



NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27

Wood Oaks Junior High School
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Dear 8th Grade Parent/Guardian(s):

It seems like just a short time ago I was meeting your child as an incoming 6th grader entering Wood Oaks for their first building tour. Now, before you know it, we will be graduating the Wood Oaks Class of 2020! As your child begins the transition to high school, we feel it is important to make you aware of some dates for various meetings and events that will help to prepare you and your child for the move to Glenbrook North High School (GBN). Please see the attached calendar for these important transition dates.

One key date which garners a lot of attention each year is in January when class placements for GBN are mailed home. We have worked hard as a township to develop a fair, comprehensive placement process for 8th graders transitioning to GBN. In each curricular area, Wood Oaks teachers share classroom observations and work study habit data, but final placement is determined by GBN based on that information, PSAT scores, and grades in the associated 8th grade courses. GBN has developed an objective process for students to challenge those placements should your child feel that he/she is not properly placed. A link to the online form needed for that challenge will be emailed home on January 17, 2020, along with class placements. Once class placements are emailed home, any and all questions about that placement should be directed to the appropriate instructional supervisor at GBN. After that information goes out, only GBN can adjust your child's placement.

Attached to this mailing you will find a partial contact list for GBN. Eric Etherton, the assistant principal of student services at GBN, is your primary contact for any general questions regarding the transition to high school. If you have a question regarding a specific academic area, the instructional supervisors are administrators in charge of their curricular area and should be able to answer any questions regarding that subject area.

If you are considering a private school in lieu of your child attending GBN, we encourage you to participate fully in the GBN articulation and registration process. Many times plans change down the road for unforeseeable reasons, and it is better to have the necessary arrangements in place for GBN. Once the registration for private school is confirmed, GBN registration can be cancelled with a single phone call to their guidance department.

If you have questions at any time about this transition process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rob McElligott
Principal

8th Grade Transition to GBN Important Dates

- November 2, 2019:** PSAT 8/9 Testing at GBN
- January 6, 2020:** GBN staff visits Wood Oaks to meet with 8th Graders about student life and programs at GBN, followed by a Q & A session.
- January 16, 2020:** GBN Academic Curriculum Night for parents and incoming freshman students
6:30 – 9:00 pm at GBN
- January 17, 2020:** Class placements emailed to parents.
- January 17, 2020:** *Change in Course Level Placement Appeal* link will be included in class placement email.
- January 28, 2020:** Wood Oaks students travel in groups to GBN to meet counselors, review and accept course registration, ID photo taking, and building tour
9:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- January 29, 2020:** Deadline for submitting *Change in Course Level Placement* forms to GBN Instructional Supervisors
- January 30, 2020:** Incoming Freshman Parent and Student Athletics/Activity Night,
6:00 – 8:00 pm at GBN
- February 3-7, 2020:** Appeals testing at GBN
- May 27, 2020:** 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony - 6:00 pm at GBN

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