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Dear 8th Grade Families,

I wanted to take a moment and thank you for attending our Open House last night. We hope the experience provided valuable insights into our school's offerings, programs, and the diverse environment we cultivate for our students. I thank our amazing tour guides, clubs, coaches, advisors, and admin team for sharing their experiences with you.

Last night was the first step in the transition to high school for your family. Please see the plan below for future transition experiences. You will receive communication with more details prior to each event.

- **RDHS Visits Middle School (March 2024)**- High school administration, counselors, and electives teachers along with current students visit the middle school in for an 8th grade assembly. This is an opportunity for the students to hear about the elective offerings at the high school and ask questions.
- **8th Grade Parent Night (March 2024)**- High school administration and counselors welcome all parents and their student to the high school for an evening presentation. During this presentation, they will hear about the high school programs, offerings, athletics, extracurricular activities, scheduling, etc.
- **8th Grade Scheduling (April 2024)**- High school guidance department will go to the middle school to meet with their future students 1:1. They will review the schedule options and assist the student in designing the best schedule for them.
- **Small Groups Tours (June 2024)**: 8th grade students will visit the high school during the school day and receive a detailed tour from current high school students.
- **Summer Building Tours**: Every Wednesday during the months of July and August, the high school is open for incoming 9th grade students to tour the building with their class schedule in hand.
- **Freshman Orientation (September 2024)**: This takes place during the first week of school. Expectations are shared with the students and key members of the staff are introduced.

Between now and March, please continue to review the [high school website](#), [Program of Studies](#) and follow [RDHS on Instagram](#) to learn more about the opportunities we offer our students. If you have any questions, please reach out to your students' current counselor. The middle school and high school work as a team to assure a smooth transition to River Dell High School for all students!

Have a great holiday season and thank you for your support!

Go Hawks!

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