

# GOING FROM A TO A

## Easing the Transition Process HMS to WJHS:

### TRANSITION PROCESS:

- \* Highcrest LBSs articulate with LBSs from Wilmette Junior High to review your child's current IEP
- \* Sixth graders visit Wilmette Junior High for an overview of WJHS and answer any student questions
- \* Sixth graders tour WJHS
- \* Before school begins in August there is a 7th grade orientation
- \* Opportunities for individual tours/multiple visits can be arranged

### STRUCTURE:

- Principal
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Assistant Principal
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal

### OVERVIEW:

- Students assigned to homeroom advisory
- Three academic teams
- One LBS per team
- Nine periods, 40 minutes each
- Academic Strategies in lieu of foreign language
- Lunch/Recess by entire grade
- LBS and homeroom teacher
- Establish a communication system
- Assignment notebook
- Online parent portal to view grades
- Online homework calendar

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: How does the academic program at the junior high differ from that at HMS?

A: It doesn't! Your child's academic program will look virtually the same as it does at HMS.

Q: Will my child be with his/her friends?

A: We do our best to schedule kids appropriately based on the information we have. However, your child's academic needs will drive his/her team placement and schedule.

Q: What are some of the other differences at WJHS?

A: All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have lunch and recess together, all students change into a PE uniform for gym, we encourage student advocacy, and students can expect a greater offering of extracurricular opportunities.

Please also check our school website as it will offer a great deal of information for parents and students.