



8th Grade Parent Night

March 18, 2026

Mark Doody - Interim High School Principal

Nate Kocak - High School Assistant Principal

Stacy Marzullo - Incoming High School Principal

Carrie Bean - School Counselor (Grade 9)

Janine O'Brien - School Counselor (A-K; Grades 10-12)

Sarah Rust - School Counselor (L-Z; Grades 10-12)



Tonight's Program

- » Incoming High School Principal- Stacy Marzullo
- » Transition from Middle School to High School
- » Road to Graduation
- » Scheduling for the High School
- » Supporting students
- » Engagement opportunities
- » Questions

Freshman Transition Goals



Enable every student to be successful.



Acclimate students and parents to the high school.



Inform students and parents of available academic opportunities.



Graduate on time and complete a rigorous academic program.



Graduation Requirements

 English	4 credits
 Social Studies	4 credits
 Math	3 credits **
 Science	3 credits **
 Foreign Language	1 credit **
 Art, Music or Tech	1 credit
 PE	2 credits
 Health	½ credit
 Electives	5 ½ credits
Total	24 credits



** Four year colleges may require / recommend additional credits in these areas.
All students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 ½ credits per year.

Graduation Requirements

Regents Diploma

(Must earn a passing score)

- 📖 Math (typically Algebra)
- 🌱 Science (Earth Sci. or Living Env.)
- ✂️ World History
- 📄 United States History
- 🎧 English

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

(Must earn a passing score)

- Math: Algebra, Geometry & Algebra II
- Science: Earth Sci. and Living Env.
- World History
- United States History
- English
- Plus **one** of the following:
 - Foreign Language (3 credits)
 - Art, Music, Business, Technology, or Agriculture (5 credits)
 - Career & Technical Education (2 year CTE sequence)



Scheduling Process



Ms. Bean meets with students to schedule

Course Exploration
Students learned about courses

Course Requests
Based on student goals, graduation requirements, ability, and teacher recommendations

Review & Home
Selections reviewed by Mrs. Welch & Ms. Bean.

Potential Changes
Course selections can be changed due to grades and teacher recommendation

Freshman Year



Explore career interests and employment skills.



Potential for career oriented field trips.



Students & Parents will work with Ms. Bean in the spring of their 9th grade year on scheduling goals for their 10th grade year.

Academic & Instructional Expectations



The High School experience has a more mature feel- start to finish.



All state standards will be covered in each course you take.



Academic and instructional standards expectations.



Regents exams: plan and prepare for them.



Trying to achieve your potential.



Your teachers will have shared expectations when it comes to classroom behavior.

High School Program Opportunities

Future Planning & Exploration

-  • Future Parent & Student Programs
-  • Individual tours of Myer's Center (BOCES)
-  • Continued development of Career Plan
-  • Student meetings for 10th and 11th grade scheduling

Specialized Programs & Experiences

-  • Independent Science Research - Grades 10-12
-  • Career and Technical Education (BOCES) - Grades 11 & 12
-  • Early College Career Academy (ECCA) - Grades 11 & 12
-  • Senior Internship Program - Grade 12
-  • New Visions - Grade 12

Supporting Students



Research Based
Interventions



Partnership with
The Center for
Children & Family



10th Period
Academic Support



AIS Services



Lunch Groups



Counseling Services



Engaging Students: Beyond the Classroom

Enriching Co-Curricular programs.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Student Council, National Honor Society, Class Officers (Sr, Jr, So, Fr)



Art Club, Environmental Club, FFA, French Club, Spanish Club, Club, GSA



Prom Committee, Quiz Team, SADD, Ski Club
Varsity Club, Yearbook Club

ATHLETICS



Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Field



Hockey, Football, Golf, Indoor Track, Lacrosse



Outdoor Track, Skiing, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling

MUSIC & ARTS



Band
Jazz Band
Chorus



Select Choir
Vocal Ensemble



Drama Club



LEADERSHIP



SERVICE



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TEAMWORK



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SENSE OF BELONGING

SCHOOL PRIDE



**CASTLETON
HONORS FESTIVAL**

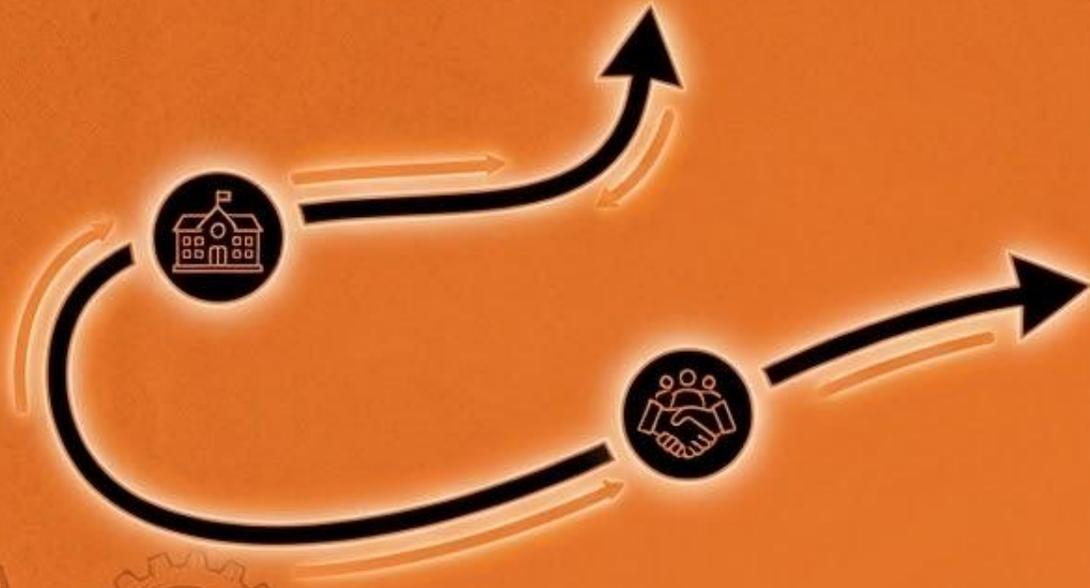




Anticipated Future Events

June: Introduction to the High School

August: Transition Event





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