

Hayfield Secondary-Middle School
Monthly Newsletter
September 2023



WELCOME!

We welcome you and your students to the 2023-2024 school year! Middle School Student Services is providing this newsletter to stay actively involved with you and your students. Please find some information about our upcoming events with resources.

Sincerely,
Hayfield Middle School Student Services



HELPFUL MIDDLE SCHOOL HINTS:

Read the syllabus for each of your child's classes. The syllabus will provide you with information on the teacher's attendance policy, grading policy, and classroom and academic expectations.

Assignment Notebook (planner, agenda): Parents can help children by requiring them to record all homework assignments in a planner or in Google Calendar.

Homework Check: Parents can ask their children to see their completed homework daily and ensure that they keep up with their studies by making sure they don't save homework until the end of the night.

Designated Study time and place: Parents can set aside time each day that is dedicated to homework. If students do not have enough homework to fill all of the designated time, they should read. All students should have a study area that is free of distractions and contains a study survival kit...

Study Survival Kit: This kit can consist of pens, pencils, paper, scissors, stapler, and any other supplies that may be necessary for completing homework.

Communicate with Teachers: You can communicate with your child's Teachers by e-mail or by Schoology.

Practice opening a locker: You can purchase a combination lock and practice



WHO IS IN STUDENT SERVICES?



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WHEN TO SEE THE COUNSELORS

Students can see Counselors either before or after school, during lunch or with a pass from a Teacher. Counselors will be doing introduction lessons over the next few weeks in PE classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

WORLD LANGUAGE CREDIT EXAM

Can you read and write in another language? You might take the World Language Credit Exam. Registration starts September 5th and the options for the test include **November 8 at 4:30pm at Edison HS, November 9 at 4:30pm at Centerville HS, or November 13 at 4:30pm at Fairfax HS.** See your Counselor if you can read/write another language and want to try and take the exam. You could earn credits for that language.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

8th graders in Algebra HN or Geometry, are you interested in applying to TJHSST? Come to the Hayfield presentation **September 6th from 5pm-6pm** to learn more about their application process and see Ms. Brussel in Student Services if there are any questions.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Join us for Back-To School Night to meet your student's Teachers and other Staff on **September 8th at 4:30pm until 6:45pm**