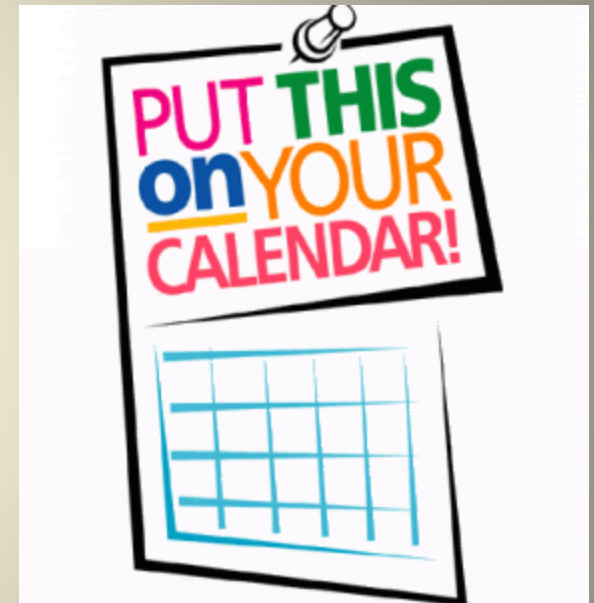


Welcome 8th Grade Parents

2017-2018
School Year



Information in this presentation is based on my current knowledge. Please check with specific programs for up to date information..

1. Incorporating Real World and Student Directed Experiences

2. Varied and Ongoing Assessments Advance Learning as well as Measure it

3. Ongoing Professional Development Reflects Best Educational Practices

4. Every Student's Academic and Personal Development is Guided by an Adult Advocate

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3 Most Important things in Real Estate

Location

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Location



3 Most Important things in Middle School

Relationships

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Advisory Program

twice a month

mixed grade

1 teacher to 8-10 students

Focus on working together
and supporting each other





Electronic Agenda

Students and parents can access from any device

Rollout to students by Thursday

Parent information to follow by Friday

Picture Day - Monday, September 18th



PICTURE DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Picture Day: Monday, September 18

Picture Day ID: WM117010Y0

All students are photographed for the yearbook. Order forms handed out to students on the first day of school. Extra copies are in the main office. Please send payment and order form directly to Lifetouch.

Customer Service phone number is 800-280-5388 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

8th Grade - What's different?

More independent
Higher expectations
More privileges



8th Grade - What's different?

- **SHS Marching Band Visit**
- **Naviance Training**
- **SHS Peer Leaders Visit**
- **8th Grade Dance**
- **Awards Night**
- **Frogbridge**
- **Graduation**

8th Grade - What's Different?

There are many decisions to be made by students and parents of 8th Grade students.

Where does my child go to high school?

Should my child apply to the vo-tech?

Should my child apply to a private school?

What is the application process?

Who do I contact for information about my child's high school options?

Somerville High School

Introductory Applied level (A)

Courses follow the content specific New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards employing strategies that address the specific needs of diverse learners. These strategies provide preparation for students who wish to enter a college and/or university

College Prep Courses- (CP)

College preparation courses are designed to challenge motivated students in a specific content curricular area. These courses provide preparation for students who wish to enter a college and/or university program.

SHS Honors Program

- 90% average in subject area at mid-year of grade 8 or 80% in honors class (Geometry).
- Student Self-Assessment Questionnaire.
- Signed parent (guardian)/student honors program agreement form.
- Students who do not meet the grade criteria of a 90% or better at mid-year of grade 8 may appeal to have his/her grades averaged at the end of the 3rd marking period. At such time, if the grade average is a 90% or above, the student will qualify for participation.



SHS Academy Programs

Somerville Academy of Liberal Arts (SALA)

a partnership between SHS and Raritan Valley Community College. This program allows students to earn both a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree over the period of four years.



SHS Academy Programs

Somerville Medical Sciences Academy (SMSA)

a partnership with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. In this program, students spend a portion of their day at RWJ for courses in the areas of science and allied health care.



SHS Academy Programs

LaRue Public Relations Academy

A partnership with LaRue PR in Bound Brook that allows students with required coursework in business and art to pursue an internship opportunity during Senior Year.



Somerville High School Orientation

Date changed to January 17, 2018

November 20th, 6:30 at Somerville High School



Somerset County Vo-Tech

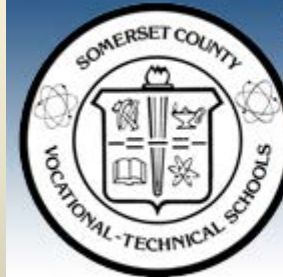
Agricultural Science
Systems
Auto Body
Public Safety
Auto Diesel Technology
Environmental Tech.
Carpentry & Building Trades
Cosmetology
Culinary Arts
Electrical Construction
Graphic Communications
Health Occupations

Integrated Technology

Law &

Plumbing-

Welding



**Somerset County Vocational &
Technical Schools**

College, Career or Both!

14 Vogt Drive - Bridgewater, NJ
908.526.8900

Somerset County Vo-Tech

Vo-Tech Accelerated Programs

The Academy for Health and Medical Sciences

Gifted & Talented Performing Arts Program

(Dance, Acting, or Acting with Vocal Music Programs)

MEAM Program

(Mechatronics, Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing)

Vo Tech Important Dates

Important Dates:

- Academy for Health and Medical Services [Application](#) deadline is February 14, 2018 *Mandatory parent and student information sessions on the following dates, starting at 6:00 pm: Thursday, October 26, Thursday, November 16, Thursday, January 11, Thursday, January 18, Monday, February 5, with an application deadline of February 14, 2018.*
For more information [click here](#)
- MEAM Program Application is available in **October, 2017**
- Dance Program [Application](#) is due November 1, 2017
- The **SCVT general application** is due in February; check the website.

Private Schools

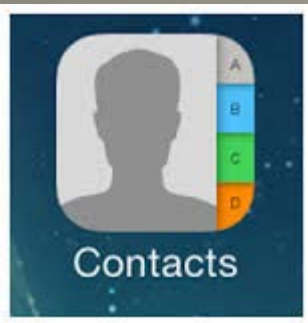
Bring in a signed Transcript Release Form and give it to Guidance Department (the school that you are applying for should give this to you.)

Give teacher recommendation forms to your teachers with a stamped envelope addressed to the school you are applying for, or provide on-line recommendation link to your teacher if you are applying to a Private School. Please give your teachers at least two weeks to complete your letters of recommendation.





Visit the school counselor website, the Somerville High School website and the Somerset County Vocational Technical High School Website.



Jenn Nelson School Counselor at BCMS- 908-526-1415 x 4107

<https://sites.google.com/branchburg.k12.nj.us/nelson/home>

Maggie Ryan School Counselor at BCMS-908-526-1415 x4102

<https://sites.google.com/branchburg.k12.nj.us/ryan/home>

Somerset County Vocational and Technical H.S.- 908-526-8900

<https://www.scvths.org/scvths>

Somerville High School- 908-218-4108

<http://www.somervillenk12.org/somervillehs>

