

Meet the Middle School Counselors

2019-2020



Hello and welcome back to school! We hope that you have all had a fun and relaxing summer vacation. We are very excited to have all of our returning students as well as our new 6th grade students! We are confident this will be a fun and exciting year, full of continued learning, growth and new adventures. Overlook Middle School has the most dedicated, passionate and supportive educators, administration, and specialists. It is an honor to be working with such a great team for another school year.

We would like to take a minute to introduce you to the Guidance Department. Our department consists of three counselors assigned by grade level, as well as our administrative secretary, Wendy Higgins. This year, Erin Coyne will be the 6th grade counselor, Katherine Whitaker will be the 7th grade counselor, and Taryn Holman will be the 8th grade counselor. We work very closely with each other, as well as collaborating regularly with teachers, support staff, specialists, administration, and our school nurse Nancy Taylor in order to best support your child's growth and development. Our model in guidance is to start with our students in the 6th grade and follow them throughout their middle school career. This allows us to really get to know our students/families so that we can create positive relationships to better assist in their educational careers.

Our goal as school counselors is to address the developmental needs of all students through a comprehensive school counseling program. We aim to support the "whole child" by supporting areas of academic, social/emotional, and college and career readiness. Our program encompasses a myriad of services including individual and group counseling, parent and teacher consultation, crisis intervention, social/emotional curriculums, resiliency lessons, classroom supports, individual student planning, school wide initiatives, and referrals to outside counseling agencies. Lastly, we firmly believe in creating a positive school culture filled with well-rounded citizens in order to enhance our school and our community.

We are very eager to get started with another great school year and look forward to working with our students! We would love to speak with you more about any specific questions, concerns or to just simply say hello!

Sincerely,

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