

BALDWINSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Baldwinsville, New York 13027

Theodore R. Durgee Junior High School
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

It seems impossible to believe that we are half way through the current school year and already starting to plan for September 2015. At this time in the academic calendar, our eighth grade students begin the process of course selection for the 2015-2016 school year.

You are cordially invited to our Parent Information Night on January 6, 2015. The evening will be organized in two parts. Between 5:45 – 6:25 p.m., teachers from the Art, English, Science, Social Studies and Technology departments will be on hand to share specifics about the ninth grade classes students can select. This session is round robin, providing you time to move at your own pace. At 6:30 p.m., the Durgee counselors will present an overview of the current high school graduation requirements, regent's examination requirements, and the 2015-2016 course catalog (which also can be accessed on the Durgee Guidance webpage) in the cafeteria.

School counselors will start high school planning meetings with eighth grade students on Wednesday, January 14, 2015. Each meeting is approximately twenty minutes. The core courses most students take in ninth grade are: English (regents or honors), Global history (regents or honors), Math, Science w/lab, Physical education and foreign language. In ninth grade, students take 6½ to 7½ credits. Each full year course is one credit and half year courses are a half credit. Depending on the students' schedule, they will need to select one or two of the following electives:

Fine Arts:

Music: Chorus, Band, and Orchestra
Art: Studio Art I/II, Studio Art I, Studio Media

Technology:

Project Lead the Way - Design and Drawing for Production, Design and Drawing for Production, Materials Processing

Science:

Project Lead the Way: Principles of Bio-Medical Science (prerequisite - Accelerated Earth Science and Accelerated Integrated Algebra)

English:

Honors level

Global History:

Pre-AP World History

After your child's high school planning meeting, you will receive a copy of the high school plan form for your review. Parents do not need to attend the planning meeting. However, if you are interested, please contact the guidance office to see when your child's meeting is scheduled by calling 638-6088 by December 31, 2014.

It is an exciting time for your child. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Night on January 6, 2015 (snow date: January 7, 2015)

Sincerely,
Bonnie Van Benschoten
Principal

High School Planning Night

Durgee Junior High School

Agenda

January 6, 2015

5:45p.m. – 6:25 p.m.

Parents have from 5:45 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. to visit classrooms and learn more about potential ninth grade classes.

Art I and II – Room 405 with Mrs. DeCaro

Studio in Media Art – Room 402 with Ms. Robinson

Technology – Room 151 (DDP, DDP/PLTW, Materials Processing) Mr. Lloyd

Principles of Biomedical Science – Room 204 with Ms. Wineland

English 9H - Room 203 with Mr. Klotz and Mrs. Chetney

Pre-AP World History – Room 207 with Mrs. Froelick

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Return to Cafeteria – Counselors will review the High School planning process.