

WELCOME 7TH GRADE PARENTS!



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- **Introduction and Welcome**

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- **Topics to be Discussed:**

- Student Support Services
- Grades 7 and 8 Units of Study
- Accelerated Courses
- Scheduling Process for Grade 8
- Planning for High School
- Naviance/Family Connection
- Role of the School Counselor

- **Q & A Session**

Sarah Burgos

Alison Logan

School Counselors

AT THIS AGE, MANY CHILDREN ARE.....



Disorganized

Forgetful

Emotional

Explorers

Anxious for independence



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- School Counselors
 - Sarah Burgos (Last Names A-B, and all students with Spanish speaking households)
 - Alison Logan (Last Names C-Z)

- Social Workers
 - Kathryn Costa
 - Maria Canonica-Delgado (Bi-lingual)

- School Psychologists
 - Mary DiBenedetto
 - Nina DiGioia
 - Jasmina Nakevska (Bi-lingual)

- Administrators
 - John Amato (Principal)
 - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
 - District Directors and Department Supervisors

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- 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 to increase understanding of career exploration
 - Improve responsibility
 - Develop skills to foster social-emotional growth and understanding

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 units of study
- Technology Education - one unit of study
- Home and Career Skills - 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

STUDENT/PARENT PORTALS

- Log onto the Huntington School District's Website at www.hufsd.edu.
- On the QuickClicks menu on the top right, click 'For Parents' or 'For Students' respectively, and then Parent-Portal or Student-Portal.
- For Parents, click on "Online Registration", then enter the School District name and create your account. You will need your child's 9 digit identification number.
- For students, enter your nine digit identification number and then for your password, you will enter the word, 'guidance'. Shortly thereafter, you will be prompted to create a unique password.

ACCELERATED COURSES

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

SCHEDULING PROCESS FOR GRADE 8

- March/April- Communication between students, teachers, parents, and school counselors regarding 8th grade placement begins.
- May- Tentative recommendations for accelerated math, science, and art will be made and parents will be notified by the department supervisors.
- June - Final determination will be made regarding course placements, *based* upon final grades earned.

PLANNING FOR HIGH SCHOOL (COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS)

- Students registered in accelerated 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 Art, Music, or CTE.
 - Regents - 65 and above on the required Regents exams.
 - Local – available to special education students and to general education students who appeal Regents exams.
- 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
 - State Seal of Biliteracy – portfolio review
 - Career Technical Education (CTE) – complete work-based learning requirements

FAMILY CONNECTION/NAVIANCE

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE!

- Available to all Huntington Students
- College, Career, and Scholarship Search Engine
- Student ID and Password set-up
- Build a Resume
- Explore careers!

ROLE OF THE PARENT

- Check homework on a daily basis.
- Communicate with your child about school, activities, and interests.
- Know when progress reports and report cards are posted on the parent portal/mailed (approximately every five weeks).
- Reach out to the school and request a team meeting (as needed).
- Encourage reading time (magazines, fiction and non-fiction books, etc.).

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION



Thank you for coming!

Please feel free to email us your feedback

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FOLLOW UP NOTES
