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Dear Parent/Guardian of 7th grade students,

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It is time to schedule our students for the 2024-2025 school year. We encourage you to participate in the planning of your child's instructional program for the new school year by becoming familiar with the on-line [MS Course Selection Guide](#). Additionally we encourage you to discuss educational options with your child and the professional staff throughout the scheduling process.

Teacher/Departmental Recommendations

- Once the portal opens on February 1st, the course that is displayed in each respective subject represents the course that your child has been recommended for. Please reach out to your child's classroom teacher(s) if you have any questions about the recommendation.

Online Course Request on the Parent Portal

- Parents will have access to view departmental recommendations and have the ability to make course selections via the parent portal (<https://smithtown.powerschool.com/public/home.html>) from February 1st – February 9th. February 9th **will be the last day for parents to make any changes on-line**. Please refer to this "[Scheduling Help Document](#)" in order to assist you and your child with the scheduling process.

Course Selections with Counselors

- While students and families are able to make course selections at home through the parent portal during the scheduling window, counselors will be meeting with students to assist them with making appropriate course selections. In addition to your ability to call and email the counselors directly, counselors will be pushing into classes to assist students with the scheduling process.

Challenge by Choice

- 7th Graders interested in challenging their placement by enrolling in honors and/or accelerated courses should choose the course from the drop down. **As part of this process, students should discuss their interest in taking more challenging coursework with their current classroom teacher, parents/guardians and counselor.** Please be advised that the final grade of any high school level courses (Algebra 1 and/or Biology) will transfer to the high school transcript and be calculated into the high school GPA. **Once a student has made his/her course selection(s), there is no guarantee that a future request for a course change can be accommodated.** For additional information regarding "challenge by choice" please refer to the [2024-2025 MS Course Selection Guide](#).

Projected enrollments are determined by the number of selections that are made by the students. Therefore, it is important that requests are well planned and suitable to accommodate the learning needs

of your child. Please remember that the availability of the program is subject to fiscal constraints affecting the K-12 operations of the district.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Colon', written in a cursive style.

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