

Annual Plan Update

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2021-2022 Annual Plan Update

- Block Schedule
- Adviser Program
- Critical Thinking and Civil Discourse
- Culture, Climate, and Equity



Block Schedule

- Summer professional development opportunities
 - *Math Department PD on Teaching and Learning in Block Schedule*
 - *Teaching on the Block: Homewood Flossmoor Colleague Experiences*
 - *Teaching on a Block: Applying Cultures of Thinking to Curriculum Planning*
- Ongoing preparation to teach in fully in-person 85-minute period throughout the year
- Focus of course committees
- Progress report to Board in September



Adviser Program

- Social and Emotional Health
 - Framing conversations in Adviser as “brave” conversations to encourage people to authentically engage.
- Curriculum Mapping
 - Good progress over summer with report later in the year.
- Restorative Practices
 - Multi-year approach
 - Building on last year’s foundation
- Extended Adviser Periods
 - Two extended discussions: mental health and equity
- Gender Structure
 - Initial presentation for discussion in November



Critical Thinking and Civil Discourse

- **How** and **why** we teach **what** we teach, engaging students in critical thinking
- Creating open, civic minded classrooms, where civil engagement and discourse is the norm
- Engaging students in the thinking and debates of the discipline
- Series of Presentations
 - Series of 4-5 reports this year
 - How do we teach critical thinking skills in students within each discipline
- Social Studies will give first report in September



Culture, Climate, and Equity

- Two main goals
 - Every student should feel like they belong at New Trier
 - Every New Trier student should be ready to listen to and understand perspectives different from their own
- *Belonging Through a Culture of Dignity*
 - Authored by Dr. Floyd Cobb and Dr. John Krownapple
 - September 8th presentation to Board

