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Dear Parents and Guardians:

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

On January 4th, 5th and 6th 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 Friday, January 6th your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year. Mrs. Sorrentino, Mrs. Jargo and Mr. Zilberstein, the Guidance Counselors, will be meeting with eighth grade students for the purpose of course selections for 9th grade. During these small group meetings, students will choose electives to complete their freshman program.

In Late February/Early March (the date will be finalized and shared in the coming weeks) there is a *very important meeting* for all Sagamore eighth graders and their parents beginning at 7:00 PM at Sachem High School East. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss 9th grade course offerings. The information given at this meeting is important for your child's 9th grade programming. If you plan to attend this meeting, **bring along the Sachem High School Guidance Handbook distributed to your child in school in January.**

Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal on March 30th, 2017 and will remain on the Portal until April 24th. You will be able to view your child's courses for 9th grade online. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative, pending the results of your child's performance in June.

During the month of March, Mrs. Sorrentino, Mrs. Jargo and Mr. Zilberstein will be available to meet with parents. Please call the Guidance Office to schedule an appointment at (631) 696-8600, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Frank Panasci
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