

Sachem Central School District at Holbrook

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In January Mrs. Manning, the 7th grade Guidance Counselor, will begin programming your child into his/her 8th grade courses. This is a very important process and there are several dates to mark on your calendar.

During the week of January 11th all 7th graders will attend a meeting during their Math class to discuss information related to the 8th grade programming process.

On or before Friday, January 22nd you and your child must sign the bottom portion of this letter and return it 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 1st choice and 2nd 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 8th 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 2010-2011 school year, an audition will be required. Otherwise, students should select General Music-8.

All 7th grade English, History, Math and Science teachers will complete 2010-2011 course recommendations by the end of January. 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.

In March, a course verification sheet will be sent home. This sheet will list your child's courses for 8th grade. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending the results of your child's performance in June. Please contact Mrs. Manning at (631) 471-1859 or lmanning@sachem.edu with any questions.

Sincerely Yours,

Gemma M. Salvia
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***To be returned by January 22nd ***

Student's Name _____ Homeroom _____

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

<u>1st Choice</u> –	French	<u>2nd 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 _____

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