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Dear Parents of Eighth-Graders:

Greetings from Granite City Senior High School! Next August your eighth-grader will enter high school. In order to help your son or daughter experience a successful freshman year, we have planned several activities outlined below. It would be beneficial for you to discuss these activities with your eighth-grader, as well as read the materials they receive at school. Doing so will prepare you to make the best decisions at registration for your son's or daughter's freshman class schedule. **This letter provides information to attend an evening registration. Please read carefully.**

1. **Tour of High School** – All 8th graders have had a tour of our high school. Students were at GCHS on **November 17th** to see our building. That visit allowed them to see the layout of the building, offices, classrooms, and many of our labs. It also provided the 8th graders an opportunity to speak to some of our student leaders who served as their tour guides!
2. **Freshman Handbook** – This booklet will be distributed to all 8th graders in January when high school staff members visit their classrooms. This booklet is being provided to help guide students and parents in preparation for the freshman year, but serves as an excellent resource after that as well. Please take time to review this before the evening registration. **There are some important forms in the freshman handbook that must be completed and turned in at the evening registration...these include 1) Authorization for Electronic Network Access and 2) Declaration for ETC Pathway.** It also includes a Physical Form that is required of all incoming 9th graders in the state of Illinois.
3. **Eighth-Grade Presentation** – High school personnel will visit each 8th grade class soon and lead a discussion about high school expectations, registration considerations, graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, career and technical education programs, and post-secondary education/training ... information on directing their career pathway. This year's presentations are occurring between January 26th and February 1st. The PowerPoint shared with students will be available on the high school web page for parent viewing after January 27th. Type in www.qcsd9.net to access the district web site; click on "Schools", then select "GCHS". On the high school page there is a "Quick Link" section where you will see a drop down menu. From that menu select "Freshman Information". You will be able to view the PowerPoint from there.

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4. **High School Registration** – An evening registration has been scheduled to allow the parents and the incoming freshman a chance to meet with a high school staff member and have input in their student’s freshman class schedule for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration will take place in the **High School Cafeteria**. Upon arrival, parents and their child should enter the cafeteria and receive a folder of information for their student. The folder will contain registration forms and their child’s middle school transcripts. Parents will then be directed to work with a high school staff member. The student’s GPA and classes taken in middle school, plus ISAT scores, will dictate the course selections for Math, Science, and English. Parents should spend time with their student talking about the **elective courses** they want to take their freshman year. There is a “**Practice Class Schedule Worksheet**” in the Freshman Handbook that will guide this process.

It is important that everyone **follow the schedule given below** and come prepared to make decisions. Mark your calendar or post this page on your refrigerator so you don’t forget this important date and the forms you need to bring along!

REGISTRATION for FRESHMAN CLASSES

Thursday, February 16, 2012 – High School CAFETERIA

Last Names	L – O	6:00 p.m.
	P – S	6:30 p.m.
	T – Z	7:00 p.m.
	A – C	7:30 p.m.
	D – G	8:00 p.m.
	H – K	8:30 p.m.

Please enter the cafeteria and pick up your child’s registration folder. You will give this folder to the staff member who will be assisting you. Also, **bring the Freshman Handbook** along for reference...**Pages 21 & 25** must be completed and signed, then submitted when you are registering. **Mark your calendar... See you on February 16th!**

Secondary Honors Registration** – By Invitation Only

***Some incoming freshman will qualify for participation in the Secondary Honors Program. Student test scores and GPAs will be reviewed from middle school. Those who qualify will receive a separate letter of invitation for the honors program and should attend the special registration evening as noted in that letter. Qualifications for the Honors Program are listed in the Freshman Handbook. Students invited to attend the Honors Registration Night will **NOT** need to attend registration on February 16th. The invite letter will be sent in late January and will come from Mr. Ron Stern, Gifted Coordinator for Secondary Education in District #9.*

Parents, it is important for you to attend the scheduled session with your son/daughter because you will register your 8th grader for their freshman classes. The staff at GCHS looks forward to meeting you and helping plan your student’s freshman schedule.

Sincerely,

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