

Dear 8th Grade Students and Families,

We hope that you are excited about coming to Staples next year and wanted to inform you about a few upcoming events:

**Visit to Staples High School - Thursday, May 21**

All eighth grade students will have the opportunity to visit Staples during the school day. Students will travel together from BMS and CMS, then meet for the first time as a full class in the Staples Auditorium. After a welcome from Principal Stafford Thomas, Assistant Principal Christine Cincotta, and several current high school students, students will take a tour of the building with our Link Crew student mentors and learn more about ways to get involved with some of our extracurricular clubs and activities.

**Course Verification in PowerSchool - Friday, June 5**

Since the course request window ended, we have been working to finalize the 2026-27 school master schedule and individual student schedules. On Friday afternoon, June 5, you will be able to view through the PowerSchool student/parent portal a list of the 9th grade courses for which you have been successfully scheduled. More information will be coming soon.

**Meeting Your Staples Counselor - June 10 and 11**

Staples school counselors will be meeting with each of their assigned eighth grade students on an individual basis at the middle schools (Bedford on June 10 and Coleytown on June 11). These meetings are coordinated entirely by the staff at the middle schools; students do not need to schedule an appointment.

During these individual meetings, Staples school counselors will review students' courses for ninth grade, including taking time to ensure all choices are appropriate and put students on track to meet necessary requirements, as well as address any scheduling conflicts that may have occurred. School counselors will also be able to answer questions that students may have about next year and life at Staples.

**Freshman Orientation at Staples High School - August 20**

All incoming freshmen are invited to attend orientation Wednesday, August 19 at Staples High School from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Students will be dropped off and head directly to the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. After a welcome message from Principal Stafford Thomas and Assistant Principal Christine Cincotta, high school students from Link Crew will take freshmen on a tour of the building and have several activities planned for them. Parent pick-up is at 12:00 p.m.

We encourage you to visit our [Class of 2030](#) page that's full of resources and information for students and families related to the high school transition. We wish you all the best and look forward to welcoming you to the Staples community!

Sincerely,

Staples High School Administration and School Counseling Department