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Starr's Mill High School



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Welcome to Starr's Mill

DIRECTOR

9th Grade Orientation

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The beginning of your own movie.....

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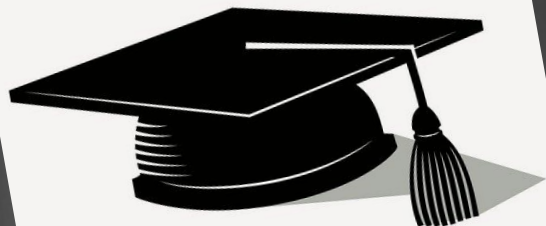
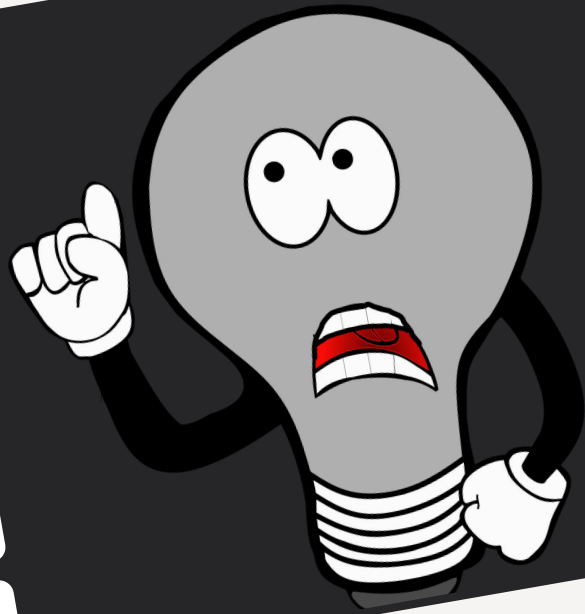
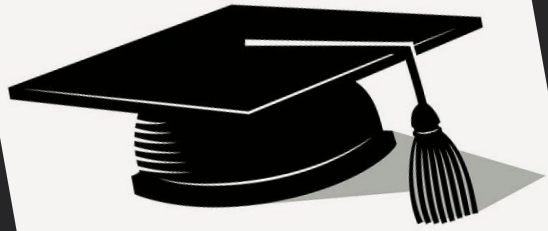
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**Tonight we're hoping to
help the road ahead be a
little more clear.**

Introducing..



Administrators

Allen Leonard - Principal
Andrea Freeman - Registrar
Elise Heaton - 504/MTSS
Brandi Meeks - Assessment
Shane Ratliff - Athletic Director



Counselors

Meshanna Marcus (A-E)
Shellie Edwards (F-Lac)
Lauren Fleming (Lad-Re)
Ashley Clay (Ri-Z)



Starr's Mill High School

What do I need to know?

General School Information

* School begins at 8:35 am and ends at 3:45 pm.

* There is no school-wide supply list. Teachers will provide class-specific needs

* There are 3 lunches and students go to lunch with their 4th period class.

* Students must maintain academic eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

* Students have access to request meetings with counselors.



Athletics

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- * 24 Varsity Teams in 15 Sports
 - * 15 Girls Varsity Teams; 11 Boys Varsity Teams
 - * 18 Sub-Varsity Teams
 - * Over 300 Female Student-Athletes
 - * Over 400 Male Student-Athletes
 - * Over 65 Coaches, including Volunteer
Community Coaches
 - * Scholarship Athletes
 - * We also currently have 43 additional clubs and organizations.

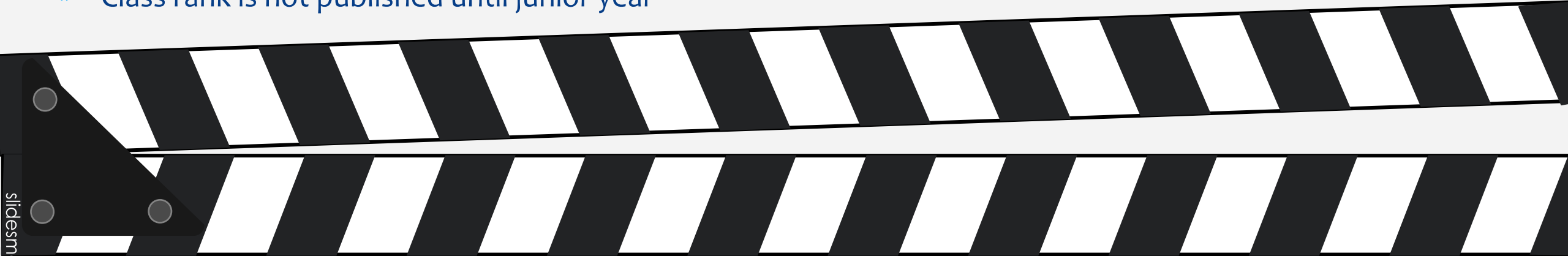


High School Grading

What do I need to know?

Grades

- * 7 classes per semester
- * A passing grade earns:
 - * $\frac{1}{2}$ Carnegie unit credit each semester \rightarrow 7 units per school year \rightarrow 28 units over 4 years
- * Grades are finalized on the official transcript each semester
- * GPA is updated each semester
- * GPA is on a 4.0 scale with extra weight for AP and dual enrollment classes
- * Class rank is not published until junior year
- * Formative grades = 30%
- * Summative grades = 50%
- * Final exam = 20%
- * Official grades/averages will be listed in Infinite Campus
- * Schoology will only have Schoology assignment grades





Final Exams

Final exams are given in every course during the last week each semester.

2 exams per day with study sessions in the afternoon

Avoid these weeks for vacations!

AP and Milestone Classes

- * Fall Semester: Exams cannot be exempted (count as 20% of your first semester grade)
- * Spring Semester: Students take an AP or Milestone exam and do not have a final exam
- * Milestone Classes are:
 - * Acc Algebra/Geometry or Algebra I and Biology (9th grade)
 - * U.S. History and American Lit (11th grade)
- * Milestones count as your second semester final exam grade (20% of overall grade)
- * AP exam is not included in course grade

Exam Exemptions

Exam Exemption Options:

Each semester, students can choose one of two types:

1. Academic Exemption (up to 3 classes)
Must have an overall grade of ≥ 95 in the class.
2. Attendance Exemption (1 class)
Must have an overall grade of ≥ 70 in the class
and no more than 5 unexcused occurrences
(includes absences and tardies)

Where do I go when I am struggling?

- * Every adult in our building is dedicated to helping our students.
- * If you need help in any of the following areas, let us know so we can help or get help for you!
 - * Academic Struggles - Ask your teachers for help, they will help! Use remediation opportunities!
 - * Social Struggles
 - * Behavioral Struggles
 - * Health Struggles (both physical and mental health)
 - * Physical Needs Struggles
- * Aspire to have a balanced schedule.



9th GRADE CLASSES

SUBJECT	COURSE OPTIONS
English	9th Grade Literature Gifted 9th Grade Literature
Math	Algebra I Honors/Gifted Geometry (in Algebra I now) Accelerated Algebra/Geometry Accelerated Geometry/Algebra II (in Accelerated now)
Science	Biology Gifted Biology
Social Studies	World Geography*
Health/PE	Health (1/2 year) & Personal Fitness (1/2 year)
Electives	3 Choices (Eligible 9th graders are allowed to take up to 2 AP classes*)
	Total: 7 Classes



Sample Schedule 1

1st Period- 9th Grade English

2nd Period- Intro to Business*

3rd Period- Algebra I

4th Period- Personal Fitness (3rd lunch)

5th Period- Biology

6th Period- Math Support

7th Period- World Geography*



Sample Schedule 2

1st Period- Gifted Biology

2nd Period- Band*

3rd Period- Health

4th Period- Spanish II* (2nd lunch)

5th Period- Gifted 9th Grade English

6th Period- Yearbook*

7th Period- Accelerated Alg/Geo



Sample Schedule 3

1st Period- Gifted 9th Grade English

2nd Period- Accelerated Geo/Alg II

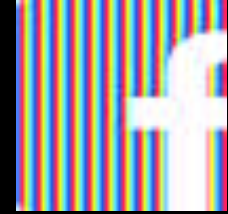
3rd Period- Spanish II*

4th Period- Gifted Biology (1st lunch)

5th Period- Nutrition & Wellness*

6th Period- Chorus

7th Period- AP Human Geography*



Social Media: @StarrsMillHS: Official school account

- * Many activities have their own accounts as well
- * www.theprowlernews.org = Our school online newspaper
- * Daily announcements can be seen on the SMHS website

Keep up with SMHS events!

What's Next?

January 18 - Electives Tours for RSMS 8th Graders

January 24 - Google Form sent out for AP Elections (for eligible students)

January 25- Academic Planner opens for 8th Graders (directions will be sent via Infinite Campus)

