



# Counselor Connections: West Junior High Winter 2017

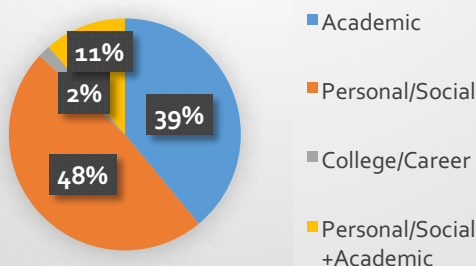
## Sharing our Data: How we have been meeting your students' needs

We, the counselors at WJH, have been keeping track of the content of our meetings with individual students to better gauge what our students' needs are as a whole.

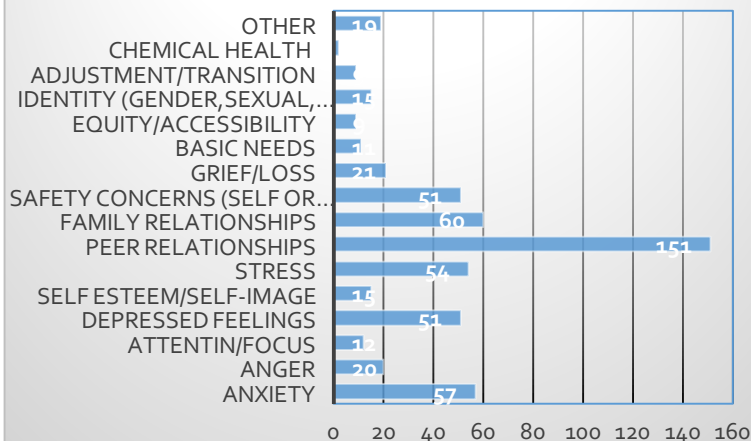
One of the reasons we are collecting data is because it allows us to attend trainings on topics that are of high concern in our building, as well as to plan for future small group and classroom curriculum that reflects the needs of our students. To the right is a graph showing the presenting concern of the students who we have met with individually so far this school year.

In addition to this general information we also tracked students' specific Academic, Personal/Social, and College/Career concerns. To the right is a graph demonstrating the specifics topics we have been addressing in our most common individual meeting category: Personal/Social. The numbers on the graph represent the total amount of students with that presenting concern.

### Presenting Concern of Students Seen for Individual Meetings



### Topics Addressed in Social/Emotional Meetings



### Recent & Upcoming Events

**Ongoing Mondays/Tuesdays**  
Breakfast Clubs

**Jan 19/20**  
Registration Presentations

**Jan 23**  
Parent Registration Information Night  
@ WJH 6pm

**Jan 24**  
AVID students 4-year Plan

**Jan 31**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Registration due

**Feb 1-3**  
Connect to College and Career

**Feb 1**  
Student Ambassador Meeting

**Feb 10**  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> New Student Activity

**Mar 1-3**  
Connect to College and Career

**March 23:**  
End of Quarter 3

# Highlights from Quarter Two...

## Small Group Meetings

We now have four Breakfast Clubs up and running during which we meet with students regarding grades and then set goals for the week.

Both the boys' and girls' 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Clubs earned rewards Quarter 2 by reaching their goals! The girls group received breakfast cooked for them by our Assistant Principals and served by Mrs. Link while our boys group got to have pizza delivery for lunch! 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' groups also met their collective academic goal for Quarter 2 and will receive the same rewards in the coming weeks!

## Classroom Lessons

Mrs. Richter and Ms. Gerster were in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes presenting on careers this quarter.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade we discussed the **Areas of Interest** and the future Academies of Shakopee. Students then logged onto Family Connections to take a survey that gave them their top **career clusters**. After, we related those results back to Areas of Interest and what classes they might want to register for in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



In 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms we talked about our **strengths and interests** and how those relate to the Areas of Interest and Academies. Students then logged onto Family Connections and took both the Strengths Finder, which identified their strengths as they relate to careers, and the Career Key, which gave them results from Holland's Code and the careers that matched with those results. Students then used this information to do a career project in their social studies class.

## Connect to College & Career

In Quarter 2 we had a lot of fun with Connect to College & Career!

**November:** Military Trivia was played in GPS classes. We also had the Marine Corps Challenge at lunch where students could try to do squats/push-ups while wearing a

weighted vest and holding a 23-pound block; we had a lot of students who took the challenge and did REALLY well! In addition to the challenge we also had a Military Q & A panel that students could sign up for. Those who attended had lots of thoughtful questions and overall great discussion at this event.

**December:** During lunch we presented real college/career facts about staff members at WJH and asked students to 'Guess Who'!

**January:** College/Career vocab was explored through a fun game called 'Heads Up' in GPS. Students also played 'Hangman' at lunch for candy to learn more college terms.

Each month we were able to give at least 15 prizes of college and military apparel away for participation!

# College/Career Resource

## Naviance: Family Connection

Naviance is a website that students (and their families) can use to explore college and careers. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders recently utilized this site in social studies classes. Additionally, this spring 9<sup>th</sup> graders will use Naviance to create their own resume. Students can login anytime through the WJH website. **Username: Student ID**  
**Password: 8-digit birthdate (e.g., 01012004)**

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