

FEBRUARY 2020

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

A Monthly Newsletter from SMS Counseling Center



Meeting Student Needs to Improve Outcomes



IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/3 – 2/7 National School Counseling Week
- 2/3 High School Registration Paperwork Due
- 2/14 STAT Application Due
- 2/21 CTE Travel Applications Due
- 2/16 – 2/23 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 2/26 National Latin Exam
- 2/29 Black History Month Celebration @ NSHS
- 3/5 8th Grade SOL (Multiple Choice)
- 3/10 8th Grade SOL (Writing Prompt)
- 3/31 Rising 6th Grade Orientation

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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WHAT'S NEW THIS MONTH

We are back into the swing of things as we are all working hard to finish the second half of the school year #SpartanStrong.

This month we are continuing to visit classrooms and provide opportunities for students to explore Naviance. Naviance is a comprehensive college, career and life readiness solution that helps align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals.

Our theme during character education this month is kindness. We encourage students to perform

#RandomActsofKindness all month long. Scientific studies have shown that kindness has a great number of physical and emotional benefits that can help children flourish and develop into healthy, happy, and well-rounded individuals.

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A MESSAGE FOR 8TH GRADE

It's an exciting time for our 8th grade students as we start 9th grade online registration. Ms. Stafford visited all 8th grade math classrooms between January 21st-28th to complete high school registration with our students. **All students must have access to their StudentVUE in order to do this.** We strongly encourage students to go home and discuss choices with their families.

Once students return their high school forms, Ms. Stafford will be meeting with each individual 8th grader to finalize high school registration, complete the Four Year Academic and Career Plan, as well as go over PSAT scores. Parents are more than welcome to attend the individual meetings. In fact, it is highly recommended!

Please contact Ms. Stafford at staffordjl@staffordschools.net to schedule a meeting! High School registration forms are due back to the counseling center no later than **February 3rd** and all individual meetings must be completed by **February 28th**.

8th grade students who applied to any SCPS high school program (IB, STAT, and CGS) can expect to hear back from the programs by the first or second week of March.



SMS School Counseling Team