

## ***Sachem Central School District***

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the first few weeks of January, Seneca's Guidance Department will begin the process of programming your child for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. There are several important dates below to mark on your calendar.

**On Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** at Sachem North High School, there is a *very important meeting* for all Seneca eighth graders and their parents. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss 9<sup>th</sup> grade course offerings. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. The information given at this meeting is important for your child's 9<sup>th</sup> grade programming. If you plan to attend this meeting, **bring along the Sachem High School Guidance Handbook distributed to your child in school.**

**On January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** all eighth graders will attend a meeting during the school day, where Sachem's High School Guidance Handbook and a programming folder will be distributed and explained. Please be sure to discuss the programming information, especially the elective options, with your child.

**Beginning Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>** your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year. Mrs. Proctor, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Counselor, will be meeting with eighth grade students for the purpose of course selections for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. During these small group meetings, students will choose electives to complete their freshman program.

**Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal on March 14, 2012.** You will be able to view your child's courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade online. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative, pending the results of your child's performance in June.

**During the months of March and April, Mrs. Proctor will be available to meet with parents. Please call the Guidance Office to schedule an appointment at (631) 471-1850 ext 3.**

Sincerely,

Gemma M. Salvia  
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