

# WELCOME SIXTH GRADE PARENTS!



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

# BRIEF OVERVIEW

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- **Introduction and Welcome**

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- **Topics Discussed:**

- **Program Requirements for Grades 5 & 6**
- **Grades 7 & 8 Units of Study**
- **Accelerated Courses**
- **Scheduling Process for Grade 6**
- **Guidance Direct**
- **Role of the School Counselor**
- **Student Support Services**

- **Counselor Session**

**Denise Caiazzo**

**Sarah Burgos**

School Counselors

# WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL?

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- Extra help - offered Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-3:30. A late bus is also available.
- Scheduled Meetings – teachers meet in a group with individual students, parents, and school counselors.
- Support Services – Weekly progress monitoring, group counseling sessions, quarterly follow-up, and individual meetings.
- After School Activities – Students choose from an array of after school clubs and activities, including interscholastic sports.

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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- School Counselors
  - Sarah Burgos
  - Denise Caiazzo
  
- Social Workers
  - Kathryn Costa
  - Betty Reynoso (Bi-lingual)
  
- School Psychologists
  - Mary DiBenedetto
  - Nina DiGioia
  
- Administrators
  - John Amato (Principal)
  - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
  - Directors and Department Supervisors

# ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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## ■ Assist Students:

- Develop an educational plan that's realistic and appropriate to obtaining goals.
- Recognize and utilize academic strengths so that they can make effective decisions.
- Analyze the interrelationships of interests and abilities.
- Improve responsibility.
- Address social and emotional concerns.

# NYS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (GRADES 5 & 6)

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- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Languages Other than English (LOTE)
- The Arts
- Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS)
- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Family and Consumer Science

# NYS MIDDLE SCHOOL UNITS OF STUDY (GRADES 7 & 8)

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- English Language Arts - two units of study
- Social Studies - two units of study
- Science - two units of study
- Mathematics - two units of study
- Technology Education - one unit of study
- Family and Consumer Science - three quarters of a unit of study
- Physical Education
- Health - one half unit of study
- The Arts - one half unit in visual arts and one half unit in music
- Library and Information Skills - one period per week
- Languages Other Than English (LOTE)
- Career Development and Occupational Studies

# ACCELERATED COURSES

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- At J.T. Finley Middle School, we offer accelerated courses in the following areas:
  - Mathematics (Common Core Algebra 1 Honors)
  - Science (Earth Science R)
  - World Language (French I, Italian I, Latin I, Spanish I)
  - Art (Studio Art)



# SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 6

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- December – A letter will be sent home from the middle school principal, Mr. Amato to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, requesting the selection of language.
- February – Course placements for grade 7 will be entered into our data management program so that staffing decisions can begin.
- June/July - Final determination will be made regarding course placements (including accelerated math), based upon final grades earned.

# PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.....

## (COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS)

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- Students registered in accelerated courses at the middle school earn credits towards their high school diploma. Courses are also listed onto the high school transcript.
- Students can log onto Guidance Direct and formulate connections between academic strengths and career Interests.

# GUIDANCE DIRECT

## PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE!

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- ❑ Available to all Huntington Students
- ❑ College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- ❑ Student ID and Password set-up

[www.guidancedirect.com](http://www.guidancedirect.com)

School ID: 8472430

School Password: W17S1215

-Click on 'Create New Account'

- ❑ Take The Interest Profiler Today!



# GuidanceDirect

Guidance Direct is a unique online resource where guidance professionals can... get immediate answers to guidance questions... find the latest information on New York State guidance requirements... access an electronic library of New York State guidance related informational documents, professional development information, and publications... network with colleagues... search college and scholarship databases... track student career and college planning activity and more -- all in one convenient place.

Counselor Login



# CareerConnections

Career Connections from Guidance Direct is an interactive online college and career planning resource where students can... find colleges and scholarships that meet their needs and preferences... review detailed profiles on thousands of colleges and scholarship... take a validated career interest assessment... identify career related interest areas... discover careers that match their interests... research in-depth reports on hundreds of occupations and more--all in one convenient place.

Student Login



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# CareerConnections

## > Login

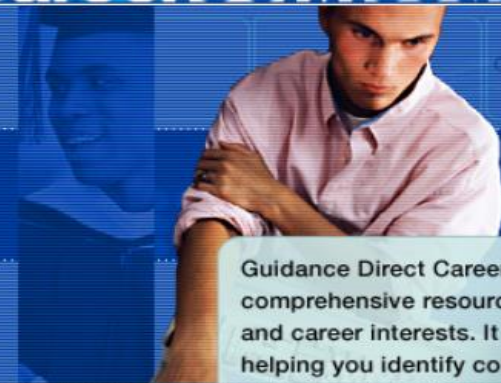
To access Guidance Direct Career Connects enter the School ID and Password, then click login to continue.

School ID

School Password

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career exploration  
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related majors  
interest area  
career portfolio

Guidance Direct Career Connections is a personalized comprehensive resource that helps you explore your career and career interests. It opens a world of opportunities helping you identify colleges and careers that match your

interests, preferences and talents. Career Connections makes your research easy with in-depth profiles on hundreds of occupations and thousands of colleges.





### Existing Users

#### Open Existing Account

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### New Users

New users must click on the button below to create new login account

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# COUNSELOR SESSION

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Mrs. Sarah Burgos

Mrs. Denise Caiazzo



# QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

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Thank you for coming!