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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Sagamore Guidance Department will begin the process of programming your child for eighth grade. To better prepare you and your child, there are several dates you need to be aware of.

On Tuesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 8th, all 7th graders will attend a meeting during their Science classes to discuss information related to the 8th grade programming process. Mrs. Sorrentino, Mrs. Jargo and Mr. Zilberstein will distribute an *Elective Selection Form*. This form will request a 1st and 2nd *Language Other than English* choice and *Music* preference.

- **Most students will be able to select a Language Other Than English (LOTE) course-** Spanish, Italian or French. We ask that you thoroughly discuss this exciting decision with your child because the LOTE course will continue in high school to fulfill graduation requirements. Please keep in mind, due to scheduling restraints, once programming is complete, we will not be able to accommodate any choice changes. Special Education students will be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room, or Re-teach in place of LOTE, depending on their program.
- **All students will be able to select General Music 8, Chorus 8, Band 8 or Orchestra 8.**
The music course will be part of the eight period day. If you are currently participating in a performing music group and would like to continue, please choose that class. If you are not presently in a performing music group and wish to do so during the 2017-2018 school year, an audition will be required. Otherwise, students should select General Music-8.

Your child's teachers will make placement recommendations for Math, English, Social Studies and Science for the 2017-2018 school year. Any student needing an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) course in English or Mathematics will be scheduled accordingly. **All student course selections will be posted on the Parent Portal on March 30, 2017 and will remain on the Portal until April 24th.**

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) 696-8600, ext. 3 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Panasci
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