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Samoset Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In January, our school counselors will begin the process of programming your child for 7th grade. **During the week of January 8th**, all 6th graders will meet with the counselors during their Science class to discuss information related to the 7th grade programming process. Your child will have the opportunity to select a **World Language course (French, Italian or Spanish)** and a **Fine Arts course (Chorus, Band, Orchestra or Art)** for the 2024-2025 school year. They will also fill out and submit their Course Selection Form in the Guidance Google Classroom during that class visit. In the meantime, please discuss with your child the importance of making decisions that will affect their future education.

- Most students will be able to select a World Languages course – French, Italian or Spanish. Due to scheduling constraints, once a World Language course is scheduled, we will be unable to make changes. Please choose wisely since this is also the World Languages course your child will be continuing in high school to fulfill graduation requirements. Special Education students may be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room, or Reteach and may have an opportunity to take Spanish 1A Exploratory every other day depending on their program.
- Many students will be able to select a Fine Arts course – Chorus 7, Band 7, Orchestra 7 or Art 7. During 7th grade, all performing music classes are part of the 9-period school day and will have lessons on a rotating basis. If your child is *not* presently in a performing music group and wishes to participate during the 2024-2025 school year, an audition may be required. Otherwise, students who are not in a performing music course may have the opportunity to select Art 7 unless they are in need of other academic supports.

All 6th grade English, Social Studies, Math and Science teachers will submit 2024-2025 course recommendations to the Guidance Office. Students will also be scheduled into Physical Education, Health and Lunch. Any student needing an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) course will be scheduled accordingly. Students receiving Special Education services will be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room, Reteach and/or Speech based on their needs.

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 7th 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
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