

Transition Information and Timeline- Grade 8 to 9

Dear Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s),

Now that we are nearly halfway through your child's 8th grade year, we begin to focus our attention more closely to the transition from middle school to high school. This is an important and exciting time for our 8th graders, and we will keep our process and timeline for transition in place as we move through this school year.

The transition process from 8th to 9th grade includes many thoughtfully planned events and activities. Together, the school counselors, administration and faculty have planned the following timeline of events to ensure a smooth transition.

January, 2021:

- **Grade 8 counselor reviews the transition timeline with students during Homebase between January 4th and January 15th**
- **Eighth Grade Virtual Parent Orientation- Thursday, January 28th at 7PM**
 - Parents will virtually meet Harrison High School building administration and learn about student life at HHS with a specific focus on course offerings

February, 2021:

- **Students Virtually "Visit" Harrison High School**
 - This experience provides students an opportunity to see the high school and will introduce various aspects of high school life and culture.
 - Monday, February 1st or Tuesday, February 2nd- Team S
 - Wednesday February 3rd or Thursday, February 4th- Team T
 - Friday, February 5th or Monday, February 8th- Team V

March, 2021:

- **Virtual 1:1 Course Selection Meetings with Students**
 - Students will meet with a middle school or high school counselor to select their courses for 9th grade. Meetings will occur during asynchronous days and be scheduled via Google Meet
- Course selection decision forms due to the LMK Guidance Office

June, 2021:

- **Current 8th Grade Parent Meeting for HHS Athletics**

- **8th grade celebration for students at LMK**
- **Moving Up Ceremony**

August, 2021:

- **Grade 9 Summer Orientation for students**

School counselors at LMK are available to students and families who have further questions about their transition to the high school and the course selection process. High school counselors will be assigned to the incoming 9th grade class in the Summer of 2021.

If you or your child would like to review the [Guide the Educational Planning](#) ahead of the course selection meeting, it provides useful information about high school course offerings, as well as an abundance of information about the high school and high school life. Relevant information from the *Guide to Educational Planning* will also be shared with children and families throughout the transition process.

We are looking forward to sharing this journey with you and your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's school counselor Ms. Festo (in for Mrs. Kearney) at festol@harrisoncsd.org or 914-630-3054 or me, at malczewskik@harrisoncsd.org or 914-630-3345.

Sincerely,
Kelly Malczewski