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Dear Parents and Students:

As we begin the planning process for the 2024-25 school year, we want to communicate with families and students about the courses and the selections that students have to choose from. It is always our hope and goal that this enhanced communication with families and students leading into course selections will better inform and educate students about courses that are available to take throughout their time in high school to support their post-secondary goals.

Beginning the week of Monday, February 12th school counselors will be going into all English classes, grades 8-11, to complete a class lesson on graduation requirements and next year's course offerings. On February 15th, we will hold a Course Selection Fair in the cafeteria from 7:40 AM - 9:37 AM for all 8th-11th grade students (see schedule below). At the Course Selection Fair, students will have the opportunity to find out more about their course options for next year and get a better understanding of what electives they would like to take by going around and visiting different department tables.

Course Selection Fair Schedule

7:40-8:05 – 8th Grade 8:15-8:40 – 9th Grade 8:45-9:10 – 10th Grade 9:15-9:37 – 11th Grade

Students will receive a schedule planning sheet from their school counselor when they go into English classes. This form is designed to help students make note of courses that they will need and electives they want to take in the 2024-25 school year. School counselors will collect these forms after they meet with students and redistribute them at the fair for students to use and make note of the classes that are of interest to them. This form will also be utilized when students meet with their school counselor to make their course selections following the February break.

Prior to the Course Selection Fair, students and parents are encouraged to go to the Berlin Central School homepage and access the <u>Curriculum Guide</u> by clicking on the Counseling Center tab. The Curriculum Guide will also be available through Schoology along with a copy of the course selection form. Once the course selection process has been completed, course selections will be mailed home. Please note that these are course selections not a finalized schedule for next year. Some electives may not run due to the lack of enrollment. If you have any questions regarding the courses your student has selected, please contact their school counselor.

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