

Counselor's Corner

October 2018

- **Online Courses:** The students enrolled in online Algebra 1 and Spanish 1 have completed their first quarter of class. Overall, the program is going very well, and the students are working hard to pace themselves and learn the course content. Ms. Weber worked with Mrs. Hansman, the literacy coach, to organize the second quarter elective schedule to allow more opportunity for students to engage in online learning. We plan to enroll 5 additional seventh grade students into the online courses for the second quarter.
- **School-Based Therapy:** The school-based therapy program is up and running! Ms. Tawny Turner, our clinician, now has an open caseload of 8 Southgate students ranging in age from K-8th grade. Tawny has extended her day on Thursdays to accommodate the need at Southgate, so she can see the maximum number of clients at our school. We are proud to be able to offer this additional layer of support for our students and their families.
- **High School Visits:** Ms. Weber accompanied the 8th grade class to Bellevue High School on Friday, October 12. The students were able to tour the high school; meet the district superintendent, the principal, the counselor, and other staff members; eat lunch in the school cafeteria; and attend a student pep rally. We have tentatively scheduled Friday, November 9, as a date for visiting Highlands High School for a similar experience.
- **High School Applications:** Ms. Weber is working with the 8th grade students to complete their applications for the high school of their choice. Each student completed a "fact sheet" about themselves detailing their special talents, achievements, community involvements, and personal goal statements. Ms. Weber plans to help the students type their fact sheets on a formal template to attach to their applications. We are hoping to make the applications top notch to give our students the best opportunity to showcase themselves to potential schools. Ms. Weber will submit all high school applications by December 1.
- **Service Hours:** Ms. Weber and Mr. Duty have discussed plans for requiring and obtaining service hours for our 8th grade class. Ms. Weber met with the 8th grade class to discuss the service hour requirement (20 hours) and ways that the requirement can be met. Ms. Weber hopes to facilitate some after school opportunities for 8th grade students to tutor and/or mentor younger students.
- **KIP Survey:** Ms. Weber will administer the KIP (Kentucky Incentives for Prevention) Student Survey to all Southgate 6th and 8th graders on Monday, October 15. This survey is funded by the Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health and endorsed by the Governor's office to assess alcohol and drug use among Kentucky's middle and high school students. Many other state school districts are participating in this survey, and it will provide planning information that will be vital to further developing the Southgate Counseling Program.
- **Counselor Roundtable:** On Wednesday, October 10, Ms. Weber participated in the first ever professional "roundtable" for Northern Kentucky school counselors. This group consists of 7 counselors from various local districts who will meet monthly to discuss professional and personal issues that affect our role in schools. Going forward, this group will provide an essential network of professionals who can rely on each other for support, advice, and suggestions to improve our work as school counselors.