

Dear 8th Grade Students and Families,

We hope this message finds you all doing well! It must be hard to believe that your time in middle school is coming to an end. You may be filled with mixed emotions under these unusual circumstances, though we hope that you can still look back on middle school as being a wonderful experience and that you're excited about going on to Staples next year.

Since the course request window ended in April, the Staples Administration and Guidance Department has been working to finalize the 2020-21 school master schedule and individual student schedules. As of after school on Tuesday, June 2, you will be able to view through the PowerSchool student/parent portal a list of the 9th grade courses for which you have been successfully scheduled. We ask that you will carefully review your courses to verify their accuracy. By Friday, June 5, all students must then complete a google form (to be shared with you on June 2) confirming that you have reviewed your 9th grade courses and noting whether there are issues or concerns.

Typically in June, Staples school counselors meet individually with their assigned students in person, which of course will not be possible this year. Alternatively, we would like to offer students the opportunity to schedule a time to meet and talk with their assigned Staples school counselor through Google Meet prior to the end of the school year.

During these 10-minute individual meetings, Staples school counselors will review students' courses for 9th grade and address any scheduling conflicts that may have occurred. School counselors can also answer any questions that students may have about next year and life at Staples.

Whether you have concerns about your scheduled courses, any other questions, or would just like to meet us, you will request a meeting through the same Google Form where you confirm your scheduled courses starting June 2. Students: please be on the lookout for an email from us to your school gmail letting you know when you are able to view your scheduled courses through PowerSchool and how to request a meeting with your future school counselor.

We wish you all the best and look forward to welcoming you to the Staples community!

Sincerely,

Staples Guidance Department

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