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Dear Eighth Grade Parents/Guardians:

It may be difficult to believe that your child will be starting high school this fall. The transition to Skowhegan Area High School is a carefully crafted process designed to support all students as they enter high school and throughout their freshman year. The transition process has already begun with your student's current teachers making course recommendations for next year, and the students themselves making a list of elective courses they would like to take next year. The SAHS and SAMS guidance staff will take recommendations and elective requests to generate schedules for your students. If you have questions regarding course level placement recommendations please contact your student's current teachers. If you have questions regarding electives, please contact your student's future guidance counselor. At the high school counselors are assigned by student last names; Dan Riley: A-F, Dan Hylan: G-N, Laurie MacFarland: O-Z.

The next step in the transition process is an open house at the high school on **Thursday, March 13th, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM with a snow date of Thursday, March 20th, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. All current eighth grade students and their guardians are encouraged to attend. The evening will begin in the auditorium where you will be introduced to key members of the high school staff and learn about SAHS academic expectations and graduation requirements. We will also explain the Building Assets Reducing Risks (BARR) program that we use at SAHS to support all freshman students, along with other programs we utilize to promote student success.

Following our time together in the auditorium, all academic departments will have a teacher representative available to answer any questions you may have about high school classes. Various clubs and organizations will have representatives on hand to provide information about their programs and answer questions.

As we move closer to the start of the 2025-26 school year, eighth grade students will have an opportunity to visit the high school for a tour in June. Additionally, an orientation day exclusively for ninth grade students will be held on the first day of school in the fall. Only 9th grade students will attend the high school on this day. They will have a chance to experience their full day 1 and day 2 schedules while having the building to themselves.

On behalf of the entire Skowhegan Area High School faculty and staff, welcome to SAHS! We are committed to your child and their success over these next four years. We look forward to seeing you at the open house on March 13th, 2025 at 6:00 PM!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Libby". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ryan Libby
Assistant Principal