

## Counselor's Corner

December 2022

Ms. Jennifer Weber

- **MAP Testing:** MAP testing will begin on December 12. This testing session will be organized like the fall session, with grades 3-8 testing in their classrooms on Chromebooks and grades 1-2 testing in the library. We will also test the kindergarten students for the first time this year. Ms. Weber and Mrs. Hansman will oversee administration of the test by setting up test sessions and troubleshooting technology issues as needed. They will also be present during the testing of the primary grades to assist with student questions, redirection, etc. We hope to see growth for our students this round!
- **High School Transition:** Ms. Weber accompanied the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their first high school visit to Highlands on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed touring the school and learning more about the opportunities they will have in high school. We will also visit Newport High School and Bellevue High School in the spring since their application deadlines are later in the school year. As of now, we have eight students who plan to apply at Highlands. We will complete their applications next week, and Mr. Duty will deliver them to HHS before the winter break.
- **Positive Action Curriculum and Grant:** We are still teaching the Positive Action social-emotional learning curriculum to all students. Ms. Weber has continued teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes, and as of this month, she has added the two kindergarten classes to her teaching schedule as well. With the large number of kindergarten students and two new K teachers, Mrs. Hansman and Ms. Weber decided it would be beneficial for their SEL instruction to come from the counselor. Ms. Weber will also be adding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Positive Action class to her schedule this month. There was a delay in getting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum started due to lost materials and a change in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. Ms. Weber will be responsible for teaching their SEL for the remainder of the year.

