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Dear Parents of Swallow 8th Graders,

The transition to high school is an exciting next chapter for students and families and we want to let you know what that transition process looks like both here at Swallow and at Arrowhead, as well as important dates and events to add to your calendar. There is also information relevant for children planning to attend a different high school.

School	Date	Description
Arrowhead High School	November 29, 6:30 North Campus Theatre	<b>AHS Informed Choice Meeting</b> Recommended: Attend these meetings to hear about Course Options for freshman at AHS in the core content areas and learn more about the Informed Choice concept for course selection. Consider reviewing your child's ASPIRE results from 7th grade to assist with enrollment decisions. Results were sent home last spring..
Swallow School	November 13-15	<b>ACT ASPIRE Test</b> - All 7th and 8th graders will take the ASPIRE test during the school day .The ASPIRE test assesses student readiness in English, math, reading, science, and writing. Along with subject area scores, there are reporting categories based on the ACT College and Career Readiness Standards to provided additional perspectives on student readiness. Results will be provided when they become available in the winter/spring.
Arrowhead High School	December, 15 January, 5	<b>PreACT</b> Optional: If students are required to take the ACT for AHS Informed Choice Course Placement, these are the dates AHS if offering it. Advanced registration through AHS is required-- <a href="#">please do so here</a> . There is a \$12.00 fee to take the ACT. (Assistance for the fee is available for anyone who qualifies for free and reduced lunch, please contact your K-8 counselor)
Arrowhead High School with Swallow Support	January / February	<b>Course Registration</b> Required: AHS Course Selection/Registration Process. Students will be selecting their courses for next year with support from AHS and Swallow guidance counselors.
Swallow	Spring--Ongoing	Please check the Thursday Folder and direct emails to 8th graders and families about upcoming graduation information, the Washington, D.C. trip, and how to request the transfer of student records if your child will not be attending AHS.

Attached is a letter from Arrowhead introducing you to their process. Please contact Scott Morgan at [morgans@swallowschool.org](mailto:morgans@swallowschool.org) or Andrew Joseph at [josepha@swallowschool.org](mailto:josepha@swallowschool.org) with any questions you have as they work closely with Arrowhead on the 8th grade transition process.