8th to 9th GRADE TRANSITION MEETING  
Thursday, January 17th, 7:00 P.M.  
Performing Art Center

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

It is our privilege to welcome your children to the High School next September. We invite you to meet with faculty from Rye High School to learn about the wealth of curricular choices available beginning in the ninth grade. I would also like to introduce you to our Department Coordinators, who will provide you with departmental overviews, information about various electives available to your child, and instructions on registering for courses. In addition, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions.

We have scheduled this meeting for eighth grade parents on Thursday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

A typical ninth grade schedule includes English, Global Studies, Living Environment, Math, World Language, Composition (one semester), Physical Education, lunch and usually one or two additional classes from a number of electives. Unscheduled periods are supervised study halls. Some of the electives are one semester and some are a full year in duration.

**High school class registration procedures:** We will adhere to the following steps to register your child in ninth grade classes:

1. The evening Transition Meeting on January 17th will provide an introduction to the high school curriculum and offer an opportunity to talk with Department Coordinators.
2. On January 18th, High School Guidance Counselors, along with the 8th grade counselor, will visit classes and explain how course registration works. Students will be encouraged to input their course requests, including their elective choices. Course catalogs will be distributed to students. Please ask your son or daughter to show you the Catalog and discuss the elective choices with him or her. We will also post the Catalog on our website: [http://www.ryeschools.org > High School>Guidance>General Resources>Program of Studies.](http://www.ryeschools.org)
3. Over the weekend, you are encouraged to discuss the different requirements for Regents and Honors level courses.
4. After January 22nd, parents should review and make any changes to their child’s choices regarding level of difficulty and the choice of electives. Final selections need to be completed by February 1st. The Portal will be open from January 22nd until February 1, 2019.
5. Any change in recommendation requests must have a completed override form, found in the Middle School Guidance Office, completed by February 8th, 2019.

Your Middle School Guidance Counselor is ready to assist you if there are any questions about this process or course selections. We look forward to seeing you on the evening of January 17th.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Taylor  
*Principal*