

*Welcome 8th Grade Parents!*



*8th to 9th Grade Transition*

*Celebrating Our Learning Community Through Caring, Communication, & Commitment*

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# Presenters

## ◆ Administrators

- David Gusitsch - *Saxe Principal*
- William Egan - *NCHS Principal*
- Julia Ferreira - *Saxe Assistant Principal*
- Kristi Carriero - *NCHS Assistant Principal*
- Jay Egan - *NCHS Athletic Director*

## ◆ School Counselors

- Linda McGann - *NCHS*
- Cynthia Rivera - *NCHS*
- Sarah Beltran - *Saxe*
- Brad Lepisto - *Saxe*
- (Tammy Nettleton - *Saxe*)

# Agenda

- ❖ **Transition process**
  - Websites
  - Timeline
- ❖ **Overview of NCHS**
  - Schedule & Courses
  - World Language
  - Electives
  - Co-Curricular Activities
  - Athletics
  - NCHS Student Support Team
  - Other Public HS Options
- ❖ **Next Steps**
- ❖ **Q & A**
  - Q & A via webinar
  - FAQ posted later

# Questions

- ❖ **Please use the question & answer feature here**
  - We will be able to answer some today
  - For others, we will post written replies afterwards
- ❖ **For specific questions about your child, please contact your child's Saxe School Counselor**



# Transition Process

- ❖ **Students are educated & supported from January to August**
  - Classroom lessons
  - 8th to 9th Transition Website (Saxe homepage)
  - Parent emails
  - Individual meetings w/school counselor (optional)
  - Information from classroom teachers
  - Introductions to NCHS staff

# Websites

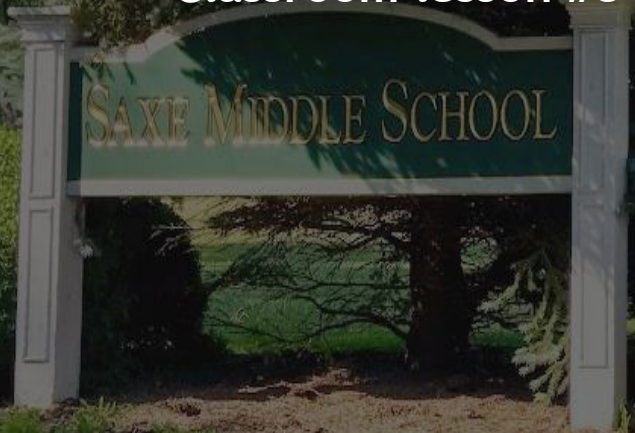
- ❖ **Saxe homepage > Saxe Resources > 8th to 9th Transition Website**
  - **Saxe homepage**
- ❖ **NCHS homepage > School Information > Handbook**
  - **NCHS homepage**
- ❖ **NCHS homepage > School Information > Program of Study**

# Timeline

- ❖ **Ongoing**
  - School counselors available for questions & guidance
- ❖ **January**
  - Transition Parent Coffee Webinar (today)
  - Classroom lesson #1 - January 13: Overview of NCHS & Transition Process
- ❖ **February**
  - Classroom lesson #2 - Electives

# Timeline (continued)

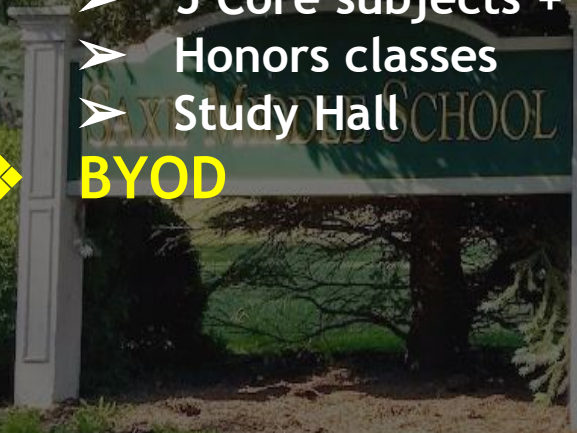
- ❖ **March**
  - 8th Grade Parent & Student Orientation Night - Thursday, March 3 (evening)
  - Classroom lesson #3 - Course Requests





# Schedule & Courses

- ❖ **Schedule**
  - [Link](#)
- ❖ **Courses**
  - 5 Core subjects + 1 elective + PE/Health
  - Honors classes
  - Study Hall
- ❖ **BYOD**



# World Language

- ❖ **WL Courses**
  - French, Latin, Latin Mythology & Etymology, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish
- ❖ **8th to 9th**
  - Most students continue in the same World Language
  - Students can request to start a different language at “level 1” (course may not have sufficient enrollment)
  - State of CT requires one year of World Lang. for graduation
  - Most colleges look for 2-4 years of same World Lang. in HS
  - Opportunity to earn the CT Seal of Biliteracy in 11th grade
- ❖ **Contact your child’s World Language teacher with questions**

# Electives

- ❖ **Career & Technical Education**
  - Business, Computer Sci, Engineering, Foods, Graphics, TV Broadcasting, Woodworking, Yearbook, Fashion, Interior Design, Robotics, Game Design, 3D Animation
- ❖ **Visual & Performing Arts**
  - Art, Filmmaking, Music, Photography, etc
- ❖ **Students request 6 electives, in order of preference**

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# Co-Curricular Activities

- ❖ **Lots of variety & options**
  - NCHS homepage > Students > Co-Curricular Activities



# Athletics

## ❖ Meet the Coaches Night

- June 6th *(tentative)*
- Opportunity for you & your child to meet coaches & get more information

## ❖ [www.ncrams.com](http://www.ncrams.com)

## ❖ Fall Start Dates

- All Sports 8/25
- Football & Golf 8/15





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# NCHS Student Support Team

## ❖ Staff

- 8 School Counselors, 2 School Psychologists, 2 School Social Workers, College & Career Center Coordinator

## ❖ Services

- Work as a team with grade level administrators
- Four-year student-counselor relationship from transition to graduation
- Teen Talk Counselor

## ❖ [NCHS Homepage](#) > [Students](#) > [School Counseling](#)

# Other Public High School Options

## ❖ Free, public high school options

- AITE - *Stamford*
- Center for Global Studies - *Norwalk*
- J.M. Wright Technical High School - *Stamford*
- \* Regional Center for the Arts - *Trumbull*
- Stamford Regional Agriscience & Technology Center - *Stamford*

## ❖ Further Information

- Informational videos & website links emailed and via Saxe 8th to 9th Transition Website

# Next Steps

- ❖ **Students focus on 8th grade**
  - Enjoy the unique experience
  - Develop effective habits & skills
  - Actively participate in the Transition process & events
  - Timeline
- ❖ **Follow their interests & strengths when making plans & decisions for high school**
- ❖ **Be involved**



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# Thanks to Saxe PTC

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❖ [saxeptc.org](http://saxeptc.org)

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