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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Over the next several months the East Islip Middle School Guidance Department will begin the process of scheduling your child for 9th grade. Please be aware of the important dates associated with this process.

On Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the East Islip High School Auditorium, there is an important informative meeting for all 8th grade students and their parents. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss 9th grade course offerings. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. The information given at this meeting is important for your child's 9th grade scheduling. Please bring along the **East Islip High School Curriculum Guide Handbook** which will be posted online by December 15.

Between January 5 and January 16 all 8th grade students will be visiting the computer lab during the school day, where East Islip Middle School counselors will address all students and discuss the course selection process and options. Please be sure to discuss the scheduling information, especially the elective options, with your child.

From January 23 through February 2 teachers will recommend academic and performing music courses for all students for next year.

From February 5 through March 16 parents of all 8th grade students are encouraged to set up a meeting with their child's school counselor to review the following:

- Your child's current academic performance
- Course recommendations for 2018-2019 school year
- Your child's high school plans
- Specific scheduling concerns and answer questions regarding this important time of transition

From March 20 through March 29 course verifications will be posted on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You will be able to view your child's courses for 9th grade. Please keep in mind that all recommendations are final. Should you be interested in the opportunity to "challenge up", submit appropriate forms no later than March 29.

March 29 is the deadline to submit "Challenge Up" forms. Please note that the challenge up process is designed to provide opportunities for students to enroll in grade level appropriate courses that they were not recommended for by their teachers. These forms can be found in the **East Islip High School Curriculum Guide Handbook**.

During the next several months, school counselors will be available to meet with parents and students to discuss high school planning and address any concerns regarding the transition.

Sincerely,

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