



January 6, 2012

Dear Gator Parents:

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe your 8th grader is in the last semester of middle school at Delta Woods. Even harder to believe is it's now time to start thinking about your child's transition to the Freshman Center.

Over the next couple of months your child and our DWMS counselors will be working very closely with the Freshman Center administrative and counseling staff to develop a Personal Plan of Study that is relevant and challenging to your student's career goals.

Listed below are some very important dates:

- January 23, 2012 - High School Course Books will be sent home with students.
- January 27, 2012 - Freshman Center staff will be at DWMS to review course offerings.
- January 30 and 31, 2012 - Students will begin the process of developing their Personal Plans of Study.
- January 31, 2012 - Online enrollment instructions will be sent home with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- February 1 to 10, 2012 - Completion of Personal Plans of Study and on-line enrollment.
- February 10, 2012 - The following forms need to be completed and returned to your student's Social Studies teacher:
  - Personal Plan of Study
  - Enrollment worksheet
  - Enrollment online printout

On January 31, 2012, the Freshman Center will host a Curriculum Night for 8th grade students and parents. The Freshman Center counselors will present enrollment information in two sessions: 5:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. You may attend either one of the sessions in the Don Gray Gym (large gym). In addition, students and parents will be able to visit with high school instructors from all core departments as well as instructors of elective courses in such areas as Agricultural Science, Intro to Engineering Design, Principles of Bio Medical Sciences, Foreign Languages, Debate/Drama/Forensics, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Art, FAC's, Business, Industrial Technology and Air Force ROTC. These teachers will be located in the commons or in designated rooms.

Again, we are very excited about next year. It is our goal to ensure that all of our students receive a positive and memorable experience at the Freshman Center. The elective classes that students choose not only make their year more pleasant, but are important in career preparation, so carefully consider these choices. Any questions in the process should be directed to the Freshman Center Counseling Office at 816-224-1352, ext. 312 or to your student's DWMS counselor.

Sincerely,

Steve Cook  
Principal, DWMS

Dan Anderson  
Principal, Blue Springs Freshman Center

**Delta Woods Middle School 8th Grade – 2011-2012  
A+, Career Paths, Career Planning and Enrollment Timeline**

- January 6**                    **Grade Cards go home with note about Curriculum Night.**
- January 6**                    **Freshman Center Curriculum Night Information Sheet sent home with students. Curriculum Night Info on DWMS Website.**
- January 9-20**                **Begin and complete Missouri Connections Career Cluster Inventory.**
- January 23**                **Pass out High School Course Description books, Enrollment Worksheets, Personal Plans of Study, review Career Clusters and view FC Enrollment power point.**
- January 27**                **Freshman Center teachers will talk all eighth grade students 8:30 to 10:00 about high school courses in their subject area.**
- January 27**                **CTC and A+ presentations 7th and 8th hours during combined Academic Skills and Physical Education classes in the gym. Reminder sent home with students about Curriculum Night.**
- January 30 & 31**            **Review and begin completion of Personal Plans of Study (in Social Studies classes). Parent's will need to look these over, sign and student's will return Personal Plans of Study to the SS teachers.**
- January 31**                **Review On-Line Enrollment Power Point, and send On-Line enrollment instructions home with students.**
- January 31**                **Freshman Center Curriculum Night  
Session 1 – 5:30 pm  
Session 2 – 6:30 pm**
- February 1 - 12**            **On-line enrollment open**
- February 6 - 9**            **Open enrollment at middle schools for parents that do not have computer access. One night at Delta Woods and one night at the other three Blue Springs Middle Schools.**
- February 9**                **Open enrollment night at Delta Woods in the Media Center  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**
- February 13**                **Enrollment complete. Enrollment Worksheets, On-Line Course request print-out and completed Personal Plans of Study should all be turned in to Social Studies teachers.**
- February 15**                **FC counselors to DW to pick up all enrollment materials.**