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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 Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>,** your child's teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for next year.

**During the week of January 13**<sup>th</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.** 

You and your child are invited to attend **Curriculum Night held at Sachem East on January 16**<sup>th</sup> to learn about course offerings at the high school level. If you do not have the opportunity to attend, videos of the courses available within each department have been provided on Sachem East's website.

Beginning January 21<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Jargo, 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.

Students must be prepared to choose two first choice electives and two second choice electives at this time.

Course verifications will be posted on the Parent Portal in the spring, 2025. 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. If you have any additional questions about the programming process for your child, please contact the Guidance office at (631) 696-8600, ext. 3.

Sincerely,

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