BHS COURSE INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEXT YEAR: 2020-2021

BHS STUDENTS: It’s time to start thinking about classes you’d like to take next year!
1. Your English Language Arts, History, Math, Science, and World Language teachers will talk to you about the core classes you should take next year.
2. This sheet will tell you about electives and other programs you can consider.
3. Also, check out the BHS Course Catalog at [https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org](https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org) under the Academics tab for a detailed description of all courses and programs.
4. A few courses, pathways, and academies require that you turn in an application. See the list of these programs on the other side of this sheet. Deadline to turn in an application is March 6th.

**Elective Departments and Courses – See Course Catalog for more details**

**Fine Art/Visual Arts** – Ms. O’Neill Room SW126, or Mr. Harkleroad Room SW110
- The Fine Arts department offers Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, Art Survey and Photography.
- Most of the courses have different levels that you can take in each of the courses such as Beginning Photo and Advanced Photo.
- AP options are available in both Drawing and Painting and Photography.

**Health and Fitness** – Ms. Reese, Room NE116 or Gym
- Health and Fitness department consists of .5 Health graduation requirement and 1.5 P.E graduation requirement
- We offer a variety of physical education / fitness courses: Lifetime Sports/Yoga, Weight Training/Conditioning, Individual Sports/Racket, and Personal Fitness/General P.E, and Physical Education Partner. All of these courses include a wide variety of updated fitness activities and are fun! These classes are a great way to get fit, reduce stress and meet new friends.
- Health: This course is to educate students with the essential health knowledge needed to help make good decisions for a healthy lifestyle.

**Family and Consumer Sciences** – Ms. Lalonde, Room N220
- Project based activities for learning and improving skills for living on your own.
- Courses: Apparel & Textiles, Food Science 1 & 2, Human Development, and Independent Living
- Advanced classes: Apparel & Textiles 2 and Human Development Internship with teacher permission

**Music**
- A highly successful program with opportunities for all students
- Contact: Mr. James, Director of Bands, NE221, mijames@seattleschools.org; Ms. Rowley, Director of Choirs, NE224 chrowley@seattleschools.org, Ms. Fortune, Director of Orchestras, NE221, eafortune@seattleschools.org

**Project Lead the Way: Pre-Engineering Program** – Mr. Connolly, Room NW204
- Hands-on projects using high tech computer programs such as 3-D modeling software that are used in the professional engineering field.
- Program requires one class per year: Intro to Engineering Design is the first class in the sequence.
- No application required! Just sign up for Intro to Engineering Design as your first course.

**Introductory Journalism Writing** – Mr. Smith, Room SW122
- The introduction Journalism class (Beginning Journalism) is an opportunity for students of all standings to improve their writing and learn the basics of journalism: reporting, design, photojournalism, and opinion, news and feature writing. An excellent class for students interested in creative writing.

**Newspaper Staff/The Talisman** – Mr. Smith, Room SW122
- Contribute to *The Talisman*, a project-based learning course that produces the student newspaper.
- Positions include reporter, editor, photographer, cartoonist, designer, webmaster and advertising manager.
- Learn about student First Amendment rights & ethical press responsibilities.

**Yearbook Staff/The Shingle** - Mr. Smith, Room SW122
- Learn job-related experience working as a team producing the story of the school year.
- Positions include editor, photographer, designer, and reporter.
Theatre - Mr. Riley, Room SW121 or the Black Box NE224
- Theatre Play Production (after school), Beginning and Advanced Theatre and Beginning and Advanced Tech Theatre.
- Participate in the excellent BHS productions in a variety of ways: acting, directing, stage managing, building sets, costumes etc.
- No application required!

Computer Science - Mr. Verhaeghe, Room N112
- Learn about computer science (CS), whether you are just interested in what it is about or have been programming on your own. We have a variety of classes to choose from beginner (Immersive Media A/B) to advanced (AP Computer Science and CS Projects 1&2). All courses are mostly project based and tax your problem-solving skills.

Business and Marketing – Ms. Jereczek, Room N101
- The Business Ed department opens a pathway to careers in business. Learn how the business world operates and your part in the economic life of the country. These relevant & rigorous classes include: Computer Applications, Accounting 1 thru 4 & AP Macroeconomics, Academy of Finance.
- Learn about the world of Marketing and how to start and manage your own business in this exciting line of classes! We will continue to operate our school store and have a print shop business- great hands-on experience for the budding entrepreneur. You will have an opportunity to work hands-on in the school store and real-life business situations. Advertising, Marketing, Sports Marketing and Entrepreneurship- all grades 9-12. Great foundation for those interested in Marketing and Business! All classes qualify as a pre-requisite for the Finance Academy.

Maritime Pathway – Mr. Foster, Room NW 205
- Maritime 1 & 2; and Oceanography

The pathways or academies listed below REQUIRE AN APPLICATION: Applications are due March 6, 2020

Academy of Finance – Mr. Blazevic, Room N108, Ms. Faust, Room S101
Who can apply? Current 9th and 10th grade students. Application Due March 6th
- Consists of four classes taken your Junior & Senior year: Principles of Finance (Junior Sem 1) Business Economics (Junior Sem 2) Business in a Global Economy (Senior Sem 1) Business Ethics (Senior Sem 2)
- Prerequisite Classes – Take at least 1 of the following during Freshman or Sophomore year:
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Computer Applications
  - Accounting 1
  - Marketing 1
  - Sports Marketing
- Paid internships possible summer between Junior & Senior year. Leadership, networking, professional mentoring. Trip to New York senior year
  - Turn in your application to Mr. Blazevic, Room N108, or to Ms. Faust, Room S101 by March 6th

Digital Filmmaking Program – Mr. Bradford, Room N225
Who can apply? All grades. Application Required for Digital Filmmaking: Due March 6th
- Learn film and video production as you build a portfolio that opens doors to the industry, film school, art school, communications, broadcast journalism, advertising, or public relations
- Professional production internships available
- Year-long Video Beginning course or year-long Video Advanced or Video – Special Projects for students who have completed a Video 1 course
  - Turn in your application to Mr. Bradford in Room N225 (in the Library) by March 6th

Other programs to consider for your Junior or Senior year

Running Start: Take courses at local community colleges or at Seattle Vocational Institute. Earn both high school and college credit. Tuition is paid by the Seattle School District for up to 15 credits/high school classes combined, but you pay for books and other fees. To apply, you must first take a placement test at the community college to show that you have the skills to do college level work and complete the application process at the college. The priority deadline to complete the application process is May 1 for fall enrollment. See the BHS website under Counseling Center/Running Start for steps to get started. https://ballardhs.seattleschools.org

Skills Center: Skills Centers are FREE Seattle Schools programs in which you take courses off campus at other school sites. These programs usually require a three-to-four-period block of time, so you could take 2-3 classes at Ballard and then go to your off-campus classes. See your counselor for an application and make sure that the credits you would earn fulfill what you need for graduation. More info available at www.seattleschools.org.