

THE COUNSELORS' CORNER



Herschel Jones Middle School

Beginning of the Year Volume 1

August/September 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNSELORS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the 2024-2025 school year! We are excited to start the school year and see our wonderful, beautiful and talented students return. The Counseling Department works diligently to ensure that our students have a successful year. In doing so we assist and support the school, teachers and students in many ways. Some of our duties include scheduling, assisting with local and state assessments, providing guidance lessons, group and individual student therapy and resource referrals for students and parents. If we can be of any assistance to support your child or you please do not hesitate to contact us for we are just a phone call or email away.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shawn Shavers-Sublett &

Melissa Crawford (School Counselors)

Character Trait (August):

This month's character trait is Courtesy. Courtesy is being polite, civil, and courteous behavior towards others in words and action.

Character Trait (September):

This month's character trait is Patriotism. Patriotism is love of one's country.



COUNSELOR TIGER INFORMATION

Family Resources:

Family Alliance of Paulding, Inc. provides a free, online parenting class on Thursdays 6:30-8p.m. Anyone can attend and can start at any time. There are 10 sessions to complete the course. We do one or two sessions per week.

Please see registration link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcO2urzgjHNDERQMs8Jc-0kSqGY0mPa4-#/registration>

Self-Care for Parents: Proof - Supporting Neurodiverse Students
(childmind.org)

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:

samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/988-you-matter.mp4



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ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

REACH Scholarship:

Each year Paulding County interviews and selects students for the REACH Scholarship. The REACH Georgia Scholarship Program supports the educational goals of low-income, high-achieving middle school students in Georgia. We met with the 8th grade students who qualified and documents were sent home with them. Please return them on August 28, 2024.

Flourishing Tigers Title I Parent Night: On Tuesday, August 20, 2024 we reviewed student I-Ready Data in which a meal was provided to parents and students.

Guidance Lessons on Bullying: The counselors reviewed and taught lessons to all students and staff in grades 6-8 on Bullying. Parents, please speak with your student about the bullying lessons and what they learned from the bullying lessons. For example, discuss with your student if they can explain to you're the difference between peer conflict and bullying.

Local District Assessment "Beacon and MAP"- Counselors assisted the school in monitoring and setting up testing for students in grades 6-8 on District and State testing designed to measure student strengths and weakness so that the

AUGUST CALENDAR

August 1———First Day of School

August 9———DLD Day

August 12-29—Guidance Lessons on Bullying 6-8

August 13-15—Beacon Math Assessment

August 20-22—MAP Local District Assessment

August 20—Title I Flourishing Tigers Parent Night

August 28—REACH Scholarship Submission Deadline

August 29— Back 2 School Dance, 4 p.m.

August 30—DLD Day

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 2—Labor Day, No School
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September 11—Remembering 911

September—You Science/MATS

September 11— REACH Interviewees Notified

September 17— REACH Finalists Interviews

September 23-27—Fall Break

October 4th— REACH scholars announced by the district

