



Barberton High School
555 Barber Road
Barberton, OH 44313
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Dear Parents:

Next year Barberton 9th graders are going to be placed in teacher teams, which will consist of four teachers that they will have for the core classes in their schedule. Your son or daughter has been assigned to 9th Grade Team Purple. This team is made up of:

Mrs. Mindy Cardinal/Math – Email: mcardinal@barbertonschools.org
Mrs. Melissa Walker/Science – Email: mwalker@barbertonschools.org
Mr. Thomas Townsend/English - Email: ttownsend@barbertonschools.org
Mr. Jay Austin/Social Studies – Email: jaustin@barbertonschools.org

The core courses offered in this team will be Honors classes. This means an accelerated curriculum, high expectations, and bonus points that will improve class standing. While the classes may present a challenge to your son or daughter, the rewards will be a chance at bonus points toward class rank and college preparation.

Regardless of whether the class is Honors or College Prep, all students should understand this team's philosophy. We believe that:

- Teachers will assist in student transition from Middle School curriculum to High School and beyond.*
- Students will be expected to perform at a high level both in their academic performance and classroom behavior.*
- Students will be introduced to curriculum that will transition their education from the Concrete to the Abstract.*
- Students will work on improving 21st Century Skills.*

Over this summer, your son or daughter will be expected to complete activities as a part of the Team Purple curriculum. These assignments will reinforce the idea that learning should take place all year long. You will find those assignments attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

Sincerely,

Team Purple