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Dear Student Families.

As we enter the new semester, we are already planning for next year. Selecting courses is a major part of this process. We recognize that life right now for many can be chaotic and stressful which is why we want to make sure that all students feel prepared to make the right choices that affect their academic and career trajectory. The following outlines some resources, dates and procedures that may benefit your family in the course selection process.

This upcoming **Thursday February 4th at 6:00 pm** there will be an optional virtual parent night to hear from and meet with the high school counselor. This will be your chance to learn more directly about student planning and course selection. This information will be geared to help you guide your student through our program of studies, course selection, requirements, and appropriate academic pathways/opportunities. This letter with the below zoom link can be found on our guidance website.

On Tuesday February 9th during an extended advisory, students will log on to PowerSchool and submit course requests. This will be guided remotely and in person by counseling staff and individual advisors. It is important to note that these selections are course *requests* and admission will not be guaranteed. Parents will be asked to review and approve their student's requests.

It is important that students understand which courses are required to graduate and that some courses have prerequisite restrictions including in some cases formal teacher recommendations. This approval must be gained before we start our request process on 2/9.

The counseling department is committed to making this process as smooth and inclusive as possible. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kody Crawford, School Counselor

Parent Info Night Link

<https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/99397885894>

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