

Sachem Central School District
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Dear Parent/Guardian of Ninth Grade Student:

The Sachem North Freshman Guidance Team would like to wish you a healthy and happy New Year in 2012. We would like to inform you about the upcoming schedule of events pertaining to your child's course selection for next year, Guidance Counselor meetings, and preparation for the future.

Course Selection

January 4th & 5th: Guidance Counselors are meeting with all 9th grade students to review the scheduling process for the 2012-2013 school year. The new 2012-2013 Guidance Handbook is now available on the Guidance Website, and a sample/practice Programming Folder is being provided for all students. Students are encouraged to research courses, and to bring any scheduling questions to their Guidance Counselor over the next two weeks. A panel of upperclassmen will also be discussing the importance of freshman year, getting involved, and making positive choices.

January 5th & 6th: Curriculum Fair for all students during Physical Education classes. Students will have the opportunity to receive information on the elective courses offered at North.

January 18th – 30th: Guidance Counselors will be visiting classes to finalize elective course selections. Students must be prepared to make elective choices during these important scheduling meetings, so please review the options with your child to ensure that they are prepared to do this when they meet with their counselor. Teachers will be submitting recommendations for 10th grade in January. Students are encouraged to discuss recommendation questions or concerns with their individual teachers.

Guidance Meeting

Please schedule an appointment with your child's Guidance Counselor to discuss course selections and academic plans. These appointments will take place now through March 2nd, and course selections must be finalized by March 9th. To schedule an appointment, please contact Guidance at 471-1400 ext. 5510.

Family Connection from Naviance

Naviance is a comprehensive website that both parents and students can use to help in making decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. Family Connection is linked with the counselor's office, so it provides up-to-date information that is specific to our school. Parent access codes for Naviance were sent home in October, and student access will be provided this spring during interactive presentations. You will also find a helpful link to Naviance from the Sachem North Guidance Website.

It has been a pleasure working with you, and we look forward to continued interaction and communication. If you have any questions, please contact us at any time.

Sincerely,



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