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# Mt. Blue High School

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Dear Parents & Guardians of 8th Graders,

With spring in the air it is time for 8th grade students and their families to begin the transition to high school. The move from middle school to high school is exciting and stressful (for both you and your child!), and several activities will take place throughout the remainder of the year to make sure that students and families are well informed and receive the support needed for a successful transition.

Our first set of transition activities is focused on course placement and academic planning. 8th grade teachers are currently reviewing student progress and making recommendations for course level placement in English, math and science courses (there are no levels for the 9th grade social studies courses).

Beginning March 22, I will visit students in person at Mt. Blue Middle School to review the course sign-up process, distribute materials and also answer questions. A separate session for full remote learners will be scheduled as well. On **Wednesday, March 24, at 5:30**, a parent meeting is scheduled to make sure that you are informed regarding academic planning for high school, involved in the course sign-up process and have the opportunity to ask related questions. This is a video-conference event via Zoom. The meeting link will be posted on the middle school website and is also provided here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98397775166?pwd=NkF3cGVGV2FjMIJtejdqVG82SFhCZz09>

Meeting ID: 983 9777 5166

Passcode: NecW6y

Making sure that students are well prepared academically, socially and emotionally for high school is among our most critical responsibilities. Knowing that in-person experiences are much more powerful and effective than virtual experiences, the high school and middle school are hopeful that evolving COVID-19 precautions may allow for in-person transition activities later this spring. More information will be provided to students and families as soon as it is available.

Please contact me directly at any time if you have any questions related to your child's transition to Mt. Blue High School.

Sincerely,

Greg Henderson, School Counselor  
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