Class of 2021
Rising 9th Grade Parent Night
Agenda

• What are our goals?
• What is Route 23?
• How can students be successful?
• How can parents help?
• What classes do students take?
• PTSA and Norcross HS Foundation for Excellence
What are our goals?

• Academic Success
• Opportunities for the Future / College-Ready
• Stretch
• Be Involved and Well-Rounded
• Become a Self-Sufficient Adult
Class of 2021

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Assistant Principals
Tracey Mason
9th Grade Support
WE BELIEVE

Success is the ONLY option!
Building relationships with each 9th grade student to ensure a smooth transition & matriculation to 10th grade

- 35+ Dedicated Teachers
- 3 Assistant Principals
- 12 Counselors
- 1 9th Grade Support Specialist
- 2 School Resource Officers
- Freshmen Mentors
- Parent Instructional Coordinator
Route 23 - Purpose

• Our students will:
  • Be Present
  • Be Respectful
  • Be Studious
• We will:
  • Make meaningful connections
  • Ensure they are on the Pathway to Success
  • Improve Student Achievement & School Climate
  • Provide Academic Guidance and support
Route 23 - Communities

• Guided Study
  • Meaningful Relationships
  • Extra Support
  • Help from academic teachers
  • Peer Mentors
• Advisement
• Kid Talks
• Celebrations
• School Involvement
How can students be successful?

• Be in class every day.
• Learn in class every day.
• Think.
• Do not get behind.
• Do great work on all assignments. Practice.
• Take challenging classes.
• Live a balanced life.
How can parents help?

• DON'T LET GO!

• Communicate with teachers.

• Stay in touch with what your student is doing.

• Ask questions—of your child, of your child’s teachers—seek the answers.

• Help your student become a self-sufficient adult.

• Get involved.
What classes do students take?

To graduate students must earn a minimum of 23 credits

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What classes do students take?

Electives Options

- Fine Arts
  - Visual Arts
  - Band
  - Chorus
  - Orchestra
  - Theater

- Health/PE

- JROTC

- Technical Education
  - Audio & Video
  - Intro to Digital Technology
  - Foundations of Engineering & Technology
  - Engineering
  - Marketing Principles
What classes do students take?

- 8th Grade Teacher Recommendations
- Four Year Plan: Completed in 9th grade
Offered at Norcross HS

• IB Middle Years Program

• International Baccalaureate Diploma & International Baccalaureate Certificate

• Junior Achievement Academy
International Baccalaureate

• IB Middle Years Program
  • All Students in Grades 9 & 10

• International Baccalaureate Diploma & International Baccalaureate Course Candidate
  • Most rigorous classes offered (grades 11 & 12)
  • Students should take challenging classes to prepare for the high expectations of IB courses.
  • Students request the IB Diploma and Course Candidate programs in their 10th grade year.
By developing first of its kind joint ventures between JA, school systems and the business community, we are able to bring together our core competencies to deliver an elevated level of learning to improve the future for all individuals, businesses and the framework of our communities.

- Business Connectivity
- Experiential Learning
- Interdisciplinary Pedagogy
- Curriculum Development

- Business Acumen & Expertise
- Authentic Challenges & Situations
- Practical Application
- Personal Engagement

SCHOOL SYSTEMS
- Infrastructure & Operations
- Student Pipelines
- Tailored Support
- Policy & Compliance

JA OF GEORGIA

BUSINESSES

TEACHER SELECTION

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Consider the possibilities if we could fundamentally redesign our approach to high school education to make it more relevant, more experiential and authentically connected to the realities that exist beyond the classroom walls.

- **Science**
- **English**
- **Math**
- **History**
- **Elective**

- Workshops
- Mentors
- Pathways
- Project-based
- Case Studies
- Site Visits
- Work-based
What are the benefits?

• Promotes critical thinking and makes connections to real-world businesses
• Interdisciplinary Case Studies - Integration of business concepts into academic courses
• Project Based Learning
• Rigorous Curriculum (AP and IB course options)
• Work-Based Learning Opportunities and Mentorships
• Site Visits
• College and Career Readiness

Applications due January 27
Case Studies...creating business connections and exposure
How do students get involved?

• Athletics
• Fine Arts
• Other Organizations

Clubs and Activities Fair Monday
January 23rd 6:30 – 8:00 at Norcross High School
Parent Center

- Plan workshops/training sessions for parents
- Disseminate Title 1 Documents and Information
- Located across counseling office

- Serve as the liaison between school and parents, relaying the needs of one to the other
- Parent Portal
- Contact Info
  - 770-326-8748
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PTSA and NHS Foundation of Excellence

• PTSA Co-President
  • Colleen Valentini

• Foundation Co-Presidents
  • Kim Janis
  • Dawn Muchow
Final Thoughts

• Success in college or a career begins with success in high school

• Balance course difficulty with opportunities for success – Trust teacher placements

• HOPE scholarship

• Advanced Placement / IB Courses
  • Goal: Before graduation