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## Sachem Central School District

Samoset Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

**During the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Samoset's Guidance Department will visit Physical Education classes to begin the process of programming your child for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. There is some important information we would like to bring to your attention regarding this process.

You and your child are invited to attend **Curriculum Night held at Sachem North on January 9<sup>th</sup>** to learn about the course offerings at the high school level. If you do not have the opportunity to attend, videos of the <u>courses available</u> within each department have been provided on Sachem North's website.

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have access to view a virtual copy of Sachem's High School Guidance Handbook, as well as a printed student copy of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Handbook and programming folder which lists all available 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses. This information is available on the <u>Samoset Guidance webpage</u> as well as on your child's Guidance Google Classroom. A slide show presentation has also been provided by the counseling department to assist you with this process via Google Classroom. Please be sure to discuss the programming information, especially the elective options, with your child at home.

Concluding January 9<sup>th</sup>, your child's teachers will have recommended academic and performing music courses for next year. <u>Beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>, Samoset's School</u> <u>Counselors will be visiting Social Studies classes to sit with your child individually to</u> <u>review those core course recommendations, in addition to finalizing student electives, to</u> <u>fulfill the 9-period day.</u>

Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal in the spring of 2024 where you will be able to view your child's courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending the results of your child's performance in June. If you have any additional questions about the programming process for your child, please contact the Guidance Office at (631) 471-1700 ext 3.

Sincerely, Dr. Georgia Afxendiou Principal