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Dear Parent/Guardian,

January 23, 2019

Although it is only January, it is time to select the courses your child will be taking at Morris Hills High School in September 2019. What an exciting time! Your child's academic needs have been thoughtfully considered and recommendations for required core course levels have been made based on current academic performance. The required core courses are: English, Mathematics, Physical Education/Health, Science, and Social Studies. Students with one or more periods of ESL may have different requirements. Your child will receive an individualized Course Selection Sheet with the required course recommendations already circled on it. Please do the following to complete the selection process:

1)-- Please refer to the MHRD Program of Studies to become familiar with those courses and levels recommended by the teachers and to view planning tips and graduation requirements, as well as to select additional elective courses (see #2). The 19-20 MHRD Program of Studies is available online at: <https://sites.google.com/mhrd.org/program-of-studies/home>

2)--Three additional electives can be selected or you can select two additional electives and a non-credit study hall. Circle these additional selections directly on the Course Selection Sheet. Also, in the bottom right corner, indicate two alternate selections in case your first choice of elective is not available.

3)--On the back of the Course Selection Sheet, please note there are a number of items for you to fill out and planning tips are provided. Please be sure both parent and student sign the back of the Course Selection Sheet. It is imperative that the Course Selection Sheet be completed in full and returned to MacKinnon Middle School no later than January 30, 2019.

I will then meet with each student to discuss and finalize the selection of electives, which may be adjusted based on your child's final choices at our meeting. Students with an IEP will be meeting with Child Study Team staff instead and additional changes may be necessary to align the course selections to a student's IEP by the Child Study Team.

Ultimately, the Course Selection Sheets must be processed here and received by Morris Hills High School by February 15, 2019. After that date, all scheduling issues must be addressed by Guidance staff from Morris Hills High School. Completion of the Course Selection Sheet is necessary for transitioning your child to Morris Hills High School in fall 2019. Additional paperwork regarding residency and enrollment is also required by Morris Hills High School. Please be sure to adhere to the deadlines established by Morris Hills High School regarding that information.

I would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation and participation in helping your child plan for the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 973-361-1253 x215. Wharton Child Study Team staff can be reached at x235. Morris Hills High School Guidance staff can be reached at 973-664-2329, if you wish to reach them.

Sincerely,
Susan Johnston, School Counselor