

Welcome 7th Grade Parents!



7th grade Parent Night

March 8, 2023

Tonight's Agenda

- **Introductions and Welcome**

Traci Roethel
Principal

Jeannette Alomia
District Director of Guidance and Testing, K-12

Alison Logan
Paloma Ramlogan
School Counselors

- **Topics to be Discussed:**

- Student Support Services
- Grade 8 Units of Study
- High School Level Courses
- Scheduling Process for Grade 8
- Role of the Counselor
- Planning for High School
- Naviance

Q & A Session

Student Support Services

- School Counselors
 - Paloma Ramlogan (Last Names A-B, and all students with Spanish speaking households)
 - Alison Logan (Last Names C-Z)
- Social Workers
 - Kathryn Costa
 - Mary Guzman-Lewis (Bi-lingual)
- School Psychologists
 - Mary DiBenedetto
 - Jasmina Nakevska (Bi-lingual)
 - Andrea Becker
- Dean
 - Lauren Biscardi
- Administrators
 - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
 - District Directors and Department Supervisors

NYS Middle School Units of Study Grade 8

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Mathematics
- Technology Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Physical Education
- Health
- Music & Arts*
- Business* (Virtual Enterprise Junior)
- World Language
- Humanities Enrichment (during lunch)

***Electives will be dropped if a support is needed**

High School Level courses

- At J.T. Finley Middle School, we offer high school level courses in the following areas:
 - Mathematics (Algebra 1), Regents Exam June, 2024 (All Students)
 - Science (Earth Science),* Regents Exam June, 2024
 - World Languages (French, Italian, Modern Latin, Spanish), FLACS-A Exam June, 2024
 - Art (Studio in Art)*

***Students must be recommended by a teacher**

Scheduling Process for Grade 8

- April- Communication between students, teachers, parents, and school counselors regarding 8th grade placement begins.
- May- Recommendations for Earth Science and Studio Art will be made and parents will be notified by department supervisors.
- June - Final determination will be made regarding course placements, *based* upon final grades earned.



Role of the School Counselor

- Assist Students:
 - Set S.M.A.R.T. goals (i.e., Specific- Measurable- attainable- relevant-time-bound) and Develop an action plan to meet those goals
 - Recognize and utilize academic strengths so they can make effective decisions
 - Explore interests and abilities. Research careers and colleges
 - Enhance independence and responsibility
 - Address social emotional and relationship concerns

Planning for High School (college and career readiness)

- Students registered in high school level courses earn credits towards their high school diploma
- Students are required to obtain 22 credits in order to graduate from high school
- Diploma options include:
 - Advanced Regents - 65 and above on the required Regents exams and a LOTE checkpoint B exam or concentration in the Arts or CTE.
 - Regents - 65 and above on the required Regents exams.
 - Local – available to all students who appeal Regents exams or special education students.

Planning for High School (college and career readiness)

- Diploma Distinctions include:
 - Mastery in Math - 3 math Regents exams with an 85 and above.
 - Mastery in Science - 3 science Regents exams with an 85 and above.
 - Honors Designation – overall average of 90 and above of the required Regents exams (excluding the FLB)
 - NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
 - NYS Seal of Biliteracy
 - Career Technical Education (CTE) – complete work-based learning requirements.

Naviance Planning for the Future!

- Available to all Huntington Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Log in through Clever (one step sign on)
- Build a Resume
- Explore Careers!

Questions & Answers Session



Thank you for joining us!