support class might take the place of
Science or elective)*

SchoolLoop Program at Anzar



- It's an opportunity for parent empowerment and two-way communication all year long.
- We'll show what the portal looks like for an individual student....

General Questions



- Important, urgent, and / or other questions that we might be able to answer?
- Stay connected early! Check out our website at www.anzar.schoolloop.com and Facebook, Instagram & Twitter @Anzarhawks for all kind of information about our school, along with updated events
- Visit our website: <https://www.asjUSD.k12.ca.us/o/anzar-high-school>
- Email Principal Crawley: Acrawley@asjUSD.k12.ca.us

Thank you for coming!



Coming this spring for your 8th grader:

- Course selections for 9th grade year through their 8th grade teacher
- Notification of the Freshman Orientation (“Link Crew”) on August 10th, right before school starts
- An invitation for students to attend a summer math bridge program (run by Ms. Miller)