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Greetings from the Mahomet-Seymour High School Counseling Department!

First, please accept our apologies for the length of this message; however, you will want to familiarize yourself with the information below.

Believe it or not, it is already time for students to sign up for their 2024-25 high school courses. Here is a general overview/timeline of the process:

- 1) Between Tuesday, January 16th Friday, January 19th, counselors will meet with all current 8th-11th grade students in their English/ELA classes. We will provide students information that will help them to select appropriate courses.
- 2) Between January 16th and the time students meet one-on-one with their counselor (see dates below): Students/families are encouraged to have discussions at home regarding course offerings and selections. All of the information that is needed to make informed decisions is available on the MSHS counseling website:

http://www.mshscounselors.com/course_selection

The information that can be found here is particularly helpful. This includes the electronic version of the handouts that we are providing to all students during the grade-level meetings as well as various videos we have used to detail grade-specific information. Another useful resource in this section is the course guide which provides a description of each course that is offered at MSHS.

- 3) Thursday, January 25th (6pm in the high school auditorium) A meeting for parents of current 8th graders will be held to provide information about high school graduation requirements, ninth grade course selection, planning a four-year program, athletic/activity eligibility, college and career/technical school admission requirements, and NCAA eligibility. The information presented at this meeting will be very similar to what is shared with students on Friday, January 19th. While students are welcome to attend, this is more-so targeted towards parents and guardians.
- 4) Counselors will follow up with each individual student (dates below) during a brief one-on-one meeting that will occur during English class (for current 9-11th graders) or Math class (for current 8th

graders). By this time, students should have entered their selections directly into Skyward. Here is a brief video demonstrating how students enter their course selections into Skyward:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvnZka15haE

While the one-on-one meetings will be brief, this will allow students the opportunity to review their selections with their counselor, to make any final selections or adjustments, and to ask any individual questions.

*Note - Once students have finalized their classes during these one-on-one conversations, any further changes will first need to be discussed with their counselor. **STUDENTS SHOULD NOT MAKE CHANGES IN SKYWARD AFTER YOUR ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH COUNSELOR.**

Dates for one-on-one counselor meetings (Students should have courses entered into Skyward PRIOR to their meeting):

English 1: Monday, January 22 (Adkins & O'Daniel)

English 1: Tuesday, January 23 (Greim) English 1 Honors: Tuesday, January 23

English 2: Wednesday, January 24 (Blanchette & Greim)

English 2: Friday, January 26 (Cebulski) English 2 Honors: Friday, January 26

English 3: Monday, January 29

English 3 Honors: Tuesday, January 30 AP English Language: Tuesday, January 30

8th Grade Math (Ramirez): Wednesday, January 31 8th Grade Math (Smith & Patrick): Thursday, February 1

8th Grade Math (Snodgrass): Friday, February 2

High School Individualized English: Monday, February 5

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Please reach out with any questions. We thank you for your patience during this extremely busy time!

Best regards,
MSHS Counselors

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