



IROQUOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

High School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We know that many of you are already beginning to think about the important transition to high school as your child continues their journey through middle school. To help ensure a smooth and successful start to this new chapter, we are excited to share that incoming ninth-grade students will be enrolled in a new course that is designed to develop successful academic and social habits. The **High School Seminar** will be a unique, engaging class offered during the first semester, meeting every other day. This course is worth **.25 credit**, is graded on a **pass/fail** basis, and will focus on building strong academic habits, personal responsibility, and character development. High School Seminar will be taught by carefully selected faculty from various academic departments who we know will develop positive connections and mentorships with ninth grade students. We will prioritize the placement of this important course in a ninth-grade student's schedule over electives which they will be able to take the elective courses in later semesters and years of their high school journey.

Our goal is simple: **to set every student up for success in high school**. During this seminar, students will gain essential skills in time management, organization, goal setting, and developing a growth mindset—all of which will serve them well throughout their high school career. Additionally, we will focus on fostering positive character traits such as resilience, belonging, respect, and integrity, creating a foundation for both academic and personal growth.

Our goal is to equip students with the tools they need to feel confident, supported, and motivated as they begin their high school experience.

We look forward to working together to support your child's continued success. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us If you have any questions about the High School Seminar or about any aspect of Iroquois High School in general.

Warm regards,

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