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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 seventh grade. To better prepare you and your child, there are several dates you need to be aware of.

**On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** all 6<sup>th</sup> graders will attend a meeting during their Math classes to discuss information related to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade programming process. Mrs. Jargo will distribute an *Elective Selection Form*. This form will request a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> *World Language* choice and *Music* preference.

- **Most students will be able to select a World Language course-** Spanish, Italian or French. We ask that you thoroughly discuss this exciting decision with your child because the World Language course will continue in high school to fulfill graduation requirements. Please keep in mind, due to scheduling restraints, once programming is complete, we will not be able to accommodate any choice changes. Special Education students will be scheduled for Reading, Resource Room, or Re-teach and may have an opportunity to take a World Language, depending on their program.
- **All students will be able to select Chorus 7, Band 7, Orchestra 7 or Art 7.** 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 Art 7. Please note that lessons are a part of the curriculum for Band, Orchestra and Chorus in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Attendance at lessons is required and part of a student's grade.

**In the spring of 2023, your child's course recommendations will be posted on the Parent Portal.** Please keep in mind that all recommendations are tentative pending your child's final performance in June. Please contact the Guidance office at (631) 696-8600, ext.3 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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