

# Sachem Central School District at Holbrook

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In January, Mrs. Capuano, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Guidance Counselor, will begin the process of programming your child into his/her 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses. Please note several important dates below.

**During the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>**, all 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend a meeting during their Technology class to discuss information related to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade programming process.

**On or before Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**, you and your child must sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to your child's homeroom teacher. This should be an opportunity for you to discuss with your child the importance of making decisions that will affect his/her future education.

- Most students will be able to select a Language Other Than English (LOTE) course – French, Italian or Spanish. Students should select a 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice LOTE. Due to scheduling constraints, once a LOTE course is scheduled, we will be unable to make changes. Please choose wisely, since this is also the LOTE course your child will be continuing in high school to fulfill graduation requirements.
- All students will be able to select a music course - General Music 8, Chorus 8, Band 8, or Orchestra 8. During 8<sup>th</sup> grade, all music courses are part of the 8-period school day. If you are currently participating in a performing music group and would like to continue, please indicate that below. If you are *not* presently in a performing music group and wish to do so during the 2011-2012 school year, an audition will be required. Otherwise, students should select General Music-8.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade English, History, Math and Science teachers will submit 2011-2012 course recommendations to the Guidance Office. All students will be scheduled into Art, Physical Education, Business and Lunch. Any student needing an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) course as a result of the NYS English Language Arts and Math Assessments will be scheduled accordingly. Students in the Special Education Program will be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room or Reteach in place of a LOTE course. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending the results of your child's performance in June. Please contact the Guidance Office at (631) 471-1700 Ext 3 with any questions.

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

**LOTE:** Your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice LOTE *must* be two different languages (Circle below)

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u> –	French	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u> –	French
	Italian		Italian
	Spanish		Spanish

**MUSIC:** (Check all that apply) I am currently in: \_\_\_\_\_ Chorus-7 \_\_\_\_\_ Band-7 \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra-7

(Circle one) I would like to take:    General Music-8                      Chorus-8                      Band-8                      Orchestra-8

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_