

## **The nuts and bolts of the high school selection process:**

In early September we conduct a High School Choice Fair. Representatives from our designated high schools (Killingly High School and Woodstock Academy), as well as a number of other high schools participate in the Fair. Typically, representatives from Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT), Ellis Tech, Killingly High School and Killingly Vocational-Agricultural High School, Marianapolis Prep, Norwich Free Academy, Parish Hill, The Pomfret School, Putnam High School, Putnam Science Academy, Quinebaug College Middle High School, and Woodstock Academy are available at the High School Choice Fair to provide parents information and answer questions about their respective schools.

In September and/or October our eighth grade students travel together by bus to our designated high schools for an informational visit and tour.

Families, who want their student to have a shadow experience at a designated high school, must contact the high school to schedule the visit, and inform us of the date that the shadow experience will take place. Once the date of the visit is arranged for one of our designated high schools, families must either contact the bus company to arrange pick-up and drop-off or make their own transportation arrangement. If your student wants to shadow at a non-designated high school, the family must make their own transportation arrangement. The shadow experience should take place in the fall.

Please remember that your student is responsible for any work missed when shadowing.

In early December families will receive a High School Selection form from my office. By the beginning of January families will need to choose a high school and return the completed form to their student's TAG teacher. The TAG teacher will send the completed forms to the main office.

In addition to providing transportation to our designated high schools, Brooklyn also provides transportation to Ellis Tech and Quinebaug Middle College. Brooklyn does not provide transportation to non-designated high schools.

For the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years only, Norwich Free Academy has committed to providing transportation to NFA.

If you have specific questions regarding any of the high schools, you may contact the high school directly.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan Yanku