

December 14, 2011

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

As hard as it is to believe, it is time to prepare for your student's successful transition to Amador Valley High School. We believe that planning for a successful freshman year is important and we value the time you spend with your son or daughter making informed decisions about next year's schedule. In order to ensure that you have accurate and complete information, we will be offering an 8th Grade scheduling night to better assist you in this process.

Your student will receive a course selection sheet at his/her middle school a week before the 8th grade scheduling day. The Program Guide which includes a description of all courses, graduation requirements and requirements for a 4 year college is available online on the Amador Counseling web site. Recommendations for appropriate placement will be obtained directly from your student's current math and foreign language teachers, but you and your student will be deciding which courses will be included for their freshman year. Please read course descriptions, not course prerequisites, and consider the overall difficulty of the course load as you make your selections.

On Wednesday, January 18th, the AVHS staff will be hosting a "Welcome to Amador" Eighth Grade Scheduling Night. Information sessions will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room, Q Building, Library and Band Room on the Amador campus. Counselors will provide guidance regarding high school graduation requirements, college admission requirements and course selection. **Counselors will be presenting during the first hour.** We believe the information presented by the counselors will prove invaluable as you assist your student in selecting courses for next year. It is critical that both you and your student attend this session. The following is a breakdown by last name of the time schedule:

COUNSELOR	6:00-7:15	7:30-8:45	LOCATION
Carrie Bennett	A-B	M-N	MPR
Barb Hourigan	C-E	O-R	Q BUILDING(Rooms 201 & 203)
Sheryl Pacheco	F-I	S	BAND
Krista Depenbrok	J-L	T-Z	LIBRARY
Keri McDonald	A-B	M-N	MPR
Winter Jones	J-L	T-Z	LIBRARY

Students will be asked to sign up for classes via Zangle Student Connect between Tuesday, January 24th and Sunday, February 5th. It is very important that you discuss your son or daughter's ninth grade schedule prior to scheduling their classes online. Your part of the process is essential to your student's success next year.

We extend a warm welcome to you and your student to the Amador Valley High School learning community. We believe that "kids come first" and that we are all "working together...to make a difference."

Sincerely,

Jim Hansen
Principal