



Building Bridges for today's students to cross into tomorrow's world with equity, innovation and optimism

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Dear Eighth Grade Parents/Guardians:

We are about to begin the scheduling process for the 8th grade students in preparation for their entrance into High School. On Friday, January 11, 2019 your child will attend an assembly at the Middle School. During this assembly, Department Chairs will present information to the 8th graders on high school courses offered by their departments.

Each 8th grade student will receive a copy of the 2019-2020 High School Program of Studies. This booklet contains detailed descriptions of all course offerings at Nyack High School (and can also be found on the Nyack High School's Guidance webpage under *Need to Know*). The Program of Studies will help you and your child plan an academic program each year. Graduation and testing requirements are also included. Do not let this overwhelm you! These requirements are reviewed each year with your child by their guidance counselor.

Later in January, your child's guidance counselor, Mr. Edgar Lambert and high school counselors will be meeting with 8th grade students in their social studies classes to discuss course offerings and transitioning to high school. At this time, students will be asked to make elective choices for 9th grade. 9th graders are encouraged to take Health during their freshman year. If scheduling permits, 9th grade students may take up to 1.5 periods worth of elective courses. Electives are offered by semester or full year.

On January 23, 2019, at 7 PM please plan on attending the 8th- 9th Grade Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation at the **NYACK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to learn about academic and extracurricular programs offered at the high school.

Please call us at any time during this process with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to sharing this exciting experience with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Longing
Director of Guidance K-12

cc: David Johnson

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