

December 19th, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the midpoint of your child's 8th grade year and the beginning of the exciting process of transition to 9th grade. The program planning process begins as soon as we return from the December break. Please take note of the important dates below, and know that more information will be forthcoming in the new year:

- **Early January:** Updated high school course/curriculum information will be posted online and emailed home to families. Students will begin receiving information about the course selection process in school.
- **January 8th:** One half of the HBT 8th grade will visit Syosset High School during the school day to learn about ninth-grade elective offerings. **January 15th:** The other half of the HBT 8th grade will visit Syosset High School during the school day to learn about ninth grade elective offerings. Students will be bused, and permission slips will come home in January.

Save the Date!

- On **January 16th at 11:00 AM**, middle school administrators and guidance counselors will host a **Virtual 8-9 Parent Transition Information Session**. More information, including a reminder and a meet link, will be sent home in early January.

We will communicate again in January about the course selection process, classroom visits by guidance counselors, program planning worksheets, and individualized student program planning meetings.

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 the Guidance Office.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bonanno, H.B. Thompson Principal