

Counselor's Corner

September 2019

- **8th Grade Updates:** Ms. Weber is once again coordinating with local high schools to begin the application process for our 8th grade students. The entire class will be visiting Bellevue High School on September 24th to meet the administrators and tour the building. On October 1st, the counselors from Highlands High School will be visiting Southgate to talk about the high school experience with our students. Ms. Weber will also be working with the 8th grade class in the next two months to create their high school applications.
- **At Risk Middle School Students:** Ms. Weber and Mrs. Rubemeyer are working together to check the middle school failure list at the beginning of each week to identify students who are at risk in any of their four core courses. Ms. Weber is meeting one on one with each identified student to discuss issues in their failing classes and develop plans for improvement/remediation. Every identified student will also be required to attend a one hour after school study hall on Wednesday afternoons to make up missing work. Staff will contact parents to inform them about any student's failing grades.
- **8th Grade Leadership Field Trip:** Ms. Weber is planning a field trip for the 8th grade class to visit Camp Joy in October. This trip will enhance the students' teamwork and leadership skills through a variety of physical and mental tasks including group ropes course, wall climbing, and ziplining. This activity is a great opportunity to see our students work together to enhance their confidence through group challenges.
- **Elementary Behavior Intervention:** Ms. Weber has dedicated much of her time during the first month of school to helping some of our new elementary school students adjust to their daily routines and overcome behavior challenges. Through collective efforts with Mrs. Rubemeyer, staff, and parents, we are working toward consistent routines and individualized behavior interventions (when necessary) to enable all students to learn and succeed. Ms. Weber has also provided outside mental health referrals to parents when appropriate.

