

Hi all,

I spoke at the PTA meeting last night regarding transition of 6th graders to 7th grade and 7th graders to 8th grade. Here is some important information.

Mrs. Reeves (nee Vaca), 6th grade counselor met with the Dolphins on 2/1 and the Turbo Tigers on 2/7. Ms. Luthra, 7th grade counselor, met with the Penguins on 2/7 and will meet with the Otters tomorrow, 2/9. During class meetings, they filled out next year's Course Request Forms (CRF's). The students were instructed on how to choose their electives for next year. All students, unless they are below grade level in reading or math, must take a World Language. This is a requirement for our International Baccalaureate program. Students should identify a first choice for language and an alternative to their first preference. If a student takes traditional quarter electives in 7th grade or semester electives in 8th grade (art, drama, computers, Family and Consumer Science, Technical Education), they must choose a balance of Fine Arts and Technology classes. This is also a requirement of the IB program. Math placements will be determined in June and you will be notified by the math department when they are completed. Please review the CRF with your child, sign and send the CRF back to school as soon as possible, with a final deadline of Friday, February 17th.

In addition to filling out CRF's, students also completed 4-6 year academic planning forms. This educational and career planning form charts the sequence of courses that students will take throughout their secondary school experience. The students also were given diploma option information and a program of studies. Look for these materials in their backpacks. A copy of the 4-6 year plan will be sent home via U.S. mail and a copy will be placed in their cumulative files. The plans will be sent home by the end of February.

If you have questions, call Mrs. Reeve at 703-228-5897 or Ms. Luthra at 703-228-5899.

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