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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Reavis High School Class of 2021,

Welcome to Reavis High School! We look forward to meeting you and your student as you begin the transition from Liberty Patriot or Sahs Eagle to Reavis Ram. This will be an exciting year for your student as he or she participates in the multitude of special events related to grammar school graduation. At the same time, we also know that preparation for high school is an important part of the eighth grade experience, and we want to share some important information and dates pertaining to the Reavis Class of 2021 as well as some changes related to the placement process.

The first step in your transition to Reavis begins with freshman course placement. For the Class of 2021, course placement decisions will be based on a variety of factors, but this year, it will NOT INCLUDE a fall 2016 placement exam. First, standardized test results from Liberty and Sahs, including MAP/STAR and PARCC results will provide one aspect of your student's level of achievement. This information is provided to our administrative staff from each feeder school. Teacher recommendations are also included in the course placement process. Although in previous years we have administered a separate placement exam, the state's transition to the SAT suite of assessments at the high school level has necessitated a review of that practice. We feel comfortable that the information listed above will give us sufficient evidence for placement purposes. We will also continue to provide the opportunity for you to discuss any concerns with the placement decisions with your student's counselor and division chairs at January registration dates.

Once this process is complete, you will receive notification of freshman course placement through the mail at the end of December and will be invited to a registration meeting with your student's counselor on either Saturday, January 21 or Thursday, January 26, 2017. Additionally, your students will tour Reavis at Step-Up Day on January 11, and you will be invited to attend "8th Grade Parent Orientation Night" on the evening of January 12, 2017, where we will provide you with an overview of the academic, activity, and athletic opportunities at Reavis High School. Please save those dates! This is when the registration process will be completed.

We look forward to meeting both you and your student and welcoming you to the Reavis family. High school is an exciting time in which your student will transition from childhood to young adulthood, prepared to make college and career decisions following graduation. We feel that our comprehensive, academic program coupled with extensive extracurricular offerings will both challenge and inspire your student to make the most of their high school experience.

Please contact Ms. Julie Schultz, Director of Student Services at 708-599-7200, Ext. 252, or Dr. Heather McCurdy, Director of Curriculum, Ext. 238, if you have any questions about this information. Again, we look forward to meeting you and working with your student!

Go Rams!

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