

Counselor's Corner

November 2017

- Ms. Weber has collaborated with the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home to contract the services of a school-based therapist to work with Southgate students. The therapist will be available at Southgate on Friday afternoons to assist students with more intense mental health needs. She will be able to accept 4-5 clients at first and possibly more as the year goes on, depending on our number of referrals. Any student who is covered by Medicaid will be eligible to see the therapist for free, and the therapist will work with DCCH to bill for session hours. The service will be provided to the school free of charge!
- Ms. Weber worked with the district leadership team to complete teacher walkthroughs on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The team provided feedback to teachers regarding their instructional strengths, and they made suggestions for continued growth.
- Ms. Weber helped facilitate two more high school visits for our 8th grade class. Representatives from Highlands High School visited on October 16 and the counselors from Newport High School visited on October 23. Ms. Weber is currently working with each 8th grade student individually to make plans for his/her freshman year and to fill out necessary applications and paperwork before our "unofficial" deadline of December 1, 2017. Ms. Weber and Mr. Duty have tentatively planned to take the 8th graders to visit the high school campus of their choice before the spring. We are also interested in taking our 7th grade class as a group to visit the local high schools to pique their interest and begin discussions about their future plans.
- Ms. Weber has continued to teach research-based classroom guidance curricula to every class (grades pre-K-8) this month. These lessons will continue until the winter break.