

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Jennifer Weber

March 2024

- **8th Grade Transition:** Our 8th graders completed their 4th and final high school visit to Bellevue High School on Friday, March 8th. The students enjoyed touring the school, seeing their former Southgate classmates, and eating donuts. Ms. Weber will deliver the Bellevue applications before spring break, and the administrative team hopes to make admission decisions as soon as possible. Also, our three students who applied to Highlands received their acceptance letters this week. We are so excited to watch our Lions continue to grow at the next level!
- **Testing Updates:** Mrs. Hansman and Ms. Weber will prepare to serve as the DAC/BAC respectively again for state testing this year. They will be watching state released instructional videos this month to help organize the testing event in May. They will also facilitate the last round of MAP testing for the year during the first week of April. Prior to the beginning of MAP testing, the administrative team will work with homeroom teachers in grades 3-8 to meet with each student individually to discuss his/her test scores from last year and projected score for this year (based on MAP proficiency projections). Ms. Weber will design a template for each student to use as a guide in the one-on-one meetings that will include previous state testing scores, MAP projected proficiency scores, and a blank space for the student/administrator to set testing goals for the spring.
- **Positive Action SEL Grant:** The Positive Action curriculum has recently moved to an online platform which will save schools the expense of buying the physical material kits each year. Since this is the final year for the grant, the liaison from the co-op is encouraging all school coordinators to participate in training to learn how to access the online materials. Ms. Weber will join this training on March 20th and will share information with Southgate staff at a later date.

