# WELCOME 7TH GRADE PARENTS!



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

### TONIGHT'S &GENDA

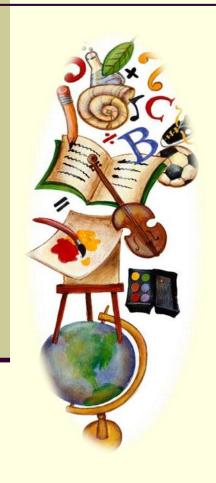
Introduction and Welcome

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Director of Guidance, K-12

- 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

# NÝS MIDDLE SCHOOL UNITS OF STUDÝ GRÆDES 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
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  - 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 <a href="mailto:kklein@hufsd.edu">kklein@hufsd.edu</a>

## FOLLOW UP NOTES