



## SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring-Ford Area High School | 9th Grade Center  
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468

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### Administration

Dr. Kelly Di Pietro-Edwards  
Principal

Dr. Elaine Ruppert  
House Principal

Dear Eighth Grade Parent:

As mentioned in my previous letter, the course selection process for the 2023-2024 school year takes place in late January. The goal of course selection is to facilitate appropriate placement in courses. Many factors are involved in course selection decisions. Students and parents should consider the various levels, such as academic and honors, and the workload associated with these levels. While we want students to be academically challenged, we also want a balance between rigor, student interest and ability, and cognizant of the time students spend in extra-curricular activities.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection:**  
**Thursday – January 19, 2023**  
**7:00 -- 8:30 PM**  
**[Virtually via Zoom](#)**

Please review the 2023-2024 [Course Selection Book](#), [Google Slide presentation](#) and [informational video](#) regarding the transition to high school and the course selection process. These materials will go live on the High School website on January 24. We encourage students to discuss their academic and career interests with their families and teachers in order to select the best courses to meet their needs. Throughout the course selection process, eighth grade teachers and school counselors will provide advice to students regarding course selection. Page 2 of this communication outlines the timeline for the course selection process.

To assist parents in course selection, we invite you to the Virtual Course Selection Night on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM via Zoom. High School Teacher Representatives from each department will be available in Zoom Breakout rooms to answer questions related to courses.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Di Pietro-Edwards".

Sincerely,  
Kelly Di Pietro-Edwards, Ed.D



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### Course Selection Timeline

January 12	Course Selection Orientation to all 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders.
January 18	Overview Video and Google Presentation sent to Families.
January 19	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Course Selection Night - 7:00 PM – Virtual Via Zoom.
January 25	Teachers begin discussions with students about course options and enter recommendations in Skyward. Students will begin to enter Elective courses in Skyward.
February 2	Teachers input course recommendations in Skyward completed. Students submit course selection forms to Homeroom Teachers.
Feb 6–Mar 3	Counselor meetings with students. Override window begins. Counselors review Skyward reports (credits, complete overrides, recommendation reports, etc.)
March 6–10	Course change and overrides paperwork due to 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselors.
March 24	Course Verifications begin in Skyward. Students and parents will be required to verify courses selected for the 2023-2024 school year.
March 31	Course verifications should be completed by parents and students.
June 22	Last day for students to initiate any changes to their course selection for the 2023-2024 school year. All changes must be submitted to your student's 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor. Please note that courses will <u>not</u> be changed after June 22, and schedules will <u>not</u> be changed.