

Hello BPAC Parents,

The new year brings many hopeful dreams and desires for everyone. As we move into February, it is an excellent opportunity to remind your child to stay diligent in doing well in school. At the same time, parents should participate in their children's academic future. There are a few opportunities that I want to highlight below.

Students choose classes for next year at the high school during the [Advise & Sign](#) process. You can view the PowerPoint, forms, and the Course Catalog at the hyperlink. (NOTE: These items are also in Spanish) This week, 11th graders have begun meeting with their counselors. Tenth and ninth graders will follow suit in the next two weeks. The high school counselors will visit eighth-graders to do the same at the end of February. You should talk with and view the forms that your child already has. We ask parents to sign the document before the student meets with the counselor.

Many parents are unaware that colleges and universities sponsor academic summer camps for students. Middle or high school students can live and learn on campus for one to four weeks. For example, Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL) has three summer camps. [NIU STEAM Summer Camps](#) focus on Science, technology, engineering, art, and math fun for campers entering grades 3-12. At the same time, [Summer in the Arts Camps](#) explores the visual arts for students in grades 6-12. In addition, there are hundreds of summer camps across the nation. [Summer Programs for HS Students](#) is a great list to begin your search for such programs. Many of these programs are either free or assist parents with the fees.

The information above is posted at [Bilingual Parent Advisory Council](#).