

Counselor's Corner

May 2023

Ms. Jennifer Weber

- **Girls on the Run:** The Girls on the Run 5K race in Cincinnati is this Saturday, May 13 at 3:00 P.M. We have seven students participating in the race along with Ms. Weber, Coach A, Mr. Egan, Ms. Stacy, Ms. Brooks, and Ms. Dean. It should be an exciting day and an inspiring experience for our middle school girls!
- **KSA Testing:** The state assessment is in full swing, and we have been so proud of our students' efforts thus far. Prior to testing, Mrs. Hansman, Mr. Duty, Ms. Weber, and the 3rd-8th grade homeroom teachers met with each student individually to discuss their scores from the previous year and to set goals for the assessment this year. We enjoyed working with our students to identify individual areas of growth and strategies for improvement. We hope these meetings helped to build confidence in the students going into the testing week.
- **Bellevue High School Visit:** Ms. Weber accompanied the 8th grade students on a visit to Bellevue High School on May 4. The students ate donuts, met the staff, and visited classrooms. They were also excited to learn that everyone who applied at Bellevue this year has been accepted! Mrs. Tiffany Hicks, the BHS principal, will be delivering acceptance letters to the students in the next two weeks and will contact families to begin the scheduling process.
- **School Based Mental Health Grant:** Ms. Weber will serve as the Southgate District representative for the newly awarded NKCES school based mental health grant. Ms. Weber and Mr. Duty attended a virtual meeting for the grant steering committee on May 3 in which the details of the grant were discussed. Each district included in the grant has an opportunity to apply for funding to add mental health providers in their schools ranging from school psychologists to counseling interns. This grant provides a wonderful opportunity for Southgate to potentially hire another mental health provider to meet our students' growing needs.

