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Sachem Central School District

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Dear Sachem community,

We would like to provide you with the following information regarding the high school scheduling process and some important deadlines. School counselors have been hard at work meeting with students to discuss course options and selections for next school year. We strongly encourage you to utilize the parent portal to review your children's 2024-2025 course selections. All course selections have been entered by their school counselor based on student/parent requests and teacher recommendation. This information is available for all high school parents to view on the Parent Portal on the following timeline:

- **Friday, March 1st, 2024, through Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.**
- **Monday, June 17th, 2024, through Sunday June 30th, 2024.**
- If you are unable to review your child's courses or have any questions for next school year, please contact their school counselor as soon as possible.

If you or your child are requesting any changes to their schedule you must contact the Guidance office by no later than **Monday July 8th, 2024**. After **July 8th**, schedule change requests will **only be** honored for the following reasons:

- Course failure resolution (a student failed a course in the 2023-2024 school year and must retake it, thus removing something from their schedule).
- An open period that must be filled other than an assigned lunch period.
- A missing course request.
- Post-High School Plan Change (a student changes their desired major in college or changes their career path and wants to take courses to better prepare them for the new path).

If students would like to make a schedule change related to one of the reasons listed above, after school begins, **they must follow their assigned schedule for 5 school days**. Only schedule change requests for the reasons listed above will be accommodated starting on **Thursday September 12th, 2024**.

Students are permitted to withdraw from classes, without penalty, for the first 4 weeks of school. If a student chooses to withdraw after the 4-week window, they will receive a **WP (Withdrawn Passing)** or a **WF (Withdrawn Failing)** based on their grades at the time of withdrawal. The last day that students may request to withdraw from class, without penalty, is **Monday October 7th, 2024**.

We will be strictly following these deadlines to maintain appropriate class sizes to continue to offer the wide variety of programs that we do.

Your cooperation with this extremely important aspect of your child's education is greatly appreciated. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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