

**Welcome to
Saratoga Springs
High School's
Academic
Information Night**

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Welcome Message

Ms. Michelle Tsao
Principal

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High School Leadership Team Introductions

Erin Bennett – Assistant Principal

Johanna Friedman – Assistant Principal

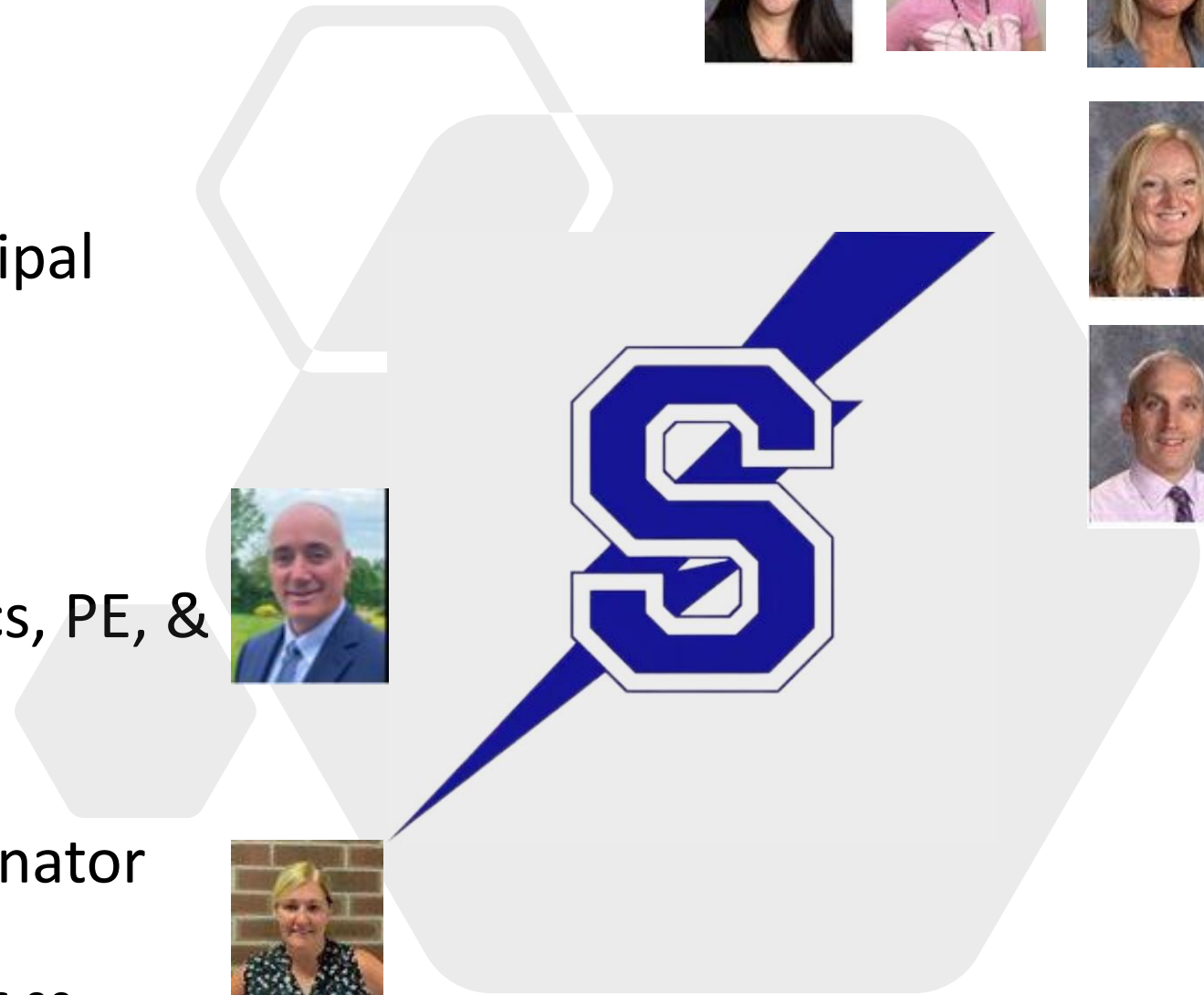
Stacey Ralston – Assistant Principal

Kevin Wolpert – Assistant Principal

John Goodson – Director of Athletics, PE, &
Health

Mary Alice Hipwell – District Coordinator
for CSE – HS

- Special Education Transition Night – 2/5/25- 6:00p.m.,
High School Library Classroom



Transition Activities

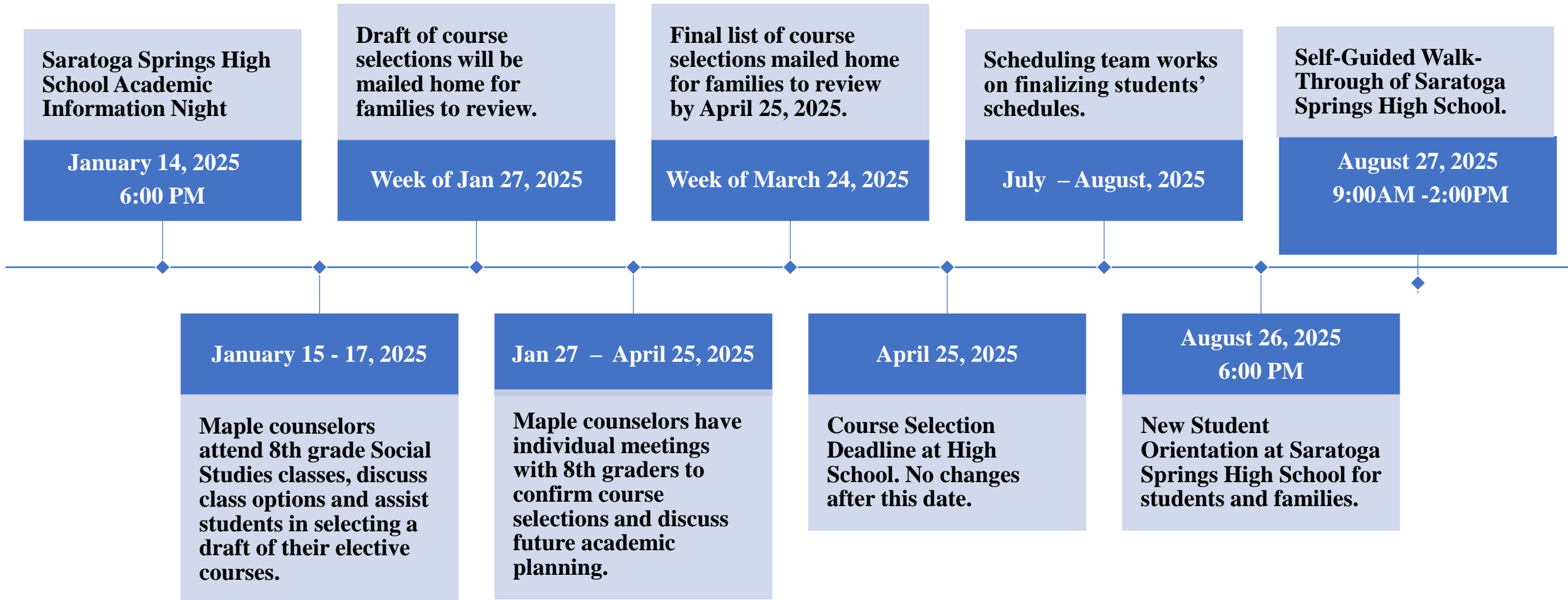
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8th-9th Grade Transition Calendar



School Counseling Team



High School Support Services

▶ Counseling Department

- Ms. Mellisa Allen
- Ms. Serene Couture
- Ms. Brandy Crary
- Ms. Colleen Grassi
- Ms. Siobahn LaMar
- Mr. Geoff Loiacono
- Ms. Zoë McLaughlin
- Mr. Matt Nelson
- Ms. Maura O'Connell

▶ School Psychologists

- Ms. Rachel Mitchell
- Mr. Dan Walter

▶ Social Workers

- ▶ Ms. Judy Brust
- ▶ Mr. Nate Chandler
- ▶ Ms. Diane Davis

▶ School Resource Officer

- ▶ Mr. Glenn Barrett

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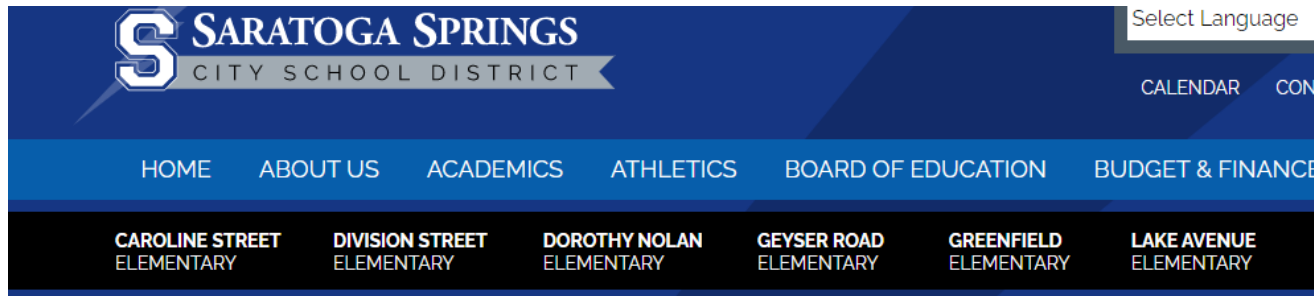
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Academic Program Guide

To assist students in career and educational planning, as well as in personal development, Saratoga Springs High School has a counseling department with a professional staff of school counselors. Counselors can help students understand themselves, their school, and their career goals by meeting with students individually, as well as in groups. Counselors are responsible for a student's overall educational program. They communicate with parents/guardians, teachers, and other school staff to better assist in this process. Parents/guardians are encouraged to consult with their child's counselor for help with a student's adjustment to school, personal growth and development.

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- Overview and description of all courses, including recommendations and prerequisites
- Provides Counselor and High School contact information
- Outlines expectations for Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and College-level courses
- Describes school-based programs: Saratoga Pathways Academy (SPA), Early College Career Academy (ECCA), and BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- SSSH CTE Pathways – Business, FACS, and Technology

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Science Department Courses

Students are required to successfully complete three units and one Regents exam in science to graduate with a Regents Diploma. Of the three units, one must be from the living environment curriculum and one from the physical setting curriculum. Students in pursuit of a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation are required to pass two Regents exams (one physical science and one life science).

Science Department Head: Erin Bell (ext. 33110)

Science Progressions

Grade 9: Life Science: Biology or Earth and Space Sciences

Grade 10: Earth and Space Sciences or Chemistry

Grade 11: Chemistry, Physics, or Science Elective

Grade 12: Physics, AP Science, or Science Elective

9th Grade Possible Courses: Core & Electives

- Saratoga Springs High School offers a wide variety of unique learning opportunities for our students.
- Review the Academic Program Guide for program pathways and options.



CORE COURSES

English 9*

Global History 9*

Math*

Science*

Physical Education*

CFM * (Career/Financial Management)

World Language

ELECTIVE COURSES

Art

Business

Family and Consumer Sciences

Health

Music

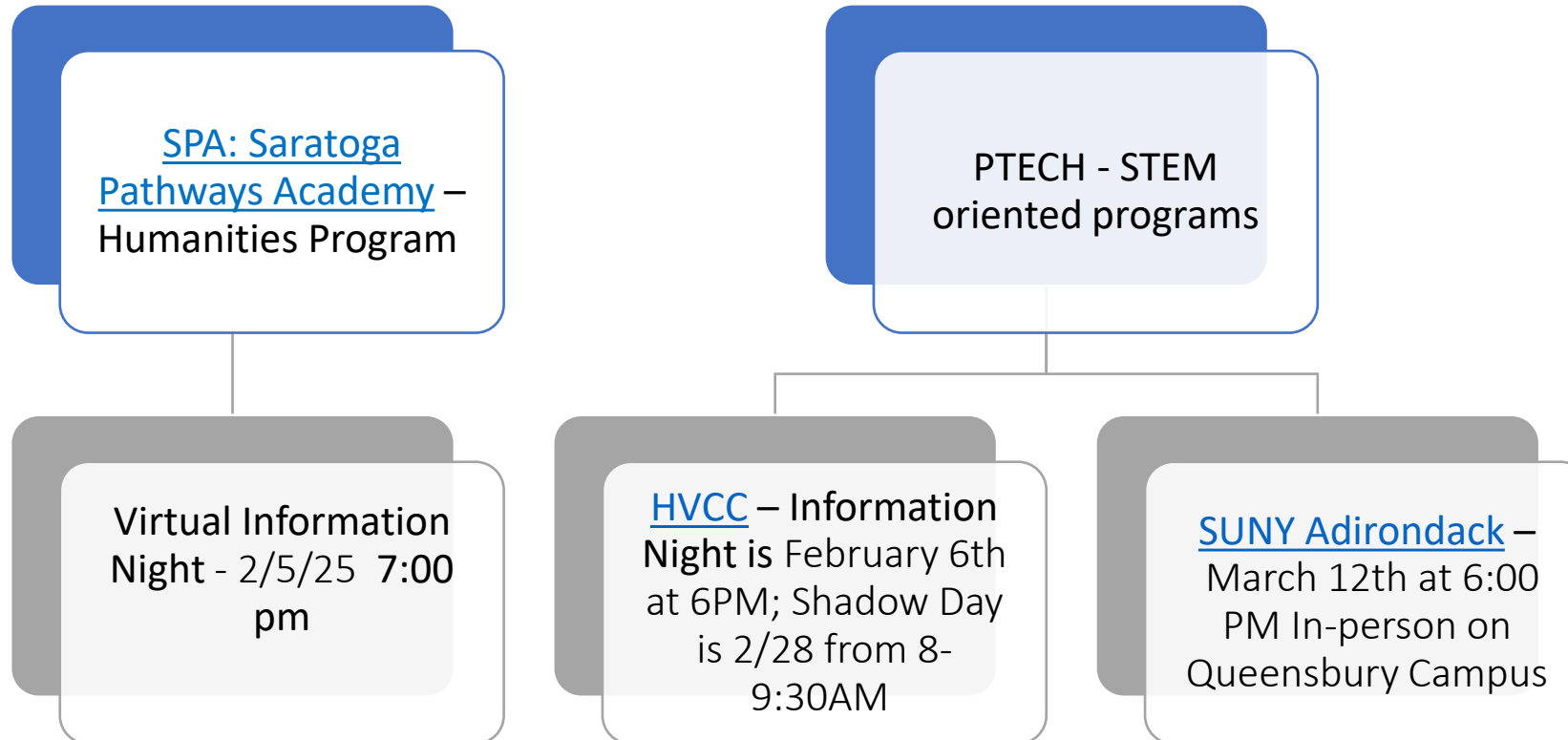
Technology

* *Required*

Possible Electives in Grade 9:

- Foundations in Art
- Creative Design
- Biomedical Science PLTW
- Design and Drawing for Production
- Intro to Engineering PLTW
- Materials Processing - Wood
- Production Systems - Wood
- Music in Our Lives
- Mixed Chorus
- Bel Canto Choir
- Concert Orchestra
- English electives
- Chamber Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Clothing, Textiles and Design
- Housing and Interior Design
- Independent Living
- Lifespan Studies
- Principles of Marketing
- Accounting
- Business, Consumer and Personal Law
- Health

Other Academic Programs:



Example of
a
Ninth Grade
Schedule:

	A	B	C	D
Block 1	Life Science: Biology	PE- Introduction Gr 9	Life Science: Biology	Life Science: Biology
Block 2	Career and Financial Mgmt	English 9	Career and Financial Mgmt	English 9
Academic Support/Flex	Academic Support/Flex Gr 9	Academic Support/Flex Gr 9	Academic Support/Flex Gr 9	Academic Support/Flex Gr 9
Block 3 (Lunch included in Block 3)	Algebra 1	Foundations in Art	Algebra 1	Foundations in Art
Block 4	Spanish 2	Global History and Geography 1	Spanish 2	Global History and Geography 1

Time for
General Questions
and to hear more about
what SSHS has
to offer!

A copy of this presentation will be available in the news section on the High School's webpage.

Scheduling-related or individual questions to be directed to Maple Ave Middle School Counselors.

Starting July 1, please contact the Saratoga Springs High School Counseling Office for support.



ACADEMIC NIGHT BREAKOUT LOCATIONS

