



BLACK RIVER
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Black River Middle School and High School Families,

We are very excited to share that there will be a change to our College Advisory Program (CAP) this year! This notification is being sent to you before schedules arrive to your students to help with understanding and to allay any fears about the new program. This short letter will help you to understand the changes as well as the reasons behind them. We're excited to do more for all of our students!

CAP class will have much more flexibility this year for both teachers and students. The idea comes from a team of teachers who wanted to improve the support provided to our students as well as help teachers to have more time with their students for necessary help (and some fun things too). I am grateful to Mr. Rowe, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Schrottenboer, Mr. Fisher and all of the others that helped come up with the new program.

So what are some of the other changes?

1. CAP classes will not be divided into male and female groups any longer. This serves our student community in a better way and leads to more flexibility for the offerings the students will be afforded during the time. This change means that many students will have a different CAP teacher than in the past.
2. While students will still have a CAP teacher and a room as their "home base" for this class, as we progress into school year, students will have the ability to go to different CAP classrooms based on both teacher and student request. For example, if a student is struggling in a particular class, they will be able to get support from that teacher during CAP. Also, students will have the ability to opt into interesting offerings from teachers during this time rather than doing the same thing each day.

Is anything staying the same? Yes! Our BR teachers will continue to cover important content regarding school, college acceptance and other beneficial topics. Also, important extra-curricular activities like Student Council and National Honor Society will still have the ability to have their meetings during the school day through this offering.

Teachers will be providing many more details to your students this fall about the program. Much of the first two weeks of school will resemble previous years with back to school information happening during CAP. After that, we will begin this new and exciting offering!

Thank you,



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