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Dear Parents and Guardians:

During the first few weeks of January, 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.

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

On Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at Sachem North High School, and on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at Sachem East High School, 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 meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. 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.

**Beginning Friday, January 6**<sup>th</sup>, your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year. 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 verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal on March 30th.** You will be able to view your child's courses for 9<sup>th</sup> grade online. 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-G) Mrs. Conte (H-N) and Mrs. Proctor (O-Z) will be available to meet with parents. Please call the Guidance Office to schedule an appointment at (631) 471-1850.

Sincerely,

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