

Hello Parents and Caretakers,

We are reaching out to share exciting news about State High's **Career and Technical Center (CTC)** and upcoming **8th grade tours**. Our CTC provides engaging, academically rigorous, and career-focused courses in a wide variety of content areas. These programs provide a stable roadmap for students to navigate many educational options and prepare them to successfully transition into post-secondary education, professional careers, and lifelong learning. Please visit our [CTC Webpage](#) to see more information and videos for all our exciting programs and interesting course offerings. Also visit our [IB Webpage](#) to learn more about these special programs

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Pennsylvania offers students the opportunity to develop critical skills through a combination of classes and hands-on learning experiences, which allow them to apply academics to real-world problems. See the [PDE website](#) and [watch this promotion video](#) for more information related to CTE.

High school is the perfect time to explore new opportunities and develop valuable experience. Students are encouraged to research potential college majors and consider future careers by investigating the many courses offered through the CTC at State High. As part of this effort, we are providing an opportunity for all 8th grade students to participate in a field trip to visit State High's CTC. Both teams from **PFMS will go on December 8th from 9:00 - 12:30 pm**. Snow dates are TBD. If you wish for your child to attend this tour, please sign the attached permission form and have your child return it to their homebase teacher no later than **Monday, November 13th**.

During this tour, students will be led by our Little Lion Ambassadors in small groups to tour all 14 of our CTC, Tech Ed, and IB classrooms. During this tour, students will observe program presentations and have an opportunity to ask questions about our programs, teachers, and courses. Students will participate in many fun and exciting activities, while also experiencing our state of the art equipment and technology.

**Additional Student Scheduling Information:**

- First week of January** - students will receive information related to our Curriculum Showcase which will provide additional information related to courses being offered at State High for next school year. It is scheduled for the evening of January 17th with a snow date of January 18th.
- Second week of January** - students will receive an Email from our State High Administration with information related to the scheduling process and deadlines. You will also receive a hard copy of the course guide for the 2024-25 SY from your Middle School and the electronic version will be made available on the [High School Academics Webpage](#).
- Last week of January** - On January 22nd, students will receive a presentation from a High School Counselor who will explain the scheduling process and answer any questions they have.
- First week of February** - It is our goal that our student scheduling system will be operational in early February and students can begin to request courses for next year.

Throughout this process, please feel free to reach out with any questions. It will be tempting to want to speak with the 9th grade counselors but they are busy dealing with their current class so all inquiries should come to me at 814-237-5304 or by email at [sxt23@scasd.org](mailto:sxt23@scasd.org).

Sincerely,  
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