

April 23, 2024

Dear New Students and Parents:

We are so happy to welcome you to your next great educational and artistic adventure, and we look forward to meeting you in person on Saturday, April 27 at Spring Orientation. Our main focus will be confirming your academic course requests for the 2024-2025 school year. You should have received an email yesterday from our IT Department with instructions on how to access PowerSchool. You can begin selecting academic courses as soon as you log in, so please submit these requests prior to orientation. We will be available to troubleshoot any questions. Keep in mind: the key to Govie success is balance. We want to help each of you find the challenging load that is also healthy and manageable.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ACADEMIC CLASSES TO REQUEST?

- Start with the academic classes you were planning to take next year at your current school.
- Look at your current transcript and/or IGP notes from your School Counselor.
- Our [Course Selection Guide](#) (CSG) is another great resource – it outlines prerequisites, provides class descriptions, and outlines college admissions requirements.

HOW MANY ACADEMIC CLASSES AM I REQUIRED/ALLOWED TO TAKE?

- Students must select at least 2 academic classes.
- Students may take no more than 5 academic classes.
- Students may take no more than 3 Advanced Placement (AP) classes.
- All students will take a required Humanities class. This does not count as one of your two required academic classes.

HOW DO I REQUEST ACADEMIC CLASSES?

Students, watch [this tutorial video](#) which will show you how to:

- Log in to PowerSchool using the instructions you received from IT (email 4/22/24).
- Click the "Class Registration" tab on the left.
- Make selections by subject area.

Note: You are only selecting academic classes. Your arts classes are set by your art department.

This is just the beginning of our work together. If you are unable to attend the April 27 orientation, or if you still have questions afterwards, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Office of School Counseling (OSC). The OSC Program Assistant is Addy Villanti (addyvillanti@scgsah.org), and she would be happy to connect you with other members of the team. Thank you again for your commitment to the Governor's School. We look forward to working and learning with you!

Sincerely,

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