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Dear Students and Parents of East Islip Middle School:

Although it is only December, at East Islip Middle School, we are already looking ahead to schedule our students for the 2020-2021 school year. For your convenience, the 2020-2021 curriculum guide has been updated and is available to be viewed on our school's website.

On Monday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at East Islip High School, there is a very 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.

During the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Middle School counselors will be working with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to help them input their High School electives into their online accounts. Scheduling for our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place between February 10<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>.

At the Middle School Level, New York State Department of Education mandates the majority of the courses that students take. However, in addition to our academic core program of English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language, and the required programs in Health and Physical Education, we also offer several exploratory experiences. Those courses include Art, Music, Technology, and Family and Consumer Science

We anticipate a very "tight" schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. What this means is that our sections will be filled to capacity leaving little room for movement. Therefore, students should carefully consider the electives they select as they will not be able to make changes after the requests are locked. Elective courses should be selected based on student interest as opposed to electives their friends are planning to take.

Prior to the aforementioned dates, please read through the curriculum guide carefully with your child, so that together you can create the best possible schedule. Each person is unique in his or her own talents, interests, and aspirations. Don't be afraid of a challenge and start thinking ahead to your future. Should you have any questions regarding our courses of study or our curriculum offerings, please feel free to contact our guidance counselors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Brennen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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