

Welcome
Parents and Students
to the

8th Grade Open House



What Criteria Determine Quality?

- **Size**
- **Facility**
- **Administration/Leadership**
- **Faculty**
- **Technology**
- **Curriculum**

Quality Continued

- **Athletics/Activities**
- **Parent Involvement Philosophy**
- **Rigor of Instruction**
- **School Safety**
- **Services**

How Will You Know?

- Listen and ask questions
- Review materials distributed
- Visit <http://www.state.nj.us/education/>
State of New Jersey: Department of
Education (School Report Card)
- Ask other parents and students
- Match with my child's needs

We Provide 4 “A”s

- **Academics**
- **Athletics**
- **Activities**
- **Academies**

Academics

- **One of New Jersey's Top 75 High Schools**
- **Ranked 3rd in Monmouth County**
- **17 Advanced Placement Courses**
- **20 Honors Level Courses**
- **Applying for the Prestigious & Rigorous International Baccalaureate Program (September 2009)**
- **Commitment to Technology**
- **College Articulations**
- **Highly Qualified Staff**

Athletics/Activities

- **25 Varsity Teams**
- **Freshmen Teams**
- **30+ Extra-Curricular Activities & Clubs**
- **Field House & Media Center**
- **Social Activities**

Academies

- **Freshmen Academy (All Students)**
- **Visual & Performing Arts Academy**
- **Academy of Information Technology**
- **Academy of Finance**
 - **All Districts Eligible**

Academies

- **Starting in September 2009 for Little Silver, Red Bank & Shrewsbury students:**
 - **Academy of Humanities & Social Sciences**
 - **Academy of Math & Science**
 - **Academy of Sports Medicine & Management**
 - **Academy of International & Global Studies**

Freshmen Academy

- **Incoming first time freshmen are assigned to a house of 80 - 100 students**
- **Each House consists of cross-curricular teams of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies teachers with one member serving as a team coordinator**
- **Common planning period for staff to meet.**

Freshmen Academy

- **Students assigned to teachers in their houses for the entire year**
- **Students may participate in required and elective classes outside their house, as well as other activities such as clubs and sports**
- **Engaging and challenging curriculum interdisciplinary approach**
- **Academic content and skills addressing real world projects and problems**

Freshmen Academy

- **Academically rigorous education with high expectations for each student**
- **Careful monitoring of student performance and attendance**
- **Structured system with appropriate extra help**
- **Frequent contact between school and parents**
- **Literacy and technology infused into all content areas**
- **Courses that build skills as well as content**

Academies

- **Visual & Performing Arts**
 - Vocal Music
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Creative Writing
 - Piano
 - Commercial Art
 - Commercial Photography
 - Instrumental Music (In-District Only)

Academies

- **Academy of Finance**
- **Academy of Information Technology, Pre-Engineering & Graphic Communications**
 - **Certified by the National Consortium of Specialized Secondary Schools of Math, Science, & Technology**
 - **National Academy Foundation (NAF) affiliated**

Academies

- **Any student not already in a vocational Academy program will select a program upon entrance into the 10th grade.**
- **Capitalizes on student interests and best prepares students for the next step – College or Career.**

Benefits of the Academy Model

- **Increases academic achievement**
- **Reduces the achievement gap**
- **Increases student attendance, attitudes and behavior**
- **Reduces isolation**
- **Promotes positive feelings about self and others**

Benefits of the Academy Model

- **Increases extracurricular participation rate**
- **Develops student awareness of academic/career options.**
- **Strengthens student-teacher relationships.**

Benefits of the Academy Model

- **Enhances student ability to apply academic content and skills to real world and workplace settings**
- **Integrates academic and technical skills**
- **Increases involvement with guidance**

Red Bank Regional

**Welcomes the
CLASS of 2013!**