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February 4, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Believe it or not, we are already halfway through the 2017-18 school year. Curriculum coordinators and teachers, in collaboration with the administration have been working tirelessly to review this year's classes, curriculum and structure to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of your students each day. As you know, we began an in-depth review of our schedule and offerings last year. We have continued to update, change and enhance our offerings as we receive feedback from teachers and students throughout the year.

As we enter this time of course selection for the 2018-19 school year, I encourage you to take the time to review our latest offerings in the 2018-19 Program of Studies. This resource will help guide your child's planning for the next school year. Not only does it outline courses and pathways, but it also provides important guidance and criteria for the differences between course levels and expectations. Teachers will begin the process of recommending courses in MIDAS on Monday, February 5th. Teachers will complete all core academic recommendations before the evening program scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at 7pm in the Auditorium. We hope you will join us for an informational evening about the course selection process; as well as a chance to hear about the many exciting initiatives happening throughout the school. Parents/guardians will have the chance to hear directly from teachers, students and administrators to help you better understand the opportunities available for your child(ren). You will also have a chance to complete the online MIDAS process that night with professional, technical assistance if you choose to do so.

In addition to the parent/guardian evening scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, we will be meeting with all grade-level students (grades 8-11) on Wednesday, February 7th during the school day to review the course selection process. The students will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the class offerings, expectations for leveled courses as well as the personal resources available to help them. Please keep in mind that not all courses outlined in the course catalog will run. Course recommendations determine which courses will be added to the master schedule; so choose wisely!

I encourage you to engage in meaningful discussion with your children around this process and to honor the professional recommendations of our teachers. They are working hard to align expectations and standards and will be recommending students based on the criteria outlined in the 2018-19 Program of Studies. Please review the criteria with your child and encourage them to set up a time to meet with his/her teacher if they are interested in advancing their placement by the end of the school year. Recommendations can be reviewed at that time and course levels can be changed if students have worked to earn and master the necessary skills to succeed at the honors or AP levels.

We look forward to seeing you all on February 8th at 7pm in the John Lane Auditorium. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to sharing more detailed information with you soon.

Sincerely,
Amy E. Rose
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Principal