



HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
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KELLY MALCZEWSKI
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November 8, 2017

Re: «First_Name» «Last_Name»

Dear «U_Students_ExtensionGUARDIAN»

Re: 8th Grade Transition to High School

During «First_Name»'s 8th grade year, we turn our attention more closely towards the transition from middle to high school. High school is a time of great change and numerous firsts. There are important activities in place to ensure a smooth transition during this exciting time in your child's journey.

Together the School Counseling Department (grades 6-12), administration, and staff have planned the following transition activities.

1. **8th Grade Parent Orientation:** On Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM, parents meet with building administration to learn about life at Harrison High School, with a specific focus on course offerings. This event will take place at Harrison High School.
2. **Harrison High School Visit:** Each eighth grade team will visit Harrison High School. This visit provides students an opportunity to tour the high school during the school day, introducing students to various aspects of high school life.

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – Team S
Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – Team T
Thursday, February 8, 2018 – Team V
In the event of a snow day, makeup (Friday, February 9, 2018)

A permission slip is enclosed for the trip to the high school. **Please return the signed permission slip to your child's homebase teacher on or before Friday, December 15, 2017.**

3. **Course Selection and Multi-Year Planning Meetings:** Students will meet individually with either a high school or middle school counselor to select their courses for 9th grade and discuss their four year plan. These meetings will take place in the LMK library during the school day.

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The multi-year planning form will include your child's 9th grade course selections. The form will be mailed home following the meeting. All course selection decisions must be finalized by Friday, April 27, 2018.

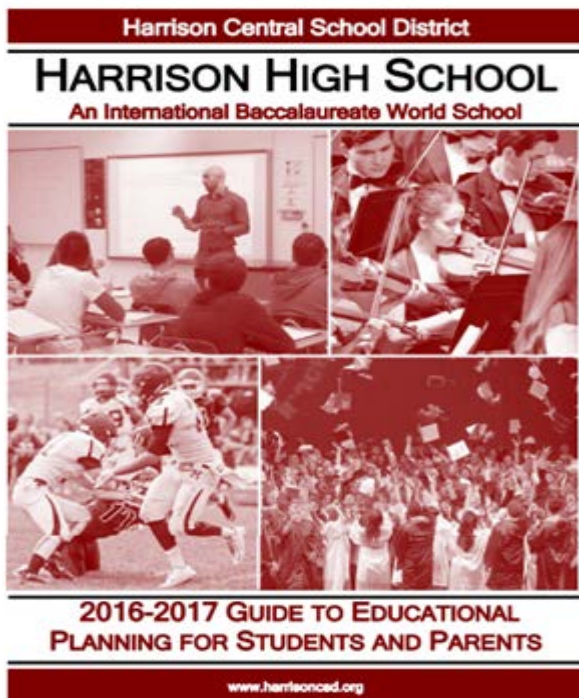
School counselors at LMK are available to students and families who have further questions about their selected courses throughout the process. High school counselors will be assigned in August 2018. We are looking forward to sharing this exciting journey with your child. For a complete overview of events, a timeline is included.

If you have any questions about the transition, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kristin Kearney (kearneyk@harrisoncsd.org) at LMK at 630-3054 or me (malczewskik@harrisoncsd.org) at 630-3345.

Sincerely,



Kelly Malczewski
Director of Guidance



The *Guide to Educational Planning* provides you and your child with information about available courses and support services, and serves as a resource to you throughout the school year. Please carefully review this guide with your child when it is made available.

Highlights of the 2018-2019 Harrison High School *Guide to Educational Planning* will be made available to parents at our evening program on January 18, 2018.

The 2018-2019 *Guide to Educational Planning* will also be available on the web at www.harrisoncsd.org under the Guidance homepage.



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2017-18 Transition Timeline of Events

November, 2017

- Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM: International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program Parent Information: Prospective & Future Candidates (Gr. 6-9) at Harrison High School

December, 2017

- Grade 8 Counselor reviews the transition timeline with students during the school day

January, 2018

- Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 PM: 8th Grade Parent Orientation at Harrison High School

February, 2018

- Harrison High School Visit
 - Tuesday, February 6th - Team S
 - Wednesday, February 7th - Team T
 - Thursday, February 8th - Team V
 - Friday, February 9th - Snow date, if needed

March, 2018

- Course Selection and Multi-Year Planning Meetings
 - Tuesday, March 13, 2018 – Team S
 - Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – Team T
 - Thursday, March 15, 2018 – Team V
 - Friday, March 16, 2018 – Snow date, if needed.
- Monday, March 19th at 7:30 PM: 8th Grade Athletic Parent Informational Meeting at LMK

April, 2018

- Friday, April 27th: Course selection sheets due to the LMK Guidance Office

June, 2018

- Grade 8 BBQ for students at LMK during the school day
- Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM: Moving Up Ceremony at Harrison High School

August, 2018

- Monday, August 27, 2018 at 10:00 AM: Grade 9 Orientation & BBQ for students at HHS



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Permission Slip
Grade 8 Harrison High School Visit

Please return to homebase teacher by December 15, 2017

Student Name: «First_Name» «Last_Name»

My child has permission to attend the Harrison High School visit. Transportation will be provided by LMK for the students to and from the event.

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Parent Signature: _____

Emergency contact name and phone number:
