

February 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

Over the next two weeks, students in grades 7 – 11 will be meeting with their grade-level guidance counselors to plan their courses for next year. Those who will be in high school next year will receive a copy of the 2017-2018 SJA Course Bulletin, which they can share with you, along with the course selection form they will complete with their counselors.

There are a number of new course offerings planned for next year, including new Advanced Placement courses in U.S. Government, Microeconomics, and Studio Art. Other new offerings will include Modern History, American Cultures, Art History, Athletic Conditioning, Engineering 2, and a Literary Study of the Rings, an English elective that will examine the religious themes in the popular *Lord of the Rings* trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien. We are excited about these new opportunities for students to develop their skills and explore their special interests within our challenging college preparatory academic program.

Once the students have met with their counselors, they will bring their course selection forms home for a parent signature. The completed form and the \$300.00 deposit should be turned in to the Finance Department by February 28.

We are looking forward to helping our students plan for another rewarding school year. If you have any questions about the course selection process, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Guidance Department.

Sincerely,

Lindsay R. Irwin

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Director of Guidance