

Parents/Guardians of 8th Graders,

I wanted to send an invitation along with an explanation of our first Transition evening event of the school year. **On January 18th, 2018 at 7:00 pm, Lisha Kill students and parents/guardians are encouraged to join High School Administration and Staff** for an information sharing session on the choices your child(ren) will need to make as it pertains to their elective classes in their freshman schedule for the Fall.

On this evening, the High School will provide a series of helpful mini-presentations for transitioning students and families. The first presentation will include a brief overview of the High School graduation requirements and what a typical schedule might look like by the Counseling Coordinator, Kimberly Leva. The subsequent 3 mini-presentations will be provided by the Department Coordinators of Art (Thomasa Nielsen), Music (Peter Cannistraci) and Technology (John Gehres). Each Coordinator will highlight their special area program and identify any specific pathways of study. At the conclusion of these presentations, all students and families will be invited to visit the classrooms of the art and technology departments. Mr. Cannistraci will be available to answer any questions you might have about the music program for 9th graders. While visiting Art and Technology classrooms, you will be able to interact with staff, get a first-hand account of the work that is being taught in these fields, as well as ask any content specific questions you might have. There is no better way to make these important scheduling choices than to interact with the building, people and materials of your next academic setting. While most of your core academic classes will be pre-determined by your current coursework, the choice you have regarding the electives in your academic program should be of interest to you; therefore, you should enjoy them.

In summary, it is my belief that we will be better able to transition your child effectively to the high school with your participation and input. The evening of January 18th, 2018 is a great opportunity to start this journey together.

Sincerely,

Christopher Robilotti
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