

# *Sachem Central School District*

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the first few weeks of December, 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.

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.

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 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.** Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend.

**Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Sachem North High School**  
**Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm Sachem East High School**

**Beginning Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>,** Mr. Sheehan, Mrs. Conte and Mrs. Proctor, Seneca's Guidance Counselors, will be meeting with eighth grade students with the purpose of making course selections for 9<sup>th</sup> grade. During these small group meetings, students will choose electives to complete their freshman program.

**Course Requests, which are a list of courses that will appear in your child's schedule, will be posted on the Parent Portal from March 25<sup>th</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.** You will be able to view your child's courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade online by clicking on the "Course Requests" tab when the window opens. 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. Sheehan (A-F) Mrs. Conte (G-N) and Mrs. Proctor (O-Z) will be available to meet with parents. Please call** the Guidance Office on or after February 11<sup>th</sup> to schedule an appointment at (631) 471-1850.

Sincerely,

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