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View:

New classes are welcome, offer wider range of opportunities to students

Biology, Algebra, English Literature—all are essential core curricula, and all are covered quite well by classes, AP or otherwise, offered by Crown Point High School. While learning how to factor a polynomial is important for every student, core subjects do not always cover the full extent of potential interests and career aspirations that all students may have. By offering interesting electives, non-core AP classes and extracurricular activities, the school has done well to accommodate a wider range of individual students.

With the release of a list of new, potentially soon-to-be-offered classes, the number of student interests accommodated has become even more vast. The school has proposed offering courses on subjects as diverse as astronomy and computer coding, as well as new AP courses such as world history. The adoption of these courses displays that the school is trying to promote education and exploration beyond core subjects—a smart move, especially considering an increasingly specialized job market.

Still, adding more classes may hurt enrollment in currently existing classes. A student's schedule is not infinite, and providing competitive students an even wider range of AP classes may lead non-weighted, already well-established curricular programs such as the band, the orchestra, the yearbook, etc. to suffer. Ambitious students, always encouraged to pursue the most rigorous courses possible, should never be discouraged from pursuing a love of choral singing, journalism or art in favor of a supplemented GPA. Thankfully, the school's potential new classes are a healthful mixture of AP and non-weighted electives, and the growing academic diversity of the school is readily apparent as yet another benefit of attending CPHS.

The school is right to ensure that even more student interests than before will be compensated academically with new classes. One may hope, however, that students take advantage of these opportunities and explore classes and programs outside of the core.

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What courses would CPHS benefit from adding?



Elyse Schurg
freshman

"A pharmaceutical class would be interesting. It would be helpful since I want to be a nurse."



Grant Gelon
sophomore

"I would pick a class about how to be a pilot if there was a new class. I really want to be one when I am older."



Connor Krampen
junior

"I think having a military class here would be cool. They could have information on all of the branches."



Mariah White
senior

"A dental class, because I want to become a dental hygienist."