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REGION #18

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

February 2019

Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2023;

We hope you are excited about the prospect of registering for your 9th grade classes at Lyme-Old Lyme High School. This letter includes dates and important information to aid you in the course selection process.

Today you received the 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet. Your child's teachers have recommended the courses and levels they feel your child should take next year based on performance in their Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School classes, as well as their knowledge of the LOLHS curriculum and expectations. Additionally, your child will indicate elective courses he/she *is interested in* taking in the 2019-2020 school year.

Please sign the white copy of the 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet and return it to your child's 8th grade homeroom teacher or Mrs. Renee Molnar, School Counselor at the LOLMS, by Friday, March 15, 2019. You should keep the yellow copy to assist you with the on-line registration process.

You will be completing your child's course registration on-line through the PowerSchool portal. The course registration portal will open on Friday, March 1, 2019 and close on Friday, March 15, 2019. Enclosed you will find step by step instructions to complete the on-line course registration. **The most important aspect is to hit SUBMIT once you have selected all of your child's classes.**

Please utilize the Alternative Section during course registration as it allows you to provide backup choices in case there is a conflict within the schedule and you cannot get another elective course you requested. We ask students to select 2-3 alternative elective courses.

If you disagree with the level recommendation for a particular subject, you may begin the 'Course Override Process' by having a discussion with your child's current LOLMS academic teacher of that subject as to the advisability of a course or level change. If after the discussion you ultimately decide to pursue an override, Mrs. Molnar has the blue course recommendation override form. **The deadline to complete this process and submit the paperwork to Mrs. Molnar is Friday, March 15, 2019.**

Upon receipt of the course override form, we will change the student's course requests. Please note, you will not be able to see these changes on the student or parent portal as we are processing this information on another side of PowerSchool.

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Things to keep in mind....

- ❖ All students **must take a minimum of 6.5 credits** every year.
- ❖ **8 is the maximum number of scheduled credits** you may select as the classes must fit into our rotating 8 period schedule.
- ❖ **All Freshman will automatically be scheduled** into Civics & the Law, Roots of Democracy, PE/Health 1-2 and High School 101.
- ❖ Choose **electives** based on your interests.
- ❖ Any time not scheduled within the 8 periods will be a study hall.
- ❖ Submitting these requests **does not guarantee** that you will receive all of the requested classes as the final configuration of the master schedule may prevent a course from fitting into your schedule.

If you have questions about the on-line registration process, please feel free to contact Tracy Lenz at Lyme-Old Lyme High School at 860.434.1651 ext. 1007 or lenzt@region18.org. All questions regarding course recommendations should be directed to the appropriate LOLMS teacher or Mrs. Renee Molnar at 860.434.2568 ext. 2004 or molnarr@region18.org.

We look forward to you becoming a member of the LOLHS community. In the Spring, you will receive additional information about your 2019-2020 LOLHS schedule as well as upcoming 8th grade transition events.

Sincerely,

School Counseling Department
Lyme-Old Lyme High School