# Commack U.F.S.D. Board of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

February 2024



# Tonight's Agenda



<u>Policy Update</u>: Workplace Violence Prevention Program <u>State-of-the-</u> <u>District</u>: School Counseling / Guidance Program

Committee Reports



<u>Policy Update:</u> Workplace Violence Prevent Policy

Curriculum Associate Dr. Michael Inforna

# Policy Update: Workplace Violence Prevent Policy

#### Why and What?

Revisions to Labor Law Section 27-b <u>no longer exempt school districts</u> from the related requirements of Workplace Violence Prevention originally enacted in 2006. Therefore, school districts are now <u>required</u> to:



#### How, By Who, and By When?

To meet these requirements:

The BOE will consider a proposed policy for adoption

The Office of Human Resources, with support from related departments, will:

Conduct a risk Evalution, by March 4
Develop a workplace prevention program by March 19

Comply with remaining regulations by May 3

Corresponding regulations will be developed by the administration

# Questions from the Board of Education?



# SAVE THE DATE K-12 Parent University Thursday, February 29 at CHS 6:00pm-9:00pm

Choice of sessions to include: The Adolescent Brain, Special Education Evaluation & Test Scores, Bullying vs. Conflict, Northwell Health, Narcan Training, Investigating New Science Investigations, and MORE!

More information to follow via email and website

### PLAN AHEAD!

# COMMACK SUMMER PROGRAMS

### **Cougar Camp**

Students currently in Grades 3-8 July 1-July 26

#### **Discovery** Camp

Students currently in Grades PreK-2 July 22 - August 16

#### **Music Program**

Students currently in Grades 3-8 July 29-August 23

Signups will take place in Spring 2024!



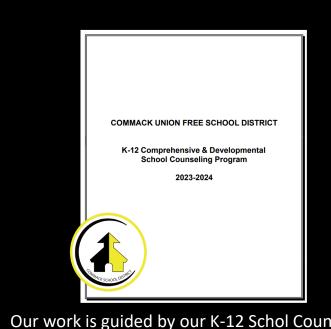
<u>State of the District</u>: School Counseling / Guidance Program

Director of Counseling Services: Nicole Kregler

## **Counseling Program Mission Statement**

To provide all K– 12 students with a comprehensive school counseling curriculum centered around the development of the whole child.

In **partnership** with parents, administrators, teachers, support personnel and community members; school counselors will foster **social emotional growth, academic success, college and/or career readiness skills, independence and self-advocacy** that will enable them to be lifelong learners and productive citizens.



Our work is guided by our K-12 Schol Counseling Program, which is aligned to the American School Counselor Association Standards.

#### Posted to the District Website

K-12 School Counseling/Guidance Program

# Guiding Principles of the School Counseling Program



# **Goals of the Counseling Program**



Implement programs and teach individual strategies to maximize each student's ability to learn



Help students make a connection between the school and the world of work and/or the world of postsecondary education



Help students manage emotions, navigate challenges and learn to apply interpersonal skills



Challenge students in the most appropriate manner for them

Commack Middle School Counseling Program Highlights

# Transition Programs



Student/counselor programs in the Intermediate

Orientations

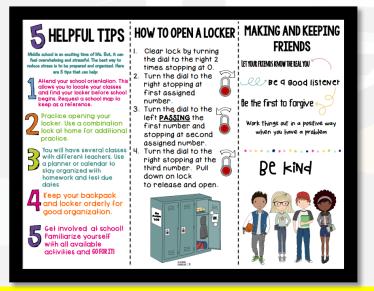
Additional orientations for ENL students

**August Transition Night for families** 

Welcome Back introductions, Role of the Counselor

**Academic choices** 

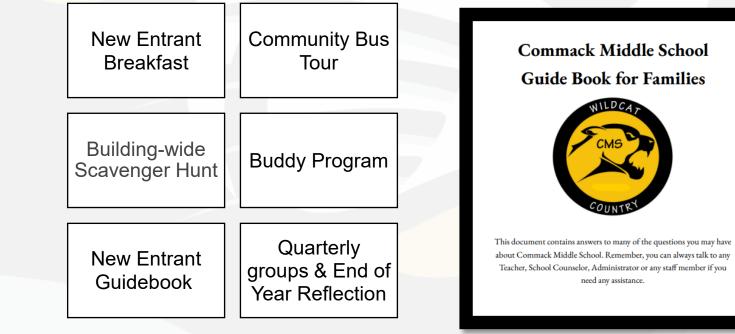
Lend additional support for students transitioning with an IEP or 504



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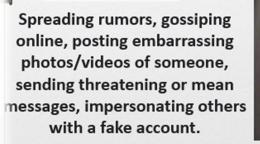
## Programs to Support New Entrants





#### DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY What Does This Mean?





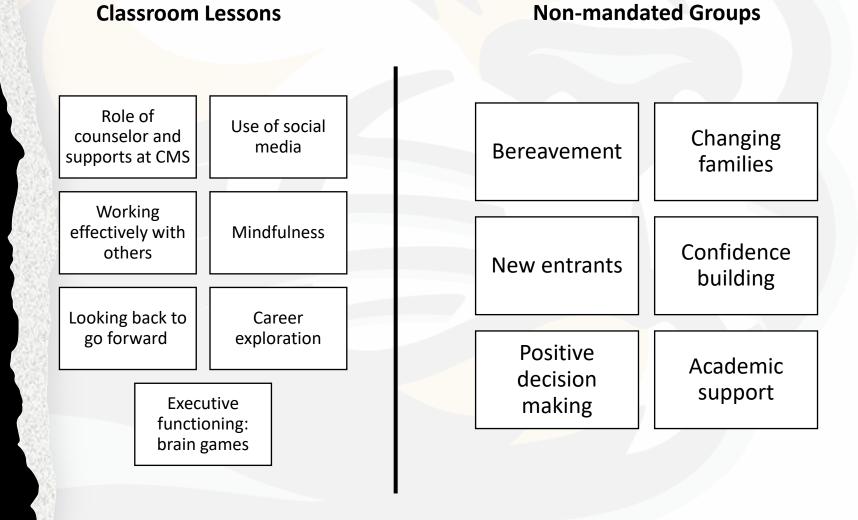


"Using technology in an appropriate, constructive way for oneself and others."

## Programs to Educate on Digital Safety

- Digital Citizenship
- Digital Responsibility
- Digital Footprint
- The Power of Language
- "Building your Brand"

## Social Emotional Learning



Sixth Grade Health Classes – Too Good for Drugs

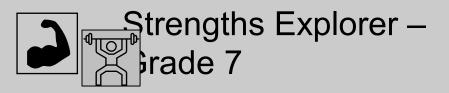




## **Career and Interest Planning**



## Interest inventory and career exploration





## Cluster Finder – Grade 8

Overview

Theme Details

1 Your top 3 themes

StrengthsExplorer® - Powered by Gallup

You are the only person with your exact talents. Nobody in the world is the same as you.

#### 3. Discoverer

A thinker and learner, you are excited about exploring ideas and making connections. You like to ask the questions "How?" and "Why?"

Summary

This report displays National Career Clusters that are a best fit for you based on your interests and personal gualities from when you took this assessment. National Career Clusters are a framework that organizes careers into Clusters and Pathways. These often align to academic program and majors at schools and post-secondary institutions.

#### Your Top 3 Cluster Matches

Naviance provides your top scoring matches based on what you entered about your interests, qualities, and subjects.

Action Items



#### Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources CLUSTER

This Career Cluster is focused on the production, marketing, and development of agricultural commodities and resources.

SCORE: 8

#### Manufacturing

CLUSTER This Career Cluster is focused on planning, managing and performing the processing of materials into intermediate or final products and related professional and technical support activities such as production planning and control, maintenance and

manufacturing, and process engineering





#### SCORE: 8

#### Transportation, Distribution and Logistics CLUSTER

This Career Cluster is focused on movement of people, materials, and goods by road, pipeline, air, rail and water.

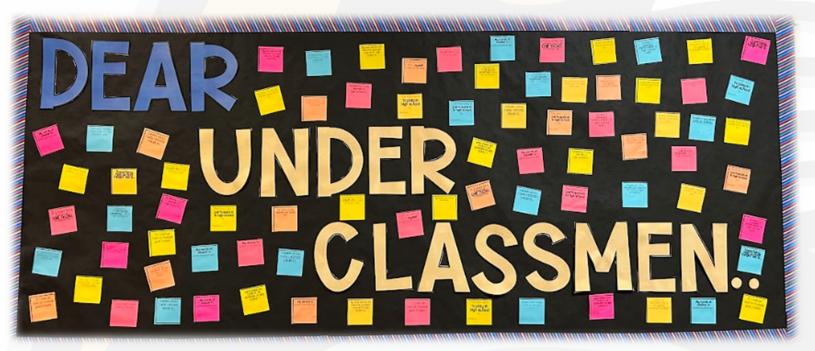
2. Organizer Scheduling, planning, and

organizing your world makes life better. People count on you to get the details right and pull a plan together

1. Competing

You see many things in life as a game, and you feel great joy when you win. You truly hate to lose because you are always striving for first place.

# Commack High School Counseling Program Highlights





# **Transition and Post-Secondary Planning**

Orientations and 8 into 9 programming	Counseling model adapted		
Grade Level Assemblies Implemented 2022	Freshman Assemblies Implemented 2023		

## College & Career Planning

Naviance Career Interest Profiler	Individual Planning and Advisement	Shadow Day	Internships
Job Assistance	Resume building	Summer Programs	Military Careers and events
College and Career Fair	Panels and workshops with college reps	Supporting students in rigorous academic programs	Transcript addendum

# **College Planning**

College Nights each year

Individual Junior College Planning Meetings

Junior and Senior Class meetings

College application workshops in English classes

College Essay/Personal Statement Evening

College Essay Writing Workshops

College Essay Review Workshops

Common Application Summer Camps



Getting Started on your College Essay/ Personal Statement

One of the most personal components of your College Applica

Transitional Programs and	Continued communication with post- secondary institutions		
Supports	Senior Transition to College Program		

Senior Send-off workshops (Healthy relationships, Inclusivity and belonging)

Post-secondary decision making

**Transition Services** 

# Questions from the Board of Education?







# Multicultural Committee Update

The multicultural committee had a busy month of planning this month. Students at CHS and CMS have worked together to celebrate Lunar New Year and Black History Month in both schools. Our student committee also began work on the new Commack Cookbook. Students are working on building this new digital cookbook which will be available to the entire community for free once it is complete. It is not too late to submit entries! If you have a family favorite recipe that you would like to share, you can email the recipe and picture to <u>MulticulturalCommittee@commack.k12.ny.us</u>.

Additionally, our parent committee is preparing for our Multicultural Festival which will take place on Saturday May 11th from 12pm-3pm. Our students and parents have new ideas for activities, games, and crafts for our festival. We are looking forward to a fun day at a new location this year: Commack Middle School!

## **Legislative Advocacy Committee Update**



COMMACK UFSP

- The Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC) has continued their working sessions in order to prepare their presentations.
- The work sessions allow student to collaborate with faculty and community members who are there to support students.
- Students have completed their written advocacy platforms and are now working on their presentations.
- We will be traveling to Albany at the end of March to meet with local politicians and the State Education Department.