

Welcome To Finley!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Guidance Night

Thursday, January 18, 2024



# AGENDA

- INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
- TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:
  - STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
  - GRADES 7 & 8 UNITS OF STUDY
  - HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSE OFFERINGS
  - SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 6
  - ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR
  - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
- Q & A SESSION

# INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

- ADMINISTRATORS
  - TRACI ROETHEL (PRINCIPAL)
  - KENNETH PARHAM (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL)
  - JEANNETTE ALOMIA (DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE)
- DEAN
  - AMANDA SHAFFER
- SCHOOL COUNSELORS
  - RUTH ESCOBAR (ELEMENTARY/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS)
  - LISSANNY BATISTA
  - ALISON LOGAN
  - LAUREN WALDRON (MRS. RAMLOGAN'S LEAVE REPLACEMENT)
- NEIGHBORHOOD AIDE
  - IDANIA RIVERA

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- SCHOOL COUNSELORS
  - LAUREN WALDRON, MRS. RAMLOGAN'S LEAVE REPLACEMENT (A- FOSTER AND A-FLORES, SPANISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS)
  - LISSANNY BATISTA (FOX-HARRIS AND FUENTES-Z, SPANISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS)
  - ALISON LOGAN (HARTOUGH-Z)
- SOCIAL WORKERS
  - KATHRYN COSTA
  - MARY GUZMAN-LEWIS (BI-LINGUAL)
- SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS
  - MARY DIBENEDETTO
  - JASMINA NAKEVSKA (BI-LINGUAL)
  - ANDREA BECKER



# NYS MIDDLE SCHOOL UNITS OF STUDY

## GRADES 7 & 8

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS - TWO UNITS OF STUDY
- SOCIAL STUDIES - TWO UNITS OF STUDY
- SCIENCE - TWO UNITS OF STUDY
- MATHEMATICS - TWO AND A HALF UNITS OF STUDY
- TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION/COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION - ONE AND A QUARTER UNITS OF STUDY
- FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE - THREE QUARTERS OF A UNIT OF STUDY
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION - TWO UNITS OF STUDY
- HEALTH - ONE HALF UNIT OF STUDY
- THE ARTS - ONE HALF UNIT IN VISUAL ARTS AND ONE HALF UNIT IN MUSIC
- WORLD LANGUAGES - TWO UNITS OF STUDY

# HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES

- AT J.T. FINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE OFFER HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE:

- SCIENCE (EARTH SCIENCE)
- ART (STUDIO IN ART)
- ALGEBRA 1 (ALL STUDENTS)
- WORLD LANGUAGE

STUDENTS CAN EARN UP TO FOUR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CREDITS

# SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 6

- **JANUARY** - WORLD LANGUAGE SELECTION INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED WITH FAMILIES VIA PARENT SQUARE BY THE PRINCIPALS. MS. ESCOBAR WILL VISIT THE CLASSROOMS TO DISCUSS ALL 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSES (INCLUDING WORLD LANGUAGE) AND LIFE AT FINLEY
- **FEBRUARY/MARCH** - COURSE SELECTIONS FROM PARENTS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 14. ONCE ALL SELECTIONS ARE ENTERED INTO THE STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESCHOOL) MS. ESCOBAR WILL BEGIN MEETING WITH STUDENTS ONE-TO-ONE TO DISCUSS THEIR SELECTIONS AND TO REVIEW THEIR ACADEMIC PROGRESS.
- **MAY/JUNE** - GRADE 6 WALKTHROUGH TO FINLEY
- **AUGUST** - FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE REGARDING COURSE PLACEMENTS AND SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON PARENT PORTALS

# 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 THE FUTURE

## (COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS)

- STUDENTS REGISTERED IN HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COURSES EARN CREDITS TOWARDS THEIR DIPLOMA. COURSES ARE ALSO LISTED ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- DUAL LANGUAGE STUDENTS CONTINUE IN THEIR LANGUAGE THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL. NEW THIS YEAR, COURSE FINAL GRADE AND CREDIT FROM GRADE 7 AS WELL AS THE CHECKPOINT B EXAM GRADE WILL APPEAR ON THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.
- CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAMS ARE PROVIDED IN GRADE 7 THROUGH OUR NAVIANCE PLATFORM.

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

THANK YOU FOR COMING!