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## Sachem Central School District

Sagamore Middle School

December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the month 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.

**Beginning Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>,** your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year.

**During the week of January 2**<sup>nd</sup>, all eighth graders will attend a meeting during the school day. The online Sachem Course Catalog will be reviewed, and a programming folder will be distributed and explained. Please be sure to discuss the programming information, especially the elective options, with your child.

**During January and February**, Mrs. Sorrentino, the 8th grade Counselor, will be meeting with eighth grade students for the purpose of course selections for 9th grade. During these meetings, students will choose electives to complete their freshman program.

Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal in the spring, 2024. 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 will be available to meet with parents. Please call the Guidance Office if you would like to schedule a virtual appointment or phone conference at (631) 696-8600, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

Lisa Johnson Principal