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Dear Parents and Guardians of the **VHS Class of 2021**:

We are very excited to welcome your 8th grade student to VHS this coming fall! As your family prepares for the transition from middle school to Vashon Island High School, we have several events planned to help make the experience a positive one. Please see below for details about upcoming activities for you and your student.

March 9th - Parent Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about VHS course selections, student life, communication, athletics, and parent roles for high school students. Counselors, Principals, possibly students, and other staff will be in attendance to answer questions.

This meeting will take place in the VHS Theater from 7:30-8:30pm

March 13th - "Jump Start Day"

This will be a fun day for your students. McMurray staff will walk the 8th grade class over to the high school for a fun and informative meeting. Students will hear from principal Danny Rock, be treated to some special video announcements from the VHS Leadership class and hear important information from the counselors regarding class selection and registration. The focus on this day will primarily be on registration and preparing for academic life at VHS.

March 13-14

McMurray students will have access to the "Course Selection Survey". This survey will be sent via your student's school email on Monday, March 13th. Ms. Zike will be visiting 8th grade classes during Science on March 14 to make sure students understand how to access the survey and know the deadline for completing the survey as well.

March 27th- VHS Counselors visit McMurray

Students will continue the process of determining their 2017-2018 schedule by selecting their preferred electives. Counselors will meet with 8th grade students in their science class at McMurray to walk them through their options. Students and parents can read about courses in our 2017-18 Course Book available online at [16-17 VHS Course Guide](#). Some of your student's courses will already be listed in Skyward and your student will be unable to change them. For example, all 9th grade students are registered for Freshman English; math and science placements are done by VHS and McMurray teachers and counselors and student choices regarding Human Geography and World Language will also be pre-loaded. This day is primarily for students to choose electives and to have questions answered by VHS counselors.

Late April or Early May (tbd) - VHS School Tour

8th grade students will visit VHS once again! McMurray staff will bring students over for a tour of VHS as well as to hear more from the counselors about expectations and the transition experience. Most importantly, they will hear from a VHS student panel about clubs, activities, SMART period and how to make the most of your high school experience.

Freshman Orientation - First Day of School in Sept.

Orientation will take place on the first day of school. Incoming freshman will arrive before all other VHS students. That day, all 9th graders, and students new to the District, will pick up their schedules, lockers, have their photo taken for yearbook and attend a discussion of social and academic expectations. Students will be given another tour of the high school campus (with schedules in hand), guided by high school student leaders and mentors.

Attached to this letter are samples of 9th grade schedules to give you and your student an idea of what their schedule might look like next year. These examples show a variety of choices such as band, world language, Advanced Placement etc.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Students with last names M-Z - Tara Vanselow tvanselow@vashonsd.org; 463-8644

For questions involving enrollment, or forms that need to be submitted, please contact Registrar Deb Franson, at 463-8684; dfranson@vashonsd.org.

For questions involving sports, contact Char Phillips at 463-8685; cphillips@vashonsd.org.

We are excited to welcome your student and you to our learning community. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,

Paul Peretti & Tara Vanselow, Counselors

See below for sample schedule options for incoming 9th graders.

2020 Sample Schedules for Registration

Sample Freshman Schedule: Minimum Required

First Semester	Second Semester
Freshman English (pre-loaded)	Freshman English (pre-loaded)
Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Health (Pre-loaded)	Human Geography (semester, pre-loaded)
PE/Arts/CTE/Elective	PE/Arts/CTE/Elective
Spanish/Japanese	Spanish/Japanese

Sample Freshman Schedule: AP Human Geography

First Semester	Second Semester
Freshman English (pre-loaded)	Freshman English (pre-loaded)
Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Health (Pre-loaded)	PE/Arts/CTE/Elective
AP Human Geography	AP Human Geography
Spanish/Japanese	Spanish/Japanese

Sample Freshman Schedule: AP, Language, Band - This is the only eligible schedule to defer Health

First Semester	Second Semester
Freshman English (pre-loaded)	Freshman English (pre-loaded)
Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Band	Band (Health deferred to 10th)
AP Human Geography	AP Human Geography
Spanish/Japanese	Spanish/Japanese

Sample Freshman Schedule: Language, Band

First Semester	Second Semester
Freshman English (pre-loaded)	Freshman English (pre-loaded)
Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Band	Band
Human Geography (semester, pre-loaded)	Health (Pre-loaded)
Spanish/Japanese	Spanish/Japanese

Sample Freshman Schedule: AP, Band - (World Language remains an option starting 10th grade)

First Semester	Second Semester
Freshman English (pre-loaded)	Freshman English (pre-loaded)
Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Math (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)	Science (pre-loaded based on previous course)
Band	Band
AP Human Geography	AP Human Geography
PE/Arts/CTE/Elective	Health (Pre-loaded)