

Important 8th Grade Information

High School Signature Program DEADLINE Information

An important time has come in your child's school career. It is time for you as parents/guardians to begin discussing the classes that your child plans to take in the ninth grade. The counselors will be working with you in December BUT, there are some **critical deadlines** listed below that you and your child need to be aware of.

SPECIALTY APPLICATION PROGRAMS OPEN ON OCTOBER 31st

Stafford Academy for Technology (STAT)

STAT is a state-approved Governor's STEM Academy. It is a four-year cohort utilizing a hands-on project based model of instruction. There are three academies (**Information Technology, Engineering and Biomedical Science**). **STAT ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17th at North Stafford HS from 6 to 8 p.m. APPLICATIONS are DUE DECEMBER 14th, 2022.** Please plan to attend the information night to get more information. This is a competitive application process with limited seats. The application is open and closes Dec 14. Application Link: https://scpsk12.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ChXjFrWu9hMK2i Essays will be completed on Nov. 29th at AGW.

Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS)

The Commonwealth Governor's School provides highly motivated students with a challenging, interdisciplinary program. **CGS INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on October 27th at North Stafford and Stafford HS from 6:30 to 8 p.m. APPLICATIONS are DUE NOVEMBER 30th, 2022.** Your school contact for CGS is our GATE teacher, Mrs. Wiegert. Her email is wiegertla@staffordschools.net. Application Link: https://scpsk12.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pwB1cfdoy30DOe This is a competitive application process.

International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a rigorous pre-university course of studies (leading to examinations) that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary students in the last two years of high school. Students who are self-motivated and high achieving may choose to enroll in one or more IB subject courses in an area of particular strength and interest, or they may enroll in the full IB Diploma Programme. Students must fill out an interest statement before enrolling in the full IB Diploma Programme.. There will be an **IB INFORMATION NIGHT on November 15th, 2022 at Mountain View and Brooke Point High Schools from 6 to 8 p.m.** Application Link :https://scpsk12.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_clop3KzBmXa3Yh0 No application is required but an interest statement is due by January 7, 2023.

Cybersecurity Dual Enrollment Program (CYBER 4+)

A state grant has afforded SCPS the opportunity to develop a Cybersecurity Dual Enrollment Program in partnership with Germanna Community College and local businesses. Through this program, students will complete Dual Enrollment Course AND enroll in Cybersecurity course that offer opportunity to four industry certifications in cybersecurity. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2022,** Application Link https://scpsk12.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZLuifHduoVHX4g This is a competitive application process with limited seats. NOTE: Cybersecurity Courses: 6670, 6302, and 6304 are available to take as separate courses outside of the Dual Enrollment Program Check the [SCPS Program of Studies for more information.](#)

As always, please feel free to contact us by email or call 658-6240. We look forward to working with you!

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