

WMS SCHOOL

COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

6th Grade

6th Grade students will be meeting with their School Counselors during their math classes to discuss 7th Grade courses on February 24th and 25th. Students will learn more about the courses being offered next year and spend time developing their academic plan through high school.

7th Grade

8th Grade Course Request Forms are due to Ms. Boyers or Ms. Kenney by Friday, February 21st

8th Grade

9th Grade Course Request Forms are due to Ms. Brenckle by Tuesday, February 18th.

Upcoming Dates

March 23 - 26: Drug and Alcohol Facts Week

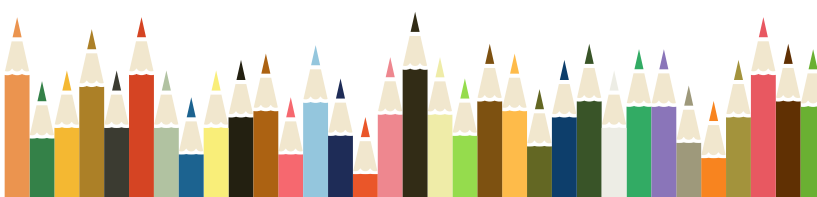
May 4 - 8: Stress Less, Laugh More Week



From the Director

Dear WMS Families,

With the beginning of the Second Semester, the School Counseling Department is now focusing on academic planning for the next academic year. School Counselors will be meeting with your students to discuss next year's courses and electives in addition to helping them develop a 4-6 year academic plan to help plan for their future educational goals. Academic planning is very important for students as they select courses in their areas of interest and potentially earn high school credit towards graduation. School Counselors work with all students to ensure they have enrolled into the correct courses and are academically prepared for





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the rigors of next year.

For families, we will continue to offer Parent Coffees and February's presentation is "Completing Homework or Playing on the Phone? What Motivates Your Student Academically." It will be offered twice: 2/20 at 7PM and 2/21 at 9:15AM. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you are unable to attend the upcoming Parent Coffee, we will be recording the presentation and posting it here: <https://williamsburg.apsva.us/counseling/parent-coffee/>. Our earlier Parent Coffee's are also online to view at your convenience.

Last, thank you for completing the Parent Needs Assessment! Your responses will help us deliver relevant programming to the parent community and we will continue to update families about what is going on in the WMS School Counseling Department.

Sincerely,

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