

# *Sachem Central School District at Holbrook*

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Beginning this month, we will be scheduling your child for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The scheduling process is a very important one and there are several dates to mark on your calendar.

**On or before Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> choice and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade, all music courses are part of the 8-period school day. If your child is currently participating in a performing music group and would like to continue, please indicate that below. If your child is not presently in a performing music group and wishes to do so during the 2017-2018 school year, an audition will be required. Auditions can be arranged through the performing music group teachers. Otherwise, students should select General Music 8.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade English, History, Math and Science teachers completed 2017-2018 course recommendations in January. All students will be scheduled into Art, Physical Education, and Lunch. Any student needing an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) will be recommended by their Math and/or English teacher. Students in the Special Education Program will be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room or Reteach in place of a LOTE course. All student course selections will be posted on Parent Portal on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending the results of your child's performance in June. Please contact Mr. Sheehan (A-G), Mrs. Conte (H-N) or Mrs. Proctor (O-Z) with any questions at 471-1850.

Sincerely Yours,

Gemma M. Salvia  
Principal

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## **Scheduling for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice –	French	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice –	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 \_\_\_\_\_

**\*To be returned by Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to the Homeroom Teacher\***