

Counselor's Corner

October 2024

Ms. Jennifer Weber

- **Crisis Intervention Team:** Ms. Weber and Mrs. Watson trained eleven staff members in verbal de-escalation and safety intervention skills on October 9-10. The team members were selected to represent each grade level and area of the building so that someone from our crisis team is always easily accessible if a problem arises. This training meets state safety requirements and enables us to effectively support at-risk students in their most challenging moments.
- **Terrace Metrics and Parent/Teacher Conferences:** The 3rd-8th grade students are finishing up their terrace metrics social/emotional surveys this week. Ms. Weber was able to meet with several parents during conferences to discuss concerns that were reflected in their child's responses. She will continue to intervene with students and their families in the coming weeks to review survey results. She will also coordinate referral services with Emily Black, Mr. Ray, and Mrs. Melville to ensure that students who indicated high risk potential on the survey will receive individual and group therapy as appropriate. We will repeat the terrace metrics in the spring and compare student data as a means of assessing the efficacy of our mental health programs.
- **NKY Youth Summit:** We are excited to take our entire 8th grade class to this year's Northern Kentucky Youth Summit at NKU on October 23rd. The summit welcomes middle/high school students from across northern Kentucky to "build leadership and advocacy skills and help fight against youth substance misuse." The day will include keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and team building activities, and the collaborative agencies supporting the summit will provide each attendee with a t-shirt, a lanyard, a boxed lunch, and a drawstring goodie bag. Ms. Weber and Ms. Dean will accompany the Southgate group for the day. We are happy to be able to provide this experience for our lion leaders!

