## 9TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS 2022-2023



## CONCURRENT SCIENCE: Physical Science and Biology

Students who have an interest in pursuing a science related career path may elect to take Biology as one of their freshman year electives alongside their required Physical Science course. These courses would fulfill both the freshman and sophomore science requirements and would allow students to move forward with other science electives their sophomore year. The science progression for sophomore students that take both Physical Science and Biology as freshman would be Chemistry.

## HONORS LANGUAGE ARTS 9 INFORMATION

Higher level thinking, reading, and writing skills are needed for this class. Students are selected through an application and assessment process. The middle school will communicate information and dates for both the application and the assessment, and any other factors to be considered in the placement process. Students do have required reading over the summer and may be asked to complete some assignments based on that reading over the summer as well. For students who need to improve their writing skills, it is recommended that they take the general LA 9 class and may enter into the honors and AP curriculum in a different year.

## BIG HISTORY

Big History is a year-long course about the significant questions and changes in the history of the world from the Big Bang theory (as taught in 8th grade Earth Science) to events in modern times. From the subatomic to the universal, from the local to the global, Big History teaches students to consider their world from many different perspectives and to look for patterns to make sense of how change occurred. This course is interdisciplinary and appeals to those who have an interest in science as well.

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Toward the end of the 2022-2023 school year, the middle school teachers will be providing additional input on course selections for the Class of 2026. Please be advised that these teachers have the best educational interests in mind when recommending students for specific courses. The middle school teachers will be notifying parents if they are suggesting changes in recommendations for students of the Class of 2026.

