



*Next Steps at the
Trail*

CTHS

2023-2024

COURSE REGISTRATION

Topics

- Counseling Team Intro
- Registration Timeline
- Graduation Requirements
- Getting Ready for the Future
- Resources



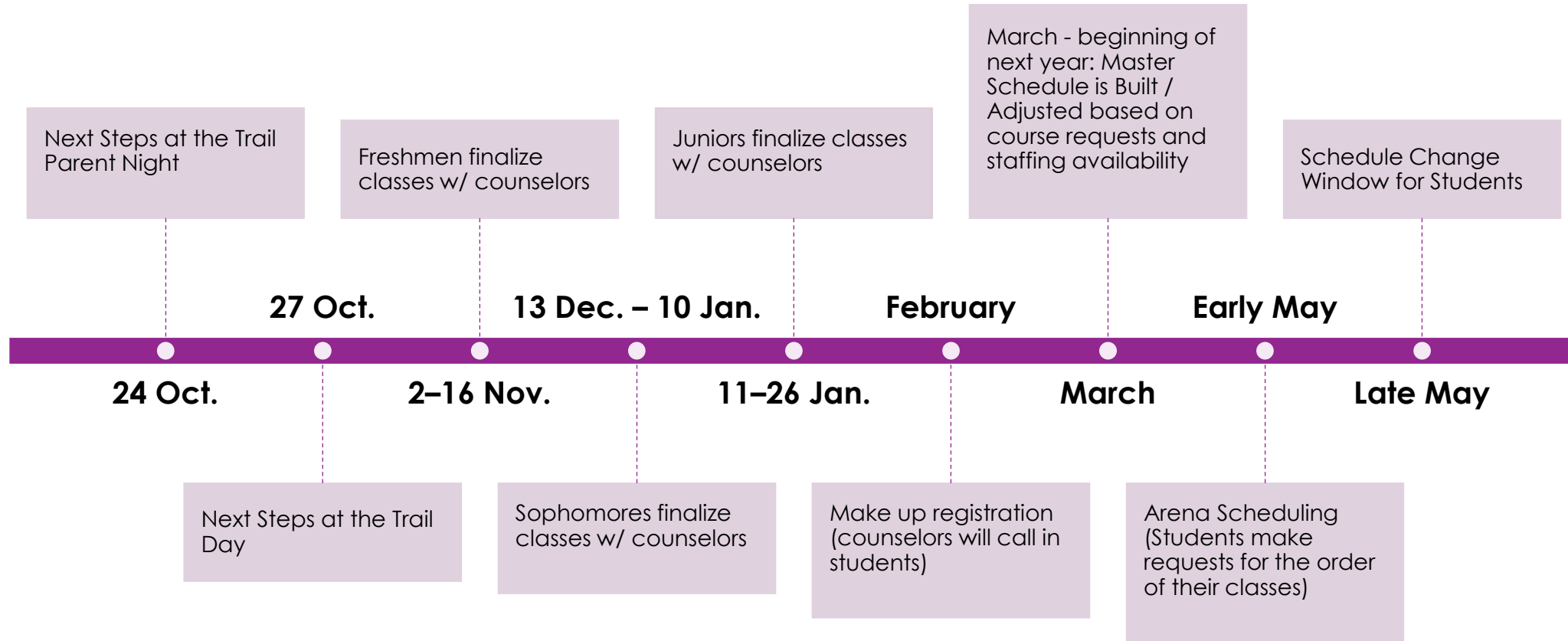
Your CTHS Counseling Team

- Mr. Brown: A – D
- Mrs. Woolley: E – K
- Mrs. Lockhart: L – P
- Mrs. Sly (Lead): Q – R
- Mrs. Gregg: S – Z
- Mrs. Cordova: College and Career Readiness Specialist
- Ms. Turner: Intervention Counselor
- Mrs. Mendoza: Counseling Secretary

Your School Counselor can help you with...

- Personal Issues
- Finding resources for counseling or other types of support
- Finding healthy ways to deal with stress
- Career Research
- Being more successful in your classes
- Getting ready for life after high school

Registration Timeline



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Graduation Requirements

EMS ISD Distinguished Level of Achievement

- English (4 credits): to include English 1- 4
- Mathematics (4 credits): to include Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2
- Science (4 credits): to include Biology and IPC, Chemistry, or Physics
 - Chemistry or Physics required for Multi-Disciplinary Endorsement
- Social Studies (4 credits): to include World Geography, World History, U.S. History, Government and Economics

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Graduation Requirements

EMS ISD Distinguished Level of Achievement (cont.)

- World Language (2 credits): both must be from the same language
 - Limited other options with committee approvals
- Physical education (1 credit)
- Fine art (1 credit)
- Elective courses (6 credits)
- 1 or more endorsements

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Graduation Requirements

Additional Graduation Plan Available for Certain Circumstances

- Special programs
- Students who are behind on credits
- Not available until the completion of sophomore year

Credits, Attendance & Promotion



You earn 1/2 credit for each semester course you successfully complete



Students must be in attendance 90% of the time or credit is denied (even if you pass the class)

Attendance Recovery has started for make-up time (check email for details)



Promotion is based on credits earned and not years on campus

5 ½ to promote to 10th
12 to promote to 11th
19 to promote to 12th

New Courses for 2023-24

Personal Financial Literacy & Economics

- Open to seniors only
- Can replace the traditional Economics graduation requirement
- Adds in practical personal financial literacy instruction to help students make good financial decisions

Securities, Investments, and Financial Analysis

- Open to seniors only
- 2 credit course offered at HCTC
- Advanced level course for students interested in a career in business

Next Steps at the Trail



Make sure you are on track with your graduation requirements (courses and EOCs)



Narrow down your long-term career goals



Research education requirements needed for future career



Use Schoolinks as a resource

Resources: Meeting Graduation Requirements



Use Skyward to track your grades and attendance



Talk with your teachers if you need help during class



Go to tutoring to catch up, fill in gaps, make up work, etc.



Tutor.com (in Single Sign On)

Scheduled Tutoring; Submit essays for review; AP / SAT / ACT Prep



Khan Academy

Video lessons / examples, individualized SAT prep after taking PSAT

Resources: Narrow Down your Career Goals

Schoolinks (log in through SSO)



Activities - Assessments

The more assessments you take, the better job Schoolinks will do at making career suggestions for you



Careers – Career Center

Explore careers by degree required, career cluster, location, and more

Under Clusters, you can turn on the Military button to show career options in different branches of the military

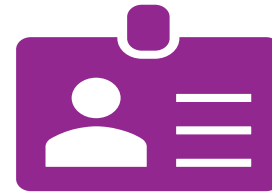
Resources: Narrow Down your Career Goals

Careers cont.



Opportunities

Looks for jobs that are available now



My Profile / Resume

Fill in this section to highlight your goals, your experiences, and accomplishments

This will be very important when you apply to college and if you need letters of recommendation

Start this now and keep updating it as you work towards graduation

Resources: Choosing Courses Related to your Career Goals

Next Steps at the Trail Day

- Course information and guidance from teachers
- Presentation from Counselors

Registration Smore:

<https://www.smore.com/jhk36>

Course Catalog

- Schoolinks > School > Course Catalog

The screenshot shows the Schoolinks platform interface. At the top, it says "Powered by Schoolinks A Modern College & Career Readiness Platform". Below this, the school's logo and name "Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD" are displayed, along with a dropdown menu for "All Schools". The main content area is a list of navigation options: "Overview", "Graduation requirements" (with a dropdown arrow), "Endorsement" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Course offerings" (with a dropdown arrow). On the left side, there is a teal sidebar with icons and labels for "HOME", "SCHOOL", "ACTIVITIES", "COLLEGES", "CAREERS", "FINANCES", and "PROGRAMS".

Options for Keeping Track of Course Selections

Schoolinks Course Planner

- Directions will be emailed out to all parents and students
- This is the ideal way to keep track of plans for next year and the years following

Course Option Sheet

- Students will receive a course option sheet on Thursday during the **Next Steps at the Trail Day**
- If using this option, students need to take a picture of both sides of the sheet once they've filled it out while they wait to get it into their Schoolinks Course Planner and / or while they wait for their time to meet with their counselor.

Resources: Preparing for Education after High School

Testing Opportunities

- ASVAB
 - Offered each fall at CTHS to help those interested in entering the military
- PSAT / PreACT
 - For 9th – 11th Grade Students
 - Offered each fall at CTHS for a fee
 - Check our website for dates and prep resources: [Advanced Academics / PSAT \(emsisd.com\)](https://www.emsisd.com/Advanced-Academics/PSAT)
- SAT / ACT
 - Typically 1st taken during spring of junior year
 - Offered on Saturdays throughout the year (sign up at their websites)
 - Fee waivers available in the counseling office for students receiving free/reduced lunch
 - Sometimes offered at CTHS during the school day in the spring
 - Check our website for dates and prep resources: [Advanced Academics / College Entrance Exams \(emsisd.com\)](https://www.emsisd.com/Advanced-Academics/College-Entrance-Exams)

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Schoolinks: Colleges

School Search

- Choose from a variety of filters to narrow down a list of schools to explore
- You can favorite the schools you want to come back to and learn more about – you'll find them under the "Favorites and Lists" tab

Admission Stats

- You can type in your SAT/ACT scores (or what you hope to score) and your GPA to see how they compare to students at schools that you are interested in

College Applications (only open for seniors)

- This is where seniors will add schools where they are applying to help them manage application tasks and to request transcripts and other enrollment paperwork (letters of rec, etc.)

Next Steps...

Parents

- Join Schoolinks so you can help with the process
 - Email recently sent with directions

Students

- Talk to your teachers, parents, and friends about your courses for next year
- Explore Schoolinks and other resources provided to help make final course decisions
- Add your courses to Schoolinks so you are ready when you meet with your counselor

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