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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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This letter is the first of many communications Arrowhead High School will send to you regarding your son or daughter's transition to the high school next year. Let me be the first to welcome your family to Arrowhead! We want to make you aware of an upcoming meeting regarding 9th grade Honors and Advanced Placement courses at the high school. To ensure a smooth transition, and provide the time needed for making informed decisions about courses at Arrowhead, we need to begin the process early. We will hold an informational meeting at the **Arrowhead High School NORTH CAMPUS Theater on November 6 at 6:15 p.m.** (we should be done before the kick-off of the Packer Game). **This meeting does not replace freshmen orientation scheduled for January 23rd and 24th where all freshmen programming will be explained by counselors.**

This meeting is open to all 8th graders and their parents, but is intended specifically for students who are interested in pursuing Honors and Advanced Placement coursework during their freshmen year. **Students who are currently identified as gifted and talented should plan on attending these meetings.** There will be a media presentation with handouts, followed by a question/answer format, so parents and students can learn about the options and make an informed choice for 9th grade. At the meetings, we will focus on the following 9th grade courses:

- Integrated Learning Experience (ILE)
- Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography
- English 9 Honors
- Science 9/Biology Honors Block

It should be noted that students who are considering the English 9 Honors, AP Human Geography, or Science 9/Biology Honors Block **will need to take a PRACT test at Arrowhead High School.** We are offering the PRACT at Arrowhead on two dates: **December 16, 2017 or January 6, 2018.** Students who have been identified as gifted or talented, have high reading ability (Lexile approaching 1300), are highly able, motivated and/or have advanced scores on 7th grade or fall 8th grade standardized assessments (MAP, I-ready, or Forward exams) should consider taking the PRACT. The students' scores on the PRACT help parents and students decide if their students are ready for advanced coursework. More specific information will be provided at the informational meetings about how to sign up for the PRACT. There is a \$12 fee to take the test.

If you have any questions, please contact your school representative as follows:

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Looking forward to meeting with you

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