January 3, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! Now that the new year is upon us, we are about to begin the scheduling process for 2019-20 and wanted to share a few important updates.

On Tuesday, January 8th counselors will be visiting all social studies classes to discuss the course selection process for the 2019-2020 school year. On Friday, January 11th teachers will be meeting with students in class to discuss their recommendations for next year. The Program of Studies course catalog will be posted on the Guidance and Principal’s pages of the school website (www.ryeschools.org). Please take time to review the course options with your child.

Starting Wednesday, January 16th, counselors will begin course selection meetings with families. We encourage you to make this appointment as soon as possible. It is imperative that we meet with students and parents to ensure students are scheduled both appropriately and accurately. We will also confirm that students are on track for graduation and postsecondary success. Any potential overrides to teacher recommendations will have to be discussed in this meeting also. **Again, we strongly encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s Guidance Counselor to discuss these course selections.**

There will be a brief time period when the Parent Portal will be open for families to view or make changes to their course selections. If you have not been able to have a meeting with your counselor and would like to input your own course selections, the portal will be open from January 22nd to February 1st.

Individual meetings and/or phone conferences with counselors will be scheduled during the timeline below. Conferences for Mrs. Condon, Ms. Dickson and Mrs. O’Connor can be made through Mrs. Piucci at ext. 1941. Appointments for Mr. O’Hara, Mr. Renner and Mr. Cohen (Mrs. Herwick’s replacement) can be made through Mrs. Zapakin at ext. 1940. Appointments are brief, usually 20 minutes, in order to accommodate all requests.

**Scheduling Conference Dates:**

- January 16th – January 30th  
  Juniors for Senior year courses
- January 16th - February 12th  
  Freshmen for Sophomore year courses
- January 31st – February 12th  
  Sophomores for Junior year courses

Thank you for your cooperation as we begin to develop the master schedule for 2019-2020. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s counselor.

Sincerely,

James G. O’Hara  
Director of Guidance