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Dear 8th grade students and families,

Framingham High School is excited to welcome you as incoming 9th graders for the 2019-2020 school year! We have wonderful faculty and staff who are eager to get to know you throughout your high school career. As you think about the transition from middle school to high school and complete your course selection, we would like to pass along some reminders and pieces of advice:

-Each student will receive recommendations from their current 8th grade teachers in terms of levels and courses for 9th grade. Your teachers know you well and we encourage you to take their recommendations seriously and have conversations with them regarding any concerns or questions you may have.

-The transition to high school is exciting and challenging. We encourage you to think about the balance of your schedule (including extracurricular activities and out-of-school commitments) when selecting your courses and levels. For example, even if you are recommended for all Honors level courses, it may not be balanced to take all of them at once when you consider your other interests and commitments. We find that having a mixture of levels is often a good way to make the adjustment from middle to high school. Additionally, study skills such as time management, organization, and homework will be essential elements for success, and we encourage you to help support your student as they make the transition to high school.

-Staffing and scheduling decisions are made based on the course selection of students in the spring. We will work hard to create a master schedule that serves all students based on their requests. We strive to give students their first choices, but they may also receive their alternative courses. Please be sure to put classes that you are interested in taking, as schedule changes will not be possible once schedules are created.

-In order to help you make these decisions, we invite you to Curriculum Night, February 27th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Framingham High School.

-Students can also look forward to attending orientation in August!

We are excited to work with you in the 2019-2020 school year and wish you the very best as you complete your final year of middle school!

Sincerely,

Framingham High School Administration and School Counseling Department