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Memo to: Parents and Guardians of Eighth Grade Students

From: Bloomington Junior High School Counselors

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Subject: Preparation for High School.....and Beyond

Eighth grade students will soon begin the exciting job of preparing for their high school years. After learning about how high school systems work, students will select courses for their freshman year. We recognize the important role you play in this process and are taking this opportunity to share details with you. Please keep this information handy; it will help guide you and your student in this task.

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 29	Bloomington High School Open House, 7:00-8:30
Jan. 9-13	Registration activities in 8th Grade English classrooms
Jan. 13	Signed Course Selection Forms Due

Preparation: Using Bloomington High School guidelines, eighth grade teachers have determined each student's placement in the areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language. These placements are based on student performance at BJHS.

Classroom: Between Jan. 9th and 13th, counselors will present registration information to 8th graders during their English class. Students will learn about high school systems, programs, requirements, and specific classes available to freshmen. They will be assisted in choosing elective courses suited to their needs and future goals.

Home: Students will bring registration packets home during the week of classroom activities (Jan. 9-13). They will be instructed to ask you for time and guidance on class decisions. When you and your student have finalized choices for ninth grade electives, please sign the form and return it to school **immediately**. If you need more time to review and consider options, please do so, returning a signed copy no later than January 20th. Forms not signed by January 20th will be sent to BHS without a parent/guardian signature.

Conferences: If, after discussing possible choices with your eighth grader, you have additional questions and would like to schedule a meeting with your student's counselor, please call 827-0086 to request an appointment.

We're hoping the information your student brings home provides an opportunity for some thought-provoking, enjoyable and productive discussions about their future. It is rewarding to listen to the students' goals and help them plan ways to reach them. We value our partnership with you in this process and thank you for your support and involvement.