

Counselor's Corner

October 2019

- **Middle School Study Hall:** Ms. Weber and Mrs. Rubemeyer have worked together to implement a one-hour study hall each Wednesday for middle school students who are failing any of their four core classes. Ms. Weber generates a failure report each Monday morning, and students and parents are notified if they are required to attend study hall that week. The middle school teachers have also been a big help staying to assist students with their missing assignments. Thus far, we have seen excellent results in reducing student failures! The number of students has steadily decreased each week:
 - Sept. 18: 21 students
 - Sept. 25: 18 students
 - Oct. 2: 11 students
 - Oct. 9: 8 students
- **8th Grade Updates:** Ms. Weber is working with the 8th grade class to prepare for their high school application process. On September 24th, the class visited Bellevue High School and spent the afternoon touring the building and observing classes. On October 1st, two of the counselors from Highlands High School met with the 8th grade class to talk about high school requirements and how to select the school that is the best fit. Ms. Weber will be scheduling on-campus visits to Highlands and Newport High School in October/early November. She will also be working with the entire 8th grade class during their library time each week to create their student information sheets and gather all the paperwork for their applications. As always, the deadline for applications will be December 1st.
- **Early Release PLCs:** Ms. Weber has spent several early release Thursdays facilitating a PLC group that includes all the instructional assistants and the elementary special education staff. This group has been instrumental in planning behavior interventions for specific elementary students who need additional support in the classroom. Together, the group has brainstormed strategies for students and shared their successes and failures. We hope to continue this collaboration throughout the school year!
- **Trauma-Informed Practices:** On Wednesday, October 9, Ms. Weber will attend a statewide training in Frankfort to learn more about the use of trauma-informed teaching in Kentucky schools. Following this training, Ms. Weber will share her learning with the entire Southgate staff during the early release time on November 9. Sharing this training with our staff is part of an ongoing effort to keep everyone up to date on the most current research and best practices for working with challenging students.