



EAST HAMPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians of Eighth Grade Students,

As we enjoy the start of a new year, the Eighth Grade advisors want to let you know about some upcoming events for our students. More detailed information will be provided as the time for each approaches.

- ❖ **October:** The students attended assemblies that showcased the programs available to them at Vinal Technical High School and the VO-AG program, both in Middletown. Feel free to contact the school counselors if interested in these educational programs.
- ❖ **Late January:** Students will tour our high school and attend presentations of the electives offered.
- ❖ **Late Winter:** The eighth grade academic teachers will make recommendations for your student's placement into the appropriate high school classes. An open house for parents and their students will be held at the high school to learn more about their program.

Your student will meet with a high school guidance counselor to go over the academic selections and to select his/her electives. Your student will bring that information home for you to review and sign. All students complete this process whether or not they plan to attend East Hampton High School.

Applications will be accepted from students to be considered for the Connecticut Association of Schools Scholar-Leader Award. This prestigious award goes to one girl and one boy in the class who have demonstrated academic, school, and community leadership during middle school.

- ❖ **May:** On Friday, May 17, 2013, from 6:30-10 pm, we will hold our Eighth Grade Celebration Party! Students are expected to dress a bit dressier than normal (but this is semi-formal only – not a prom!) and enjoy music and dancing with a DJ and sumptuous finger foods provided by parents and friends. No dates are expected or required and attendance is limited to EHMS eighth grade students only. The cost to attend this function will be \$10.
- ❖ **June:** On Friday, June 7, 2013, from approximately 8:30 am - 5 pm, the entire eighth grade and their teachers will head to High Meadow Resort in N. Granby to enjoy a day of games, food and outdoor fun.

The cost will be approximately \$60 and we encourage you to have your student start earning or saving their money now.

Eighth Grade promises to be an exciting year! Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joanna Mercaldi and Craig Smith
Eighth Grade Class Advisors