School Counselor Newsletter

The primary role of a professional school counselor is to support student success. We do this through classroom guidance lessons (like Advisory lessons), individual student planning (as in enrolling for classes), responsive services (like peer mediation), and system support (as in responding to parent concerns). We support students and families in three domains: academic development, career development, and personal/social development. Below is what has been going on recently at Lange Middle School.

Academic Development
All students have been working on AVID strategies to help them be academically successful. Teachers have been teaching students how to take Cornell notes (see image) so that they can use their notes to practice and prepare for assessments. Have you checked your student's binder lately? He/she should have some Cornell notes to share with you. 😊

How are you staying on top of your student's grades? Have you signed up for Home Access? If not, call our Registrar (214-3253) to get set up with your email address. Would you rather see the grades on paper? Then, ask to see your student's agenda! Every Thursday, teachers write current grades in student agendas. Just turn to page 14!

By the time this newsletter reaches you, your student will have received his/her first Interim Progress Report (IPR). IPRs are sent home every six weeks. If it is past time and your student has not brought his/hers home, please give us a call!

Career Development
On September 23rd Dr. Tim Wolf will present to our eighth graders about college and career readiness.

The ACT Aspire test will be given October 12-14. This is a national test that measures college and career readiness of our seventh graders. Students will take the English and Writing sections in their English class, the Math section in their Math class, the Reading section in their Social Studies class, and the Science section in their Science class. Because students will be testing in their core classes, they will follow the normal daily schedule, only testing in one core class per day. Although attendance is always important, it is especially important on the days we are testing. Thank you for making sure your student is present each of those days. 😊

November 19th will be an exciting day for our eighth graders! They will be heading to Battle High School to visit both career center and high school courses. Half of their time will be spent with a student panel speaking to them about high school and the other half will be spent touring career center classes. You will get more details about this event as the date draws closer.

Personal/Social Development
Students were given a survey in Advisory, asking if they had interest in participating in a friendship group. Approximately 55 students expressed an interest in learning skills like building relationships and managing peer conflict. Some of the first groups started in September. There will be more opportunities to participate in groups as the year progresses. 😊

**Important Dates:**
- Thursdays: Grades in agendas
- September 23    Dr. Tim Wolf
- October 12-14   Aspire Testing
- November 19    BHS Field Trip

“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”
- Mark Twain