Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Academic Advising (AcAd) process for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. It is important to have students and parents/guardians aware of course offering options, and to select appropriate alternate elective choices. The courses selected should be based on the student’s ability, past record of academic achievement, interest in the subject, career goal(s), and teacher recommendations. As classes reach capacity, school counselors will exchange first choice electives with a student’s alternate elective. To help students and parents/guardians make informed decisions, we have outlined different opportunities for you. All documents, timelines, videos pertaining to academic advising will be posted on the SJHS website (stonewallhs.pwcs.edu), hover on Our School, hover on Counseling Department and click Academic Advising. Please check there for all pertinent information and any updates. If any parent/guardian would like to have an individual meeting with their student’s school counselor to discuss next year’s courses, please contact that counselor for an appointment at (571) 598-3018 or 598-3003.

Teacher Recommendations & Parent/Student Online Course Requests
During the teacher recommendation days, teachers will discuss options for next year’s courses with students. The recommendations will be recorded in Parent Portal from Jan. 1 – Jan. 18. Due to snow cancellations, parents/guardians and students will be able to view the teacher recommendations and submit their own course requests from Jan. 19 – Feb. 1. Instructions for parents/guardians/students to enter course requests will be posted on the SJHS website. This information will be used in the conversation between students and their counselor to select each student’s official course requests. The Prince William County course offering book will be available at www.pwcs.edu and on the SJHS website. Currently, departments are working on creating short videos to explain courses. The videos will be posted to the website once they are completed.

Academic Advising (AcAd) for 2019-2020 Courses
During pre-AcAd, students will receive an explanation of graduation requirements, course requests, timeline of registration, etc. This will be done through a video that the School Counseling Department created. This video will then be posted to the SJHS website.
During AcAd, students will rotate between the first-floor computer lab and their counselor’s office. Students will sit down with their school counselor one-on-one in a private setting and select their courses, develop a plan for graduation, and discuss postsecondary plans. While students wait to see their counselor, they will work on a self-directed Naviance lesson with our Career and College Counselor, Mr. Lawrence. This lesson will assist students with postsecondary planning.
Below is the calendar of the academic advising process.

**Current 11th Graders**
Students will participate in Academic Advising during their Social Studies class period. **Pre-AcAd Feb. 14, 15; AcAd Feb. 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28 Mar. 1, 4.**

**Current 10th Graders**
Students will participate in Academic Advising during their HPE 2 class. **Pre-AcAd Mar. 15 & 18; AcAd Mar. 19, 20, 21, 25, 26.**

**Current 9th Graders**
Students will participate in Academic Advising during their HPE 1 class. **Pre-AcAd Mar. 5 & 6; AcAd Mar. 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14.**

There will be no schedule changes after June 30, 2019. Alternate courses will be substituted for any full or canceled courses. Level changes (ex. Pre-IBDP Eng. 9 to Eng. 9) will be honored only if classroom space is available.

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard Nichols
Principal

Sincerely,
Jason D. Supon
Director of School Counseling