# WCHS AP and Honors Mandatory Info Meeting

## What are AP and Honors classes and why take them?

- Honors classes are taught at a faster pace than regular classes and require more work.
- AP stands for Advanced Placement and are taught like a college level course which requires more critical thinking and a lot more work.
- College Credit given for passing AP exams (given at the end of the school year for each AP class).
- Both Honors and AP classes give an extra grade point in GPA.

#### What AP and Honors classes does WCHS offer?

Honors Chemistry
Honors Anatomy and Physiology (Seniors only)
Honors Algebra II
Honors Trig/Pre-Cal

AP Physics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics

Honors Band (Juniors and Seniors only)

AP Computer Science Principles (Soph./Junior/Senior only)

Honors Bible IV (Seniors only)

AP Computer Science A (Soph./Junior/Senior only)

AP Language (Juniors only) AP Literature (Seniors only)

AP United States History (Juniors only)

AP Government (Seniors only)

### How do I get into an AP/Honors Class?

- 1. Watch virtual videos of each class you are interested in and fill out the interest form on website.
- 2. Check to make sure you meet the criteria to get into the class or classes (see below)
- 3. Pick the Honors or AP class on your course request form with Miss Solimon.
- 4. If required, take an entrance exam, timed write, or complete an audition.

# What are the requirements/prerequisites for getting into these classes?

# Science Department

*Honors Chemistry:* B or better in Alg. II or concurrent enrollment in Hon. Alg. II or higher, teacher recommendations and math entrance test (no test for students with an A in both semester of Chemistry).

AP Physics: B or better in Honors Trig and enrollment in, or completion of AP Calculus AB (or higher)

Honors Anatomy & Physiology (senior only): B or better in Bio/Hon. Bio and Chem/Hon. Chem and teacher recs.

# **Math Department**

Honors Algebra II: B or better in Algebra I and Geometry, teacher recommendations/possible entrance exam Honors Trig/Pre-Cal: B or better in Hon. Alg. II or an A in Alg. II and teacher recs/possible entrance exam

AP Calculus AB: B or better in Honors Trig, and teacher recommendations/possible entrance exam

AP Calculus BC: B or better in AP Calculus AB, and teacher recommendations/possible entrance exam

AP Statistics: B or better in Trig or C or better in Honors Trig, teacher recommendations, and entrance exam

## **Computer Science Electives**

AP Computer Science Principles (sophomore/junior/senior): Completion of Alg. I with a C- or better. Teacher recommendations and interview.

AP Computer Science A (sophomore/junior/senior): Must learn JAVA language. Teacher recs. and interview.

#### **Fine Arts Department**

Honors Band (juniors/seniors only): Audition required and teacher approval.

#### **English Department**

AP Lang (juniors): B or better in each semester of H.S. English, teacher recommendations, and timed writing test AP Lit (seniors): B or better in AP Lang. or A in Eng. III, B or better in Eng. I & II, teacher recs. & writing sample

### **Social Studies Department**

AP US History (juniors): B or better in World History and English II, timed write and teacher recommendations. AP Government (seniors): B or better in World History and US History, teacher recs. and a writing sample

### **Bible Department**

Honors Bible IV (seniors only): B or better in all Bible classes, teacher recommendations, and test on Bible content