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# Sachem Central School District

*Sagamore Middle School*

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Sagamore Guidance Department will begin the process of programming your child for eighth grade. To better prepare you and your child, there are several dates you need to be aware of.

**The week of January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**, all 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend a meeting during their Math classes to discuss information related to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade programming process. Mrs. Sorrentino will distribute an *Elective Selection Form*. This form will request a *Music preference*.

- **All students will be able to select General Music 8, Chorus 8, Band 8 or Orchestra 8.**

The music course will be part of the nine period day. If you are currently participating in a performing music group and would like to continue, please choose that class. If you are not presently in a performing music group and wish to do so during the 2023-2024 school year, an audition will be required. Otherwise, students should select General Music-8.

**Your child's teachers** will make placement recommendations for Math, English, Social Studies, Science and World Languages for the 2023-2024 school year. Any student needing an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) course in English or Mathematics will be scheduled accordingly. **All student course selections will be posted on the Parent Portal in the spring of 2023.**

**Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending the results of your child's performance in June.** Please contact the Guidance office at (631) 696-8600, ext. 3 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Frank Panasci  
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