

January, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As this school year passes by quickly, preparation for next year is already underway. We would like to share with you important information regarding the scheduling process for the 2023-24 school year. During the school day on **Friday, January 13th**, the high school counselors will meet with all eighth graders at Waverly Middle School. We will complete the following at these student-only meetings:

- 1) Present information about academic programs and opportunities at the high school
- 2) Specifically discuss high school graduation requirements and student course choices for their 9th grade year
- 3) Show students how to enter their 9th grade course choices in PowerSchool
- 4) Discuss all steps necessary for registration completion (as explained below).

During the meeting your student will review **a Freshman Course Description Booklet** explaining the curriculum and prerequisites of each course offered to 9th graders. This Freshmen Course Description Booklet—and a full high school curriculum booklet for all grades—can be found on the Waverly High School Counseling Office website. Each 8th grader will also receive **a Freshman Registration Worksheet** used to help him or her select the courses to enroll in next year. Students are expected to bring the worksheet home for parental approval and to obtain your signature. Students will then enter the courses in PowerSchool and return the completed Worksheet to the Waverly Middle School Office by the end of the day on **Wednesday, January 18th**.

In other words, all of the following must be completed by January 18th:

- 1) The Freshmen Registration Worksheet filled in completely by pen/pencil
- 2) Parent signature of approval for the student's 9th grade choices
- 3) Student enters course requests in PowerSchool
- 4) Student returns worksheet to WMS office

Your 8th grade student will receive a registration worksheet today. Please start the conversation now if you want him or her to have a head-start through planning. We encourage you to discuss with your student his or her selections for next year based on career interests, personal strengths, and possible post-secondary plans. We also encourage you to review your student's suggested math placement. The middle school should share information with you about which math course is recommended for your student's 9th grade year. If you have any concern about that placement, please contact the appropriate middle school math teacher.

You can find the [WHS 2023-2024 Freshmen Course Description Book](#) (to include graduation requirements and grading scale updates on the last pages) and the full [2023-2024 High School Course Description Book](#) on the High School Counseling website.

This booklet can be used to look towards future years and more programming options beyond the 9th grade year. **NOTE: be sure to use the Freshmen Course Description Booklet when signing up for 9th grade courses.**

Scheduling Notes:

A class must have AT LEAST 15 students register or that class will be canceled.

We take the scheduling process seriously. Numbers of class sections, teacher assignments, courses offered, etc. are all based on this process. You MUST pick the classes in which you will enroll. What is approved now WILL BE the courses available next year. In the 2023-2024 school year, schedule changes will NOT be made without special circumstances.

Each student's academic plan will be reviewed in the PowerSchool system this summer. Schedules will only be available at the beginning of the next school year.

Information regarding high school activities—including clubs and sports—will come to you at a later date. Your students will also be invited to a high school Transition Day in late May (if circumstances allow) to tour the building, learn about activities, and meet other students. You will receive additional information from the principal at a later date.

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CURRENT 8th GRADE:

Registration Information Provided

What: Materials and Worksheet provided to freshmen

Where: Middle School Classrooms -

Who: 8th Grades

When: Monday, January 9th

Registration

Where: Waverly Middle School

Who: 8th Graders

When: Friday, January 13th

Course Requests Entered Deadline- 8th Grade

Where: Enter into PowerSchool AND Worksheet Turned in to the Middle School Office

When: Wednesday, January 18th