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BHS Guidance Office: *Presentation to 8th Graders*

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Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians:

Over the coming weeks, Beacon High School's Guidance Counselors will be scheduling students for their 9th grade courses. Our counselors will be presenting an overview of the course selection process to the 8th grade students on Friday, April 29th. This presentation will be posted to the RMS website for your review.

Students will select their courses via a Google Form that will be sent to the student's BCSD email address. We encourage you to view the presentation online and to complete the form with your student. Please note that there are prerequisites for certain classes (e.g., Honors classes), and that students are not guaranteed a placement in the courses they select on the Google Form. A sample 9th grade schedule is included, for your reference, on the next page.

Should you have any questions during the course selection process, please contact your student's High School Guidance Counselor:

Counselor	Last Names	Email Address
Ms. Orlando	A-Fie	orlando.a@beaconk12.org
Ms. Morales	Fig-Mack	morales.sh@beaconk12.org
Ms. Polhamus	Mad-Rod	polhamus.m@beaconk12.org
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During Freshman Orientation, students and families will have the opportunity to learn about BHS and the high school experience. You will receive information about Freshman Orientation in the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor at the email above with any questions. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Beacon High School!

Sincerely,
BHS Administration

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

Period	Subject Area	Course Name
1	English (required)	English 9 or English 9 Honors
2	Social Studies (required)	Global I or Global I Honors
3	Math (required)	Algebra or Geometry Regents
4	Science (required)	Living Environment or Earth Science Regents
5	Physical Education (required)	Physical Education 9
6	Foreign Language (required)	Spanish or Italian
7	Lunch	Lunch
8	Elective	<i>See list of electives.</i>
9	Elective	<i>See list of electives.</i>

Electives: Year-Long:

- Science Research Literacy Grade 9
- Computer Science Essentials
- Studio Art
- Concert Band
- Chorus
- Music Theory

Electives: Semester-Long*:

- Theater Production
- Field Biology
- Forensic Science
- Laboratory Skills
- Marine Biology
- Sociology
- Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)
- TV Production I
- TV Production II/Broadcasting
- Video Game Design
- Keyboarding
- Intro to Occupations
- Job Skills
- Architectural Design
- Cartooning and Animation
- Ceramics I and II
- Drawing and Painting I and II
- Digital Photography I and II
- Interior Design
- Textiles I and II
- Music Production
- Guitar

**If a student enrolls in a semester-long elective during Semester 1, they will take another semester-long elective during Semester 2.*