Attention 8th Grade Parents –

I know it is difficult to believe but next year at this time your 8th grader will be finishing their first semester of high school! I wanted to just give you a head’s up on the high school articulation events that will start in January, as well as the high school registration process.

Part of the high school registration process will involve your student’s current teachers making recommendations for their core academic classes for next year based on grades in each subject, work ethic, and guidelines set forth by their high school.  Your student will also be selecting their electives for high school as part of high school registration.

Per county policy, we must register students for their districted high school, which is the high school located in the district in which they reside at this current time. This means that if your student lives in a school district different than the high school they plan to attend; either through school CHOICE, employee transfer, private school, moving to another district, or magnet program; we MUST still register them for their districted high school. Sometimes plans change prior to the first day of 9th grade and we want our students to have the necessary registration completed just in case. I encourage you to check your home high school’s website and look for when they have their 8th grade parent meeting so you can attend.

If you plan on applying for a school CHOICE or Employee Transfer for your child to attend Harrison or Hillgrove (or another school in which you are currently not districted for) – please let the LMMS counseling office know as soon as possible (via email Tracy.Biolsi@cobbk12.org). You must complete the appropriate applications and paperwork on the Cobb County website (cobbk12.org) for this process. We will complete an “un-official” registration form for that school and make sure the transfer high school has it on file in the event the transfer is approved.  **Keep in mind that the high schools cannot officially register a student that is not residing in their district until the transfer is approved.  The unofficial registration that we complete at LMMS for these students does not ensure that the school has spots available, or your student will be selected to attend that high school.** If your child is approved for a transfer, you will be notified of the status of your request by the county and asked to contact the high school to make an appointment to register your child. The High School will then use our unofficial registration form that we completed at LMMS to help register your student.

**Future Harrison Students Need to Know:**

* January 25th during connections – Harrison Reps present to LMMS students in LMMS theater
* February 7th at 6 pm 8th Grade Open House for students and Parents at Harrison
* February 11th to March 4th - Harrison Students will complete their elective registration online using their Student Vue account. Harrison students who do not know their Student Vue log in need to obtain that as soon as possible. Parents can contact the LMMS front office for this information.
* Feb. 28th at 8:30 am – Harrison Counselors will be in LMMS Learning Commons to help students with elective registration if they need it – this is not mandatory
* April 13th at 6 pm at Harrison – Hoya Challenge – for future Hoya students and parents interested in learning about the Honors and AP courses.
* Every Friday, in February and March Harrison will host “Transition Talks” online. This will be for parents who have questions about registration.

**Future Hillgrove Students Need to Know:**

* Hillgrove will send paper registration forms to LMMS for teachers to sign off on student’s core recommendations and students will rank order their choice of electives
* January 25th during connections – Hillgrove Reps presentation to LMMS students in LMMS Learning Commons
* January 26th Hillgrove 8th Grade Open House at Hillgrove. Time TBA.

**Core/Academic Registration for Both High Schools**

Both high schools meet with the LMMS teachers to discuss the criteria for how students are to be placed in their academic classes (Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies). LMMS 8th grade teachers will recommend the academic course for the student. This recommendation will be based on the student’s performance this year and on the requirements set forth by Harrison and Hillgrove.

Hillgrove will have a paper registration form that will have the teacher’s core recommendations. Homeroom teachers will have a copy of this form and will share it with Hillgrove students. Per Hillgrove’s instructions it will not go home. If students want to take a picture of the form to share with their parents, they are welcome to do in the presence of their Homeroom teacher.

Harrison will send LMMS teachers a link to make their core recommendations online.

Later in the Spring – both high schools will send parents a copy of their student’s ninth grade course requests. This will have the core class recommendations by teachers and a list of the elective choices students listed. Parents will receive instructions from the high schools on the procedures for drop/add if needed. Parents will need to contact the high schools if they have any questions about this process and for any questions about registration.

The registration process will not begin until late January or early February. This letter is to just inform parents ahead of time. Hopefully any questions you have will be answered when the process begins. Of course, if you have any questions, please email me at Tracy.Fields@cobbk12.org.

Sincerely,

Tracy Fields

LMMS 8th Grade Counselor.