January 2, 2020

Dear Parents of Blind Brook Middle School 8th Grade Students,

This is an exciting time for all of us as we begin to transition your child from middle school to the Blind Brook High School Class of 2024! For us, this process formally begins with our Freshman Parent Orientation, which will be held on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00pm in the George C. Trautwein Theater. The goal of the evening is to provide you with an overview of graduation requirements, our academic program offerings, and the course selection process for next year.

At this meeting, you will also have the opportunity to meet your child’s high school counselor, who will review some scheduling information and provide an overview of what to expect in the 9th grade year and the years beyond. Please note that this meeting is designed for parents and guardians, not students.

Students will learn about the course selection process through meetings with their guidance counselor, presentations by 8th grade and high school teachers about course offerings in the various subject areas, and an elective assembly where eighth graders will be introduced to their elective choices and extra-curricular opportunities. It is our hope that this multi-pronged approach will provide students and parents the vital information necessary to plan their high school career.

The high school’s Course of Study Guide for 2020-21 has already been posted to the school’s website. While we will present a more detailed review of the course sequences in each subject area at the orientation, should you wish to review the guide ahead of the meeting, it can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.blindbrook.org/domain/282

If you have questions after the program, please feel free to contact the appropriate department coordinator or Mrs. Arzt and Mrs. Sosnow with any questions. Telephone extensions for the department coordinators can be found in the “For Your Information” section of the guide.

As you and your children move through the course selection process, it is critically important that carefully and thoughtfully construct a schedule. Our course offerings, and indeed our entire master schedule, are exclusively demand driven as they are solely determined by your course requests. The decision to “run” a course, class sizes, and ultimately the period(s) in which classes are scheduled are the direct result of your selections. Accordingly, once you’ve
submitted your course sheets, your selections are permanent. At that point, changes will only be considered based upon availability within the framework of the schedule up until the start of school; once the new school year begins, schedule changes are not permitted. Once again, please choose carefully!

We look forward to working with you and your child to make the next four years an amazing high school experience! We hope to see you on February 5th!

Best Wishes,

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