

Beckman High School – 8th Grade Parent Night 2023

March 28th ★ 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Welcome to Beckman High School and the beginning of four exciting years for you and your soon-to-be ninth grader!

We invite you to form a partnership with Beckman High School and actively participate in the education of your child. To learn more about Beckman High School, we encourage you to “attend” our **8th Grade Parent Night on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023**. The night’s program is highlighted by several breakout sessions designed to provide you with specific information about the various programs that support our school’s continued vision of achievement in the FOUR A’s (Academics, Athletics, Activities, and the Arts). Administrators and counselors will explain the college preparatory programs, enrollment and registration process, as well as graduation requirements, while directors, coordinators, coaches, advisors and teachers will speak about specific programs they lead. It is a great night to learn and ask questions about all of Beckman’s programs.

| SESSION | 5:00 - 5:50 | 6:00 - 6:25 | 6:30 - 6:55 | 7:00 - 7:25 | 7:30 - 7:55 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Principal's Message | PAC | | | | |
| 2. ASB/Student Government | | | | 112 | 112 |
| 3. Athletics Program | | Commons | Commons | Commons | Commons |
| 4. AVID | | 216 | 216 | | |
| 5. Cheer | | Dance Room | Dance Room | Dance Room | Dance Room |
| 6. Counseling | | PAC | PAC | PAC | PAC |
| 7. Dance | | Dance Room | Dance Room | Dance Room | Dance Room |
| 8. Early College | | 204/205 | 204/205 | 204/205 | 204/205 |
| 9. Human Geography | | 117 | 117 | | |
| 10. Math | | 231/232 | 231/232 | 231/232 | 231/232 |
| 11. Visual Arts | | 317 | 317 | 317 | 317 |
| 12. Science | | 217 | 217 | 217 | 217 |
| 13. Performing Arts | | 320 | 320 | 320 | 320 |
| 14. World Language | | 131/132 | 131/132 | 131/132 | 131/132 |

Sessions will begin promptly at the time indicated.

- Principal's Message (Dr. Rafter)** – A general welcome with important information about the school and what to think about as you and your child move through high school and the course selection process.
- ASB/Student Government (Mr. Cooper)** – Parents will learn about various ways students can get involved in student government and leadership through elected and appointed positions. There will be an overview of the ASB class and how freshmen will apply and the interview process.
- Athletics Program (Fischel/Salas)** – An overview of the athletic opportunities available at Beckman with information about our overall approach to athletics, tryouts, and our summer programs.
- AVID (Ms. Dawson)** - An overview of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program at Beckman. The session will go over the characteristics of a successful AVID student, the topics that are covered in the 4 years of the AVID elective, and the WICOR strategies that are used in the program to work towards the mission of AVID (to close the opportunity gaps and improve college and career readiness for high school students, especially those traditionally underrepresented in higher education).
- Cheer (Vaca/Salas)** - Parents will receive information regarding the upcoming 2023-2024 BHS Cheerleading tryouts. We will discuss dates, times, program rules and policies, team commitment, and expectations for the cheer team.
- Counseling (Mrs. Charles, Ms. Sun and Dr. Arellano)** – In this session, the freshman counselors will discuss the typical freshman day and how your student can use high school as an opportunity to discover, and build, strengths, learn about

themselves and others, and balance activities with academics. You will also learn about some common high school terms, high school requirements, and available resources.

7. **Dance (Chavarria/Salas)** - Parents will receive information on the new team tryout meeting. The dates, times, and how to sign up for the tryouts will be discussed. Parents will learn what the audition criteria, technical skills, team commitment and competition requirements are for the dance team.
8. **Early College (Robert Melendez)** – Early College is a 4-year program at Beckman where students take a set series of classes through Irvine Valley College to earn both high school and college credit. At the completion of the 4-year program, students will have earned their high school diploma AND an associate degree from IVC.
9. **Human Geography (Mr. Veitch)** - Human Geography is an amazing way for 9th graders to be introduced to the rigors and opportunities of the AP programs offered at Beckman. Students will learn about the multiple ways that humans interact with the modern and ancient world, and how that same world influences our behaviors and interactions today.
10. **Math (Mr. Scott)** - This presentation will look at the various Math Pathways offered to students at Beckman, consider the differences between the Honors and CP math courses, and will lay out how to ensure your child is set up for success.
11. **Visual Arts – (Mr. Boice, Mrs. Tipping, Mrs. Squieri, Mrs. Manning)** Join the Visual Arts teachers to learn about Beckman’s Photography, Graphic Design, Film and Painting and Drawing Pathways.
12. **Science (Mrs. Hammer)** - Science pathways will be discussed, as well as the differences between Biology and AP Biology at the 9th grade level.
13. **Performing Arts (Mr. Kollias)** – Learn about the various award-winning Performing Arts programs here at Beckman. We offer instrumental music (band and orchestra), vocal courses, and theater.
14. **World Language (Mrs. Martin and Ms. Beauchamp)** - Parents will receive an overview of the different world languages available at Beckman High School. Topics that will be discussed include the benefits of learning a second language, required length of study, language maintenance, and the State Seal of Biliteracy.

9th Grade Course Selection Guide

