

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

Ninth grade transition is in full swing! Our guidance counselors have begun presenting 9th grade course options, and your student has received two important worksheets, a [9th Grade Departmental Elective Worksheet](#) and a [High School Planning Entry Worksheet](#).

The next step in the transition process includes **8-9 Virtual Transition Meetings** to plan your child's schedule. These student-counselor-parent meetings will take place via Google Meet, and parents will use our parent-teacher conference booking platform, "Teacher Reacher," to book their meeting time.

Beginning **January 19th at 6:30 PM**, you may begin booking appointments with your child's guidance counselor if you have already completed the [Setup Process for Teacher Reacher](#). Please note:

- Each family may book one 20 minute appointment for their 8th grader;
- The window for appointments is January 25th through March 3rd, 2021;
- Dates and times for appointments are noted directly in Teacher Reacher.

Please make sure that you have completed the Teacher Reacher account setup process, are able to log in prior to your conference, and that you are in a safe location that allows you to have a private conversation about your child. Here are [instructions for setting up appointments](#). Students who are in-person learners will meet with counselors in a location designated by the school counselor, with our safety protocols in place. Remote learners can sign in with or separately from their parents. Please follow directions in Teacher Reacher to indicate your choice of dates/times. So that everyone can be accommodated, there will be no "drop in" conferences.

Eighth grade teachers have recommended courses for your child which can be viewed as "**Course Registration**" in the Campus Portal beginning January 22nd. Please log in during this window to view and print your child's recommended 9th grade academic program by clicking on the "Course Registration: 21-22 Syosset High School" link on the left side of the Portal screen. Please take some time to review the [Syosset High School Curriculum Guide](#) with your child, both to read a description of their recommended core academic courses, and to review elective choices prior to your guidance appointment.

Students will be provided with passes to leave class for their assigned appointment time, and will be afforded the opportunity to make up any work missed.

Thank you for joining us in what we are certain will be a rewarding planning opportunity for you and your child. Should you have any questions, please contact your school's Guidance Office.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bonanno, HB Thompson Principal

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