



To Parents of Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

January 20, 2020

What an exciting time! Your child is gearing up to transition to high school. We would like to disseminate important information and dates so please read through this e-mail thoroughly and reach out to your child's counselor if you have additional questions.

**Important Dates:**

**Now-January 30:** Magnet School Application Period (If your child is planning to apply to a magnet high school, he/she will need to complete an application online. If you have questions about magnet schools, please contact your child's counselor or review information on the WCPSS website.)

**February 13<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>:** PHMS Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting: The Nuts and Bolts of the High School Transition [Feb 13: 6 PM and Feb 19: 9:30 AM]

\*See attached flier

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – March 6<sup>th</sup>:** WCPSS Transfer Period (If you are requesting your child attends a school other than your assigned base school. Please see the WCPSS website for more information.)

**February 11<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>:** High School Registration at Pine Hollow (The counselors will be conducting 2 classroom lessons with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to facilitate the registration process.)

\*See the next page for details

**August 24<sup>th</sup>:** First day of high school for traditional calendar schools!

**High School Open House Dates:**

Leesville Road HS: February 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Millbrook HS: February 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:45 PM

Sanderson HS: February 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:00 PM

Broughton HS: February 25<sup>th</sup> 6 PM

Green Level HS: February 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8 PM

Southeast Raleigh: Potentially Feb 27 \*Check website

We look forward to working with you and your child through this transition. This is a very important time in your child's education and we wish for them to be best prepared for their next chapter. Reach out to a counselor if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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## Registration Details at PHMS

We will be meeting with your child twice in the next two months. See below for exact dates.

Track	First Lesson	Second Lesson/Registration
1	February 11	February 27
2	February 13	March 11
3	February 20	March 6
4	February 18	March 5

In the first lesson, we will be reviewing high school courses, starting four year plans, and selecting 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses. After the first lesson, your child will come home with a red folder. It will include course selections, high school information, and a signature sheet for permission to register at school. In the second lesson, students will be completing high school registration online through Powerschool.

In between the first and second lesson, we highly recommend that you sit down with your child to review his/her 4 year plan, teacher recommendations, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade course selections.

- **The 4 year plans are not permanent**, but they should serve as a guide to help your child see how many courses he/she needs, how each year might look, and how to fit in all of his/her desired classes.
- Teacher recommendations will be entered in Powerschool by February 21<sup>st</sup>. Your child can log-on to Powerschool to review these recommendations while selecting 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses. **We highly recommend that your child follows his/her teacher recommendations.**
- Students will select 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses on paper. If they have a parent-signed sheet and their choices at their second lesson date, they can register online. We highly recommend that students register with us so we can troubleshoot problems, double check to ensure the right courses were selected, and answer any questions. Students will be registering on Powerschool and the registration window is February 21- Mar 27. Please note: **There is NO benefit to registering early.** The high school pulls the course selections in April by grade level to start the class selection process. Please have your child take his/her time selecting courses as schedule changes can be difficult at the high school level.
- Please encourage your child to view their base high school's website. The student services link contains information about specific classes, course rigor, and additional information about the transition to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

