

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

From: PJHS guidance

Believe it or not, it is time to get started with the very important process of helping our 8th grade student's transition to 9th 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 8th 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 on 10/24 and will attend the Ag Career Expo on 12/4. Families can access *Career Cruising* information at home on the website: www.careercruising.com
Username: parkside - Password: jrhigh

Step #2: PJHS Counselor Classroom Visit: Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Lakin will visit 8th 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.
(A team – 12/11, P team – 12/12)

Step #3: NCWHS Counselor Visit: High School counselors will meet with 8th 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 14. (A and P teams – 12/20)

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

Step #4: NCWHS Orientation Night: All incoming freshmen and their parents are invited to visit WEST at **7:00 p.m on Wednesday, January 9th**. This is a great opportunity to meet WEST staff, get an overview of high school expectations, and check out the activity fair to see the wide variety of clubs, sports, and activities. Go Wildcats!!

Step #5: Register For 9th 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.
(P team will register online 1/17, A team will register online 1/18))

Additional Opportunities:

Tuesday, February 19th 7:00 p.m.: *Planning Beyond the Freshman Year Parent/Student night* – join us in the PJHS cafeteria to get ideas and resources for your student as you look at the high school years and beyond. This **will not be a repeat** of Freshman Orientation night at NCWHS.

Anytime in 2007: Call your child's guidance counselor to make an appointment to do an individual 4-year High School Plan. (A-K Mrs. Brown) (L-Z Mrs. Lakin)

