

Parent/ Guardian Newsletter

Issue 28: January 2021



Happy New Year from Your Grade Level Team

Hello Class of '22 families,

Welcome to the new year! We have officially past the half-way mark towards graduation. Before we know it, the Class of '22 will begin their Senior year. Although we were anticipating to start this school year on- campus, we will continue to eagerly wait until the day we can all come together again.

We are expecting the rest of this year to be quite busy so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding any upcoming events.

Class of 2022 Announcements

It's time to start thinking of Senior year classes!

We will be continuing our conversation regarding course selection in Advisory. The following image demonstrates the timeline we will be utilizing.

Please ensure your student submits their course request form within a timely manner.

Between January 25th and March 1st, we will be meeting with students one-on-one via Zoom to review their course requests. These Zoom meetings will either take place in your student's Academic Support class or free period.



2021-2022 Course Request Timeline

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2021-2022 Course Request Timeline

| Date | Topic |
|---|--|
| December 14, 2020 | Introduce Course Catalog for 2021-2022 |
| January 8, 2021 (Pt. 1) & January 15, 2021 (Pt. 2) | Course Request Presentations |
| January 12, 2021 (Tuesday) English: 5pm Spanish: 6pm | Family Course Request Presentations |
| January 12, 2021 | Course Request Google Form will be available |
| January 18, 2021 (Monday - Holiday) | <u>Deadline to Submit Online Course Request Google Form</u> |
| January 25th – March 1st | Mrs. Lopez- Barajas and Mr. Gonzalez will meet with students to review Course Selection. |
| March 8th | Last day to make any changes to Course Request. Students must email Mrs. Lopez-Barajas or Mr. Gonzalez if changes need to be made. |

Family Course Request Presentation

Join us next week to review course request guidelines, requirements for Senior year, as well as get any course questions answered.

Please register in advance.

CLASS OF '22 PRESENTS:

FAMILY COURSE REQUEST PRESENTATION



January 12, 2021

English: 5pm RSVP: bit.ly/3baK2zp

Spanish: 6pm RSVP: bit.ly/39jQ3HB

The 2021-2022 Course Catalog is available

When selecting their courses for Senior year, your student should be referring to the 10th-12th Course Catalog. This catalog can be found on our Helix website under the Academics section.

Some reminders when reviewing the Course Catalog:

- 12th grade will be your student's last chance to meet any requirements they have not completed.
- Your student needs a strong 12th grade schedule to be competitive when applying to college, but they should be careful to not overwhelm themselves.
- Remember to look for any prerequisites for courses they're interested in.
- Classes we offer will be based on the amount of request we get for a class. In other words, it is not guaranteed that all courses on the catalog will be offered.

School-wide Announcements

No school on Jan. 18 in observance of MLK Day

Spring Term II-Week 1 Student Schedules

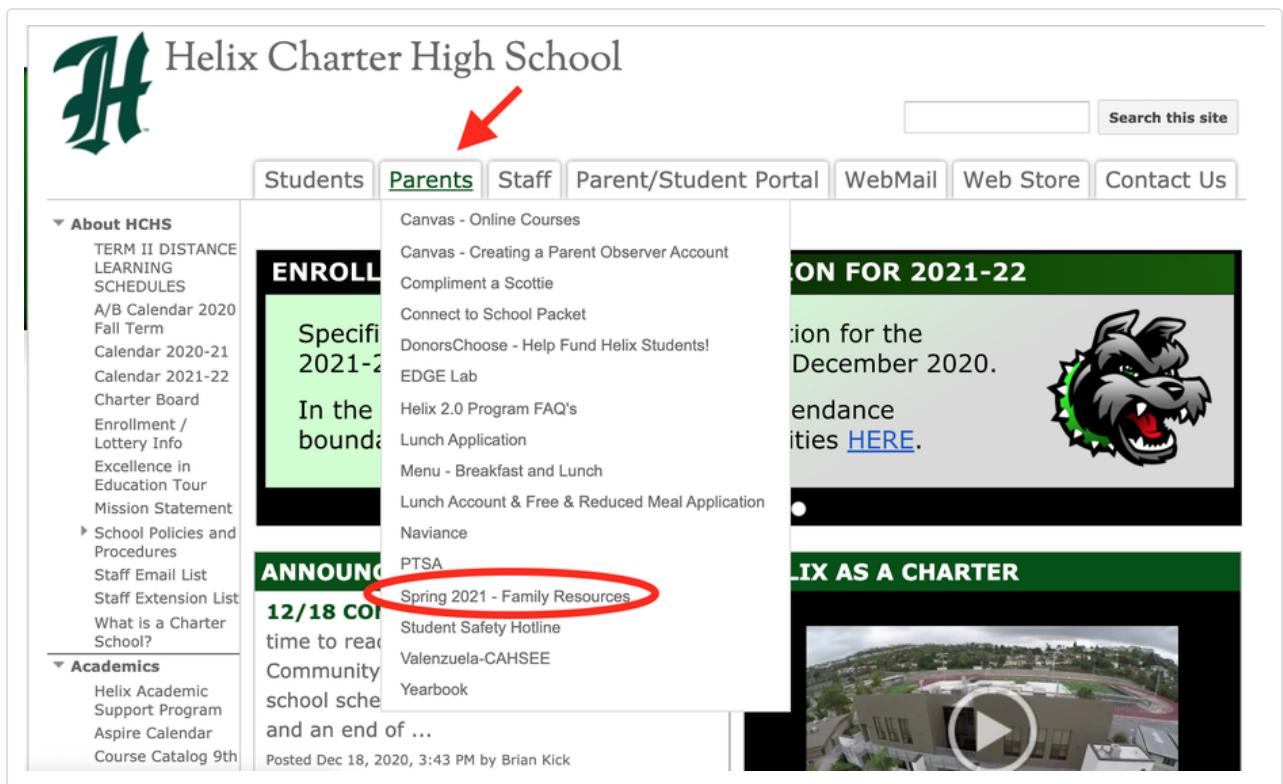
Students may access their schedules through their [StudentVue](#) beginning Tuesday, January 5th.

Please watch this short [how to access your schedule video](#) to assist you in viewing your Spring Term II schedule.

SPRING SEMESTER CHECKLIST FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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More resources can be found on the Helix Charter website



The screenshot shows the Helix Charter High School website. The header includes the school logo and name, a search bar, and navigation tabs for Students, Parents, Staff, Parent/Student Portal, WebMail, Web Store, and Contact Us. A red arrow points to the 'Parents' tab. The 'Parents' dropdown menu is open, listing various resources. The item 'Spring 2021 - Family Resources' is circled in red. The left sidebar contains links for 'About HCHS' and 'Academics'. The main content area features an 'ENROLL' section, an 'ANNOUNCE' section with a date '12/18', and a video player titled 'LIX AS A CHARTER'.

Helix Charter High School

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Schedule for the First Week Back

| Monday Jan 4 | Tuesday Jan 5 | Time | Wednesday Jan 6 | Thursday Jan 7 | Friday Jan 8 |
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| No School Teacher Professional Development & Workday | | 7:50-8:30 | Student Work Time | | Student To-Do List: <input type="checkbox"/> Check Canvas and complete any outstanding assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Grade Level Advisory @ 10:00 AM <input type="checkbox"/> Student Work Time* |
| | | 8:30-9:35 | Period 1/1A Zoom Classes | Period 1/1B Zoom Classes | |
| | | 9:35-9:50 | Break | | |
| | | 9:50-10:55 | Period 2/2A Zoom Classes | Period 2/2B Zoom Classes | |
| | | 10:55-11:10 | Break | | |
| | | 11:10-12:15 | Period 3/3A Zoom Classes | Period 3/3B Zoom Classes | |
| | | 12:15-12:50 | Lunch Break | | |
| | | 12:50-1:55 | Period 4/4A Zoom Classes | Period 4/4B Zoom Classes | |
| | | 1:55-2:55 | STUDENT WORK TIME ASPIRE / Academic Support Tutorials | | |

Spring 2021 Distance Learning Schedule

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-------------|--|--|-------------|--|---|
| 8:30-9:35 | Period 1/1A | English/HF/Perf Arts Online Tutorial | Period 1/1B | English/HF/Perf Arts Online Tutorial | <div>Student To-Do List:</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Check Canvas and complete any outstanding assignments</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Attend Grade Level Advisory @ 10:00 AM</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Student Work Time</div> |
| 9:35-9:50 | Break | | | | |
| 9:50-10:55 | Period 2/2A | Math/Fam & Con Sci Online Tutorial | Period 2/2B | Math/Fam & Con Sci Online Tutorial | |
| 10:55-11:10 | Break | | | | |
| 11:10-12:15 | Period 3/3A | Science/PE/Art Online Tutorial | Period 3/3B | Science/PE/Art Online Tutorial | |
| 12:15-12:50 | Lunch Break | | | | |
| 12:50-1:55 | Period 4/4A | Social Studies Bus/Tech/LOTE Online Tutorial | Period 4/4B | Social Studies Bus/Tech/LOTE Online Tutorial | |
| 1:55-2:55 | STUDENT WORK TIME ASPIRE / Academic Support Tutorials | | | | |

Distance Only Learning - Spring 2021

Weekly Schedule Change - Mon/Fri Switch

Increased Instructional Minutes - Synchronous classes are now 5 minutes longer

Advisory - Grade Level Teams will hold mandatory Zoom advisory on Fridays at 10:00 AM

Late Policy - We are eliminating the schoolwide Distance Learning one week grace period for submission of student work. Deadlines will return to department and course level team practices.

Grading - Grading policy will remain the same. Teachers will not assign Fs and students who do not pass a course will receive a NM.

In-person Academic Support

We will be expanding our In-person Academic Support program to run 3 days a week with small cohorts on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30am-10:30am.

Those interested in attending on-campus student support will need to sign up again via the interest form. This form will be distributed by both Mr. Watkins and the GLTs within the next week so keep an eye out for that.

The program will begin on **Jan. 12th**.



Class of 2025 in your household?

The [Enrollment/Lottery page](#) has been updated to include dates and times for upcoming information webinars as well as Q&A sessions.

Keep in mind that any incoming 9th grader needs to participate in the lottery. Even if you live within the Helix attendance boundary, have a sibling already attending Helix, and/or have a parent that works at Helix, you still must participate in the lottery.

Textbook/Instructional Material Distribution

**Performing Arts Center Foyer
Tuesday- Friday, January 5th-8th
8am-3pm (except from 12:30-1:30 pm)**

- Items to be checked out such as calculators, textbooks and library books

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 8:00 am - 9:30 am: | Class of 2021 (Seniors) |
| 9:30 am - 11:00 am: | Class of 2022 (Juniors) |
| 11:00 am - 12:30 pm: | Class of 2023 (Sophomores) |
| 12:30pm - 1:30 pm: | - no distribution during this time |
| 1:30pm - 3:00 pm: | Class of 2024 (Freshmen) |

Textbook Collection/Distribution Safety Guidelines

Performing Arts Center Foyer

- Students will enter the parking lot at Lowell/Normal St. - park and walk to the Performing Arts Center Foyer (next to the Administration building).
- All physical distancing guidelines must be followed for the health and safety of all involved.
 - All students and parents/guardians must wear masks
 - Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet apart
- All vehicles will exit the lot via Orien Ave.

Dual & Enrollment Assistance is Available



ASPIRE Update

A grateful thank you to Kristen Huy for all her work in expanding the ASPIRE program. Kristen revitalized the after-school tutorial (ASPIRE HUB), expanded the gaming programs as well as built more student-interest programs on campus. We appreciate all she has done for our Helix community.

We are pleased to announce that Katie Pipes will be taking over as the new ASPIRE Coordinator. Katie will be working to transition into this position and we are excited to see how she will be able to build upon the great work of past ASPIRE Coordinators Kristen and Alicia.

Since this is a transition in the middle of the year, the majority of ASPIRE programs will be suspended until after the MLK weekend.

Looking forward to 2021 and building upon our successes!

Scholarships Available!

College Board Opportunity Scholarships



The Scholarships

Class of 2022: Complete these six college planning steps for six separate chances at \$500. When you finish all six, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$40,000 scholarship, but you can still earn money even if you don't complete them all.

| Build | Practice | Explore | Strengthen | Complete | Apply | Complete Your Journey |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Your College List | for the SAT | Scholarships | Your College List | the FAFSA | to Colleges | Complete All Six |
| \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$40,000 |

Tips for Parents/Guardians

Suicide Prevention 101 for Parents: Recognizing Signs and What to Do

This free webinar and Facebook Live event will provide information about suicide prevention for parents, including warning signs for suicide, how to have a conversation with their teen, actions to take if their teen is having suicidal thoughts, and resources.

To Register:

December 17 2020 at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GxHyxXCKS2CINbcKqPtH3A

January 27, 2020 at 5 to 6 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qwLOqyyVQvaQjjMBOyhhjg

To join Facebook Live event visit
<https://www.facebook.com/CAEducation/>



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Opportunities for your Student!



Students and families are invited to

Education Summit 2021

a free event for first-generation, African American, Asian American, Latino, Native American and Pacific Islander students and their families.

**All are welcome to attend
Saturday, February 6, 9 am–12 pm.**

- Learn how to prepare for college through presentations and workshops for middle school, high school and community college students
- Hear from current East Bay students as they share their experience at East Bay, including the transition to campus, what school has been like during the pandemic, and advice they have for students going into college
- Financial aid workshops, including FAFSA and Dream Act application tips
- Attend informative workshops for parents of students



The University of San Diego School of Law, in collaboration with [Just The Beginning](#), will host multiple legal education events for high school students across the country. Next month, they will offer an inside look into the law student experience with **Mock Law Class "Day One" on Tuesday, January 12th, from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (PT) via Zoom**. Prior to the class, students will receive a case reading assignment to be [briefed before class day](#) - just like law students. On class day, they will discuss the case's procedural history, relevant facts, legal issue(s), the court's holding, and the court's rationale.

RSVP link:

tinyurl.com/mocklawclass

2021 HAMILTON AWARD



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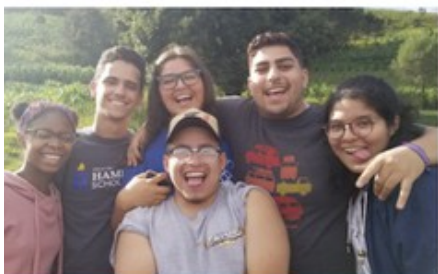
- \$500 Scholarship
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The Hamilton Award recognizes high school juniors for their academic, personal, and service achievements. Every year, we select up to 35 students nationally to enter our five-year, no cost empowerment program.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 27, 2021 at 11:59 PM PT

Send all inquiries to
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Or call: (206) 774-0764

AI SCHOLARS LIVE ONLINE

AI CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BY STANFORD ALUMNI AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

AI Scholars Live Online is a 10-session (25-hour) program that exposes high school students Grades 9-12 to fundamental AI concepts and guides them to build a socially impactful project. Taught by our team of graduate students from Stanford University, students receive a personalized interdisciplinary learning experience with a student-teacher ratio of 4:1. Students with previous programming experience will be placed in an advanced cohort, although no programming experience is required.

STUDENT OUTCOMES



AI Projects: Mentor-led group projects, which are presented to parents, instructors, and peers at the final showcase



AI Careers & Ventures: Talks about AI research and pursuing a career in domains including healthcare and transportation



Pre-College Prep: Workshops on preparing for CS/AI programs and communicating project experience effectively

HOW IT WORKS



Personalized instruction and guidance online through video and chat.



Work closely with their peers throughout various activities and interact with multiple instructors in a **collaborative learning environment**.



Gain access to an **online portal** with quizzes, coding assignments, and additional AI projects to continue learning outside of class sessions.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The program runs for 10 sessions of 2.5 hours each for a total fee of \$900. Deferred payment option available. See our website for additional Spring Semester offerings.

Summer Break Program

Application Deadline: March 1st, 2021

Weekday Cohorts: every weekday for 2 weeks

June 7 - June 18
June 21 - July 2
July 5 - July 16
July 19 - July 30
August 2 - August 13

Weekend Cohorts: every weekend for 5 weeks

May 8 - June 6
June 12 - July 11
July 17 - August 15

Cohort Timings: all times are Pacific Standard Time
8am - 10:30am or 12:30pm - 3pm or 7pm - 9:30pm*

Add 3 hours for Eastern Standard Time
* This time is only available for weekday cohorts

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The *I Am Black History* Conference takes students on a journey exploring how the African American experience and culture through seminars: *Civil Rights Movement, Music, Dance, TV & Film, and Historical Figures* has shaped the world we live in.

Students will engage, interact, and participate in conversation with experts dedicated to chronicling Black Excellence.

All our sessions are designed to educate, inspire, challenge, and provoke communicative thought in students.

The day will also include the HBCU Summit, where students will have the opportunity to meet HBCU Representatives to learn about Historically Black Colleges & Universities.

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