

To: 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents/guardians  
Re: 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade registration timeline

From: PJHS guidance

Believe it or not, it is time to get started with the very important process of helping our 8<sup>th</sup> grade student's transition to 9<sup>th</sup> grade! Below is a timeline of important dates families will want to know concerning the registration process.

**Step #1: Career Interest Activities:** In October, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were introduced to the computer based *Career Cruising* to do an interest inventory and develop a list of potential careers. Students also had the opportunity to go to a broad-based Career Expo at the Interstate Center. Families can access *Career Cruising* information at home on the website:

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Username: parkside - Password: jrhigh

**Step #2: PJHS Counselor Classroom Visit:** Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lakin will visit 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to discuss how future goals apply to high school course selection, earning credits for graduation, high school grading systems, and high school basics.

( J Team – 12/7, A team – 12/10, P team – 12/11)

**Step #3: High School Counselor Visit Friday, December 18th:** High School counselors from both schools will meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to discuss course options for next year. The course description book and a list of freshman course options will be passed out, and the high school counselors will discuss specifics about required courses and elective options. **Students should bring this material home to look at over winter break and make decisions about the classes they want to take during their freshman year.** Students will need to have final decisions made by the week of January 11th.

*Contact Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lakin with questions as soon as we return to school!*

**Step #4: NCWHS and NCHS Orientation Night:** All incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to visit the high school they will be attending next year at **7:00 p.m on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity to meet staff, get an overview of high school expectations, and check out the activity fair to see the wide variety of clubs, sports, and activities!!

**Step #5: Register For 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes online:** PJHS students will enter course selections in the PJHS computer lab. Changes can be made after that time by contacting Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Lakin.

( J team will register 1/12, A team will register 1/14, P team will register 1/15)

Additional Opportunities:

**Mid-February, Date TBA 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.:** *Planning Beyond the Freshman Year Parent/Student night* – join us here at PJHS to get ideas and resources for your student as you look at the high school years and beyond. Representatives from ISU and IWU will join us to discuss what 8<sup>th</sup> graders need to know about preparing academically for college, admission standards and paying the bill! This **will not be a repeat** of Freshman Orientation night at NCWHS!

**Anytime in 2010:** Call your child's guidance counselor to make an appointment to do an individual **4-year High School Plan**. (A-K Mrs. Brown 888-6809) (L-Z Mrs. Lakin 888-6810)