

Dear Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

In the next few weeks your eighth grade student will be signing up for high school classes, and because some courses are required and others are optional “electives”, it is important that they are placed in classes that will benefit them the most. We encourage you to attend Parents Night at MTHS on Wednesday, January 24, 2018, when we will outline the core curriculum and student electives. We will speak on a variety of topics that are important for you and your student as you plan for their freshman year.

The eighth grade teachers’ input is very important in determining placement in the core classes (Math, English, Science and Social Studies). They base their recommendations on EXPLORE and PSAT 8/9 test scores, current grades, work ethic, study skills, motivation, etc. History and research show that the eighth grade teacher recommendations are the most accurate, so we are asking the teachers for their input regarding placement recommendations. Please help communicate to your students that their eighth grade year is not yet over, so the teachers will be given an opportunity to update the recommendations later in the year. Your student will be given the opportunity to retest in as many as two areas. That retest date is yet to be determined. If the retest score is such that it qualifies them for an upgrade, it will then be granted. Again, our wish is that we properly place your student for the greatest chance for academic achievement and success.

Included with this letter are some important dates, times, and information of which you need to be aware.

- A counselor from Metamora High School will be going to each grade school to talk to the eighth grade students and to hand out registration packets and PSAT 8/9 Test results. Please bring your student’s registration packet with you to the course request night.
- The eighth grade students will be at Metamora High School for orientation on Wednesday, January 24. They will be transported by bus from their respective schools to the high school for this orientation, and they will eat lunch at the high school. Payment of \$3.00 will be paid to your grade school prior to Friday, December 1st. If your student would like to purchase a shake, slushie or dessert, you will need to send extra money with them. Cost for dessert or slushie is \$0.50, and a small frozen yogurt is \$0.75.
- Parents' Night will be at Metamora Township High School on Wednesday, January 24, in the auditorium from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please join us in the hall in front of the auditorium at 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to introduce you to the various sports, activities and clubs that are offered at MTHS.
- A course request night for all eighth grade students will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Metamora High School in the library. Please enter the building through the west doors from the west student parking lot. If you cannot come on this date, please call the guidance office (367-4151, ext. 551) to set up an appointment to select your student’s courses.

We look forward to seeing all of you and hope that your student's transition from eighth grade to high school will be a pleasant experience.

If we can be of any help, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

MTHS Guidance Department

- Jennifer Jewell, Director of Student Services, ext. 524
- Jeaneen Bohannon, Counselor, ext. 550
- Malinda Brown, Counselor, ext. 552
- Garry Finch, Counselor, ext. 553
- Dana Smith, Counselor, ext. 557
- Tina Winkler, Secretary, ext. 551