

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year from your School Counselors! Please read the following information to see everything that our School Counseling program has to offer!

School counselors help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. School counselors' partner to serve students across the grade levels as follows:

LAST NAMES	9 TH & 10 TH GRADE	11 TH & 12 TH GRADE
A-G	Ms. Aretha Graham	Ms. Michelle Sterling
H-O	Ms. Tami Le Baron	Ms. Tanya Moseley
P-Z	Ms. Christin Farabaugh	Ms. Suzanne Patterson

Student Support Counselor Mr. Matthew Atkins

- Contact information for school counselors can be found on the guidance page - <https://www.bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>
- Location of the 9th & 10th grade school counselors is in the Ninth Grade Center, bottom floor behind the service desk.
- Location of the 11th & 12th grade school counselors is in the Main Guidance suite, bottom floor by the media center.

Student Appointment Time with School Counselors

- Students can visit school counselors during all lunches. This is an OPEN DOOR time for students to drop in, ask questions, and find solutions.

Academic Support

- School Counselors meet individually with students who earn a D and/or F in courses required for graduation on their progress report and report cards to help students understand the impact on high school graduation as well as to help students acquire the skills to achieve academic success.

Student Classroom/Small Group Curriculum

- BTHS School Counselors provide students with guided opportunities in the classroom to review resources that support their growth toward meaningful academic and social choices. Students are encouraged to utilize a system of evaluating their individual academic progress and setting goals. Classroom school counseling topics will include
- **ALL STUDENTS:**
 - o **November 23rd**
 - Healthy Relationships Assembly
- **SENIORS:**
 - o **August 27th , August 30th, September 28th, October 19th**

- College Quest - Counselors will be available in the Media Center from 2 pm-4pm to help seniors with post-secondary applications. No appointment necessary, just stop by (with a pass from the teacher).
- **Beginning September 9th**
 - Have I Met the Requirements to Graduate High School?
 - Each senior will receive a customized credit analysis to take home.
- **October 4th, 5th, and 7th**
 - Financial Aid Seminars
 - Each senior will be guided in completing the Florida Financial Aid Application.
- **JUNIORS:**
 - **August 23rd – 27th**
 - Meet Your School Counselor
 - **November 15th, 16th, 18th, and 19th**
 - Why is My Junior Year Critical for Choices Beyond High School?
 - Each junior will receive credit details and consider important junior tasks related to college & career options.
 - **January 13th and 14th**
 - Registration – how to choose electives and a strong senior schedule
- **SOPHOMORES:**
 - **October 4th, 5th, and 7th**
 - One Year Completed Toward Graduation, What to Consider for Year Two!
 - Sophomores will look at a snapshot picture of freshmen year and decide where to focus as a sophomore!
 - **November 2nd, 4th and, 5th**
 - Students will learn about the many paths they can take after high school
 - Students will have the option to complete a career interest inventory
 - **January 27th and 28th**
 - Registration – how to choose electives and a strong junior schedule
- **FRESHMEN:**
 - **August 30th, 31st, and September 2nd**
 - Learning about high school graduation requirements
 - Why GPA's are important
 - **October 8th**
 - Transitions and Connections: Setting Priorities for Success in High School.
 - Freshmen will learn best practices in making a successful year one in high school.
 - **January 24th and 25th**
 - Students will learn how to read their credit detail report and review GPA
 - Registration – how to choose electives and a strong sophomore schedule

Parent/Student Workshops

- Please join us for Parent/Student Workshops designed to inform you about the positive curriculum School Counselors are providing to BTHS students. Below are a few dates you won't want to miss!

- **September 27th @6:30 pm (BT Auditorium, depending on COVID restrictions and Virtual):** *From Grade Promotion to Graduation Day; The How To's of High School Success*
 - **We want to make sure the workshop is based on the needs of our families. Please fill out this brief survey so that we can provide information during the workshop that will meet the needs of our community - <https://forms.office.com/r/0gUttPySyr>**
- **January 18th @6:30 pm (BT Auditorium, depending on COVID restrictions):** *Rising to New Levels: The How and Why of Course Selections and Registrations for the 2022-23 School Year*

Counselors in the Courtyard

- Each month, School Counselors set up in the BTHS courtyard during lunches and meet with students where they are! *Counselor in the Courtyard* topics address Frequently Asked Questions and provide an informal opportunity for students to seek out information about community connections, resources, and tools for high school success.
- Dates and themes include:
 - **August 25:** WELCOME NEW STUDENTS, Get Connected
 - **September 22:** Careers
 - **October 20:** United Against Bullying
 - **November 10:** Personal Wellness
 - **December 6-10:** Personal Wellness Activities
 - **February 9:** Celebrate School Counseling Week
 - **March 23:** Bright Futures

Post-Secondary Visits

- Counselors are currently scheduling post-secondary school visits (including Universities, Colleges, Vocational schools, and Military recruiters). Admission representatives from selected schools will meet with students outside in the courtyard during all three lunches. Students will be notified of the visit via the School Counseling Schoology page, announcements, and posted on our College Visits page - <https://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/visits/>

Social/Emotional Support

- While School Counselors are not mental health professionals, we are able to offer resources as well as social/emotional support to students. If your child is having a mental health crisis contact the Mobile Response Team for an immediate assessment by a licensed clinician by calling 2-1-1. Parents can also visit the district's mental health portal for more resources - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/mental-health/>

Additional Counselor Supported Programs

- **August 29th, September 12th, September 28th, October 3rd, October 14th, October 24th, November 2nd, and November 14th** – National College Fair (NACAC), Virtual - <https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events>

- **October 13th** – PSAT NMSQT Testing during the school day.
- **March 9th** –College and Career Fair for students during the school day (depending on COVID restrictions.)

We look forward to serving your student during the 2021-2022 school year. If you have any further questions, please email your assigned school counselor.

