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To Parents of Rising 9th Grade Students,

February 2, 2018

We have started the registration process with your student! We will be meeting with your child twice in the next two months. In the first lesson, we will be reviewing high school courses, creating four year plans, and starting the process of selecting 9th grade courses. In the second lesson, we will be registering online and discussing many topics about high school. Please see the chart below to know when your child will have these lessons:

| Track | First Lesson | Second Lesson/Registration |
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| 1 | Tuesday, February 6 th | Wednesday, February 21 |
| 2 | Monday, February 5 th | Tuesday, March 6 th |
| 3 | Friday, February 16 th | Monday, February 26 th |
| 4 | Wednesday, February 7th | Wednesday, February 28th |

In between the first and second lesson, we highly recommend sitting down with your child to review his/her 4 year plan, teacher recommendations, and 9th grade course selections. This will all be kept in a colored folder.

- 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 16th. Your child can log-on to Powerschool to review these recommendations while selecting 9th grade courses. **We highly recommend that your child follows his/her teacher recommendations.** If you disagree with the teacher or have questions about the recommendation, please reach out to the teacher to schedule a time to discuss.
- Students will select 9th grade courses on paper. If they have this signed sheet and their choices at their second lesson date, they can register online with us. We highly recommend that students register with us so we can troubleshoot problems, double check the students chose the right courses (very confusing!), and answer any questions. Students will be registering on Powerschool and the registration window is February 20-March 23. 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.

To learn more about courses and the high school process, please attend the session at PHMS and the open houses at the prospective high schools. The PHMS session is on February 13th from 9-10 am or 5:30-6:30 pm. The high school open house dates: Leesville Road HS: February 8th 6:15-8, Millbrook HS: February 15th 6:30-7:45, Sanderson HS: February 22nd 6-8, and Wake Forest HS: February 1st 4:30-6:15. You can also visit the school's website to view more information about specific classes.

Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns!

Thank you,

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