

February 3, 2012

Dear Freshmen,

I know it might be hard to believe, but it is time to request courses for your sophomore year! All requests will be submitted online through your PowerSchool account. Many teachers have already had conversations with you regarding recommendations for next year. These recommendations can be found in each student's PowerSchool account. For detailed information on courses and policies regarding scheduling, please refer to the Course Offerings Booklet, which can be found on Mercy's web page, under *Academics*. Scheduling worksheets can also be found on Mercy's webpage.

As you consider your courses for next year, you will want to consult with your parents, teachers and counselor. If you need information regarding the level of difficulty of any course in relation to your ability, be sure you contact a teacher in that specific department or your present teacher. They can describe in detail what each course covers.

Please make note of the important dates listed below.

Scheduling Timeline

February 3 – Introductory scheduling letter

February 13 - Scheduling assembly for all freshmen at which time teachers will present an overview of the elective offerings in their department. Student scheduling worksheets are available on the webpage and will also be available at the assembly. Counselors will review the scheduling process.

February 3 -22 – Decide which courses you want to request, complete your worksheet, then log on to PowerSchool to select your requests. Print request sheet, get parent signature on your request sheet and bring it to your religion class on February 23-24.

February 6 – Application forms for Yearbook class need to be turned into the main office.

February 23/24 - Meet with counselors during religion class to return signed request sheet.

Each student must carry a minimum of 14 semesters of academic work unless extended lab time (Honors Biology or Adv. Chemistry) is part of your course work. In this situation a minimum of 12 semesters is required.

You and your parents will have until Feb 22 to finalize your requests. After that, requests will not be changed. Alternates will need to be listed when appropriate. This is very important since you could be assigned an alternate course if your first choice is filled or if there is a scheduling conflict. We hope you can understand the need for accurate and thoughtful requests and the enforcement of the "no change" policy. Final schedules will be mailed in August.

Although discouraged, it is possible for a student to select a class for which she has not been recommended. In this case parents must sign an Academic Waiver in order for you to take that course. This waiver form can be obtained from your teacher and must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to your teacher before you will be able to request that class on PowerSchool.

Your counselor is available to meet with you and provide you with information on how your choices relate to your future goals, as well as discuss your four-year educational plan.

We look forward to working together with you and your parents in developing an optimal educational program for 2012-2013.

Guidance Department

Course requests – 14 semesters are required unless extended lab time is a part of your course work. In this situation only 12 semesters are required.

1 st sem	2 nd sem	code #	Alternate and code #
1. Church History	/ Christian Justice	221/222	
2. American Lit	<i>or</i> Adv Sophomore English	_____	
3. Math	_____	_____	
4. Science	_____	_____	
5. Study and/or Drama and/or Lab		_____	
6.	_____ / _____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
7.	_____ / _____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
8.	_____ / _____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____

2012 Summer Course _____

To requests courses:

- Log in to PowerSchool and click on "Class Registration"
- Select recommended courses and choose alternates when appropriate
- When finished, click "submit"
- Print the request sheet and have it signed by your parent or guardian.
- Bring your signed request sheet to your counselor when you meet with her on **February 23/24** during your religion class

Sophomores – Class of 2015

Core Courses

221 Church History
222 Christian Social Justice

821 American Literature
822 American Literature
823 Honors American Literature
824 Advanced Sophomore English

112 Algebra 1
122 Geometry
123 Geometry
124 Adv Geo/ Algebra 2
132 Algebra 2
133 Honors Algebra 2
144 Precalculus
151 College Algebra/Trig

521 Biology
522 Biology
523 Honors Biology
534 Advanced Chemistry

411 French 1
412 French 2
413 French 3

461 Spanish 1
462 Spanish 2
463 Spanish 3

922 US History
923 US History

Possible semester electives

020 Adv Computer “Apps”
030 Web Page Design
040 Broadcast Arts
050 Accounting
080 World of Business
320 Health
350 Physical Education B
563 Intro to Engineering
620 Child Development
640 Culinary Fundamentals
710 Life Drawing 1 & 2
713 Graphic Design 1 & 2
715 Painting 1 & 2
720 Ceramics/3-D 1& 2
721 Printmaking 1 & 2
727 Photography 1 & 2
762S Choral Music
771S Music Performance
862S Digital Journalism
948 Psychology
950 Geography

Possible year-long electives

421C Latin 1 – (Online)
422C Latin 2 – (Online)
701 Fundamentals of Art
762 Choral Music
771 Music Performance
792 Drama 2
860 Yearbook
862 Digital Journalism

No credit offerings

160 Math Support
870 Reading Support
998 Tutoring

Before/After school classes

780 Vocal Ensemble
782 Handbell Choir