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Sachem Central School District

Samoset Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the first few weeks of January, Samoset'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.

Your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year from January 7th through January 13th. Beginning January 11th, all eighth graders will receive Sachem's High School Guidance Handbook and a copy of the programming folder virtually. A presentation of this information with be provided by Mr. Baumiller on Samoset's Guidance Google Classroom as well. Please be sure to discuss the programming information, especially the elective options, with your child at home.

All students will be required to complete and submit a 9th Grade Course Selection Google Form to Mr. Baumiller via the Guidance Google Classroom. Once the form is submitted, Mr. Baumiller will review your child's courses to ensure he/she meets the requirements for a full 9th grade schedule. Please note, if your child is taking elective courses in place of their lunch period, this request must be in writing. Please send an email to Mr. Baumiller at kbaumiller@sachem.edu if this pertains to your child.

Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal in the spring, 2021. You will be able to view your child's courses for 9th grade. 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, Mr. Baumiller will be available to speak with parents about high school programming. Please call the Guidance Office at (631) 471-1700 ext 3.

Sincerely,

James Horan Principal