December 2024

Dear Families of the Class of 2029,

We are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2029 to New Trier High School. We hope your students are getting excited for their freshman year of high school and the upcoming transition events in 2025.

We are pleased to inform you that the Class of 2029 will be part of our expanded course selection process. As part of this township-wide program, each family will have an opportunity to meet with a New Trier representative to choose their student's classes for the 2025-2026 school year. We believe these optional meetings will help families make the most informed curriculum choices for their student. Your school principal will send you information to sign up for these conferences in January. <u>All conference sign up questions must be directed to your student's current school</u>.

Families are invited to come to New Trier for our Academic Life Night and All About Electives programs in January. These are unique occasions to come to the Northfield Campus and learn about the many curricular options at New Trier. In late January, New Trier will send an email with a link to view your student's placement test scores, course recommendations, and instructions for course selection. You will then have time to discuss classes and make preliminary decisions with your student before meeting with a New Trier counselor. Please consider not only your student's academic interests, but also their extracurricular commitments when choosing classes.

Course selection conferences will take place between **February 4th and February 13th**. The list of dates for each school is listed below with other important dates in the course selection process.

Please note: If your student has an IEP, your 15-minute course selection meeting will take place with your specific New Trier Articulator on the day designated for your student's school. You will receive a separate email explaining sign up for these meetings.

Our hope is that these conferences will alleviate the pressure that often comes with choosing classes for freshman year. Our counselors will be there to answer your questions and help ensure that your student's transition to New Trier is a smooth one. Please keep in mind that these course selection conferences are *completely optional*. We recognize that many township families have been through this process before and do not need to consult with a New Trier counselor. *All families will need to log into Power School in February and choose their student's classes even if they do not attend a course selection conference.* The deadline for submitting your student's courses is Wednesday, February 20th at 3:30 p.m.

As a reminder, PowerSchool enrollment is due January 7th. You will not receive placement materials if you have not completed PowerSchool enrollment for New Trier. If you have questions about enrollment, please contact PowerSchoolSupport@nths.net.

If you have further questions, please contact Lori Worth at worthl@nths.net. We are very enthusiastic about these conferences, and we hope you will agree that it provides an ideal chance for New Trier to help our incoming families.

Thank you.

Gail Gamrath Lori Worth

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# **New Trier Course Selection—Important Dates**

#### January 9th and January 14th:

Academic Life nights at New Trier explaining academic opportunities for incoming freshmen.

#### January 22nd:

All About Electives night at New Trier

## Mid-January:

Sign-up for 15-minute course selection conferences *through township sender schools*. **IEP students will receive separate** meeting sign-up information.

#### Late January:

Placement test scores, class recommendations and course selection information sent to families via email. Course selection helpline opens.

### February 4th-February 13th:

Parents and students attend optional 15-minute conferences at their sender school with a New Trier counselor faculty member.

Tuesday, February 4th: WJHS

• Wednesday, February 5th: Sears and Sunset Ridge

• Thursday, February 6th: WJHS

Monday, February 10th: Washburne

Tuesday, February 11th: Central School

• Wednesday, February 12th: Marie Murphy

• Thursday, February 13th: Private Schools

# Wednesday, February 20th 3:30 pm

Deadline for Class of 2029 families to enter courses in PowerSchool for the 2025-2026 school year.