

# Welcome 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents!



7<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night

March 23, 2021

# Tonight's Agenda

- **Introduction and Welcome**

**Traci Roethel**  
**Principal**

**Jeannette Alomia**  
**Director of Guidance, K-12**

- **Topics to be Discussed:**

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

**Q & A Session**

**Paloma Herrera**  
**Alison Logan**  
**School Counselors**

# Student Support Services

- School Counselors
  - Paloma Herrera (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
  - Kenneth Parham (Assistant Principal)
  - District Directors and Department Supervisors

# NYS Middle School Units of Study Grades 7 & 8

- English Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Mathematics
- Technology Education
- Family and Consumer Science
- Physical Education
- Health
- Music & Arts
- World Language

**\*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, 2022 (All Students)
  - Science (Earth Science),\* Regents Exam June, 2022
  - World Languages (French, Italian, Modern Latin, Spanish)
  - Art (Studio Art)\*

**\*Students must be recommended by teacher**

# Student/Parent Portals

- Log onto the Huntington School District's Website at [www.hufsd.edu](http://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.

# Scheduling Process for Grade 8

- March/April- Communication between students, teachers, parents, and school counselors regarding 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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.
  - State Seal of Biliteracy – portfolio review.
  - 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
- Student ID and Password set-up
- Build a Resume
- Explore careers!

# 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.

# Questions & Answers Session



Thank you for joining us!