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Dear families,

High School? Already?!

If that is how you are feeling, you are not alone. High school is a wonderful, exciting and at times anxiety-provoking part of anyone's life. In those four years a lot of growing-up happens; our kids fitfully and steadily work their way toward adulthood. At the same time they need us as parents and guardians more than ever, to guide them so they can survive and succeed.

And the first concrete step toward that success in high school starts now.

Our Eighth-Grade Students' and Parents' Night is Monday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in our gym.

That evening we will give you nuts-and-bolts information you will need to help your daughter or son make the decisions on class selections for the first year at Portage Central High School. You will hear from all the department chairs as they explain the required classes and what our sons and daughters need to do to make progress toward graduation. (Graduation – it comes much sooner than we think.)

They will also discuss what an honors class looks like. And you will hear about our International Baccalaureate program and what we do to prepare our kids for this college-level program during junior and senior years. Plus, before this parents night all our eighth graders will bring home a copy of the Program of Studies, which has descriptions of all our classes. In short, we want to give you what you need so you can help your daughter or son make the best decisions for the future, so they start her or his high-school career right.

If you are unable to attend our Eighth-Grade Parents Night, you could attend the same event over at Portage Northern on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. The content will be essentially the same. Between now and then, if you have any questions feel free to contact your daughter or son's counselor at the middle school. We hope to meet you January 30, and we look forward to seeing you and all our kids next fall!

With appreciation and respect,

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