



Counseling Corner Fall Newsletter



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A NOTE FROM US

High school families,

Welcome back! We are so glad to be back in the building and hope this year is off to a good start for you and your family.

Our counseling department is divided into two sections:

- Mrs. Phillips works with students on guidance matters – College Prep, Career Exploration, Scholarships, High School Registration, etc.
- Ms. Krambeer works with our students to keep them emotionally healthy and thriving.

We hope you will take the time to read through this to stay up to date on important counseling items including deadlines, field trips, and topics Ms. Krambeer will be covering with your students.

We look forward to connecting with you this year!

In Christ,

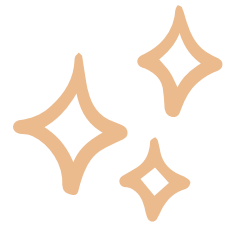
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Notes from Mrs. Phillips

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WELCOME BACK!

High school families,

I hope your year is off to a great start!

I have had the privilege of meeting with many of your students over the course of the last weeks for dual credit enrollments, schedule changes, or just to chat about options. I am so glad to be back and have missed these kids!

We have a variety of college and career exploration options coming up. Be sure to look through this list with your student and sign up for any event he/she wishes to attend.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, please do not hesitate to reach out!

In Christ,

Tia Phillips

FALL VISITORS AT SJC

September 9

Northwest Missouri State University

September 25

Mizzou

September 30

North Central Missouri College

October 7

Spurgeon College

October 13

State Tech College

October 28

Missouri Western State University



Our visitors will set up a table during lunch - please stop by and say hi! Many of them travel to see us - let's make sure they feel welcome.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

(10TH-12TH GRADE - RSVP REQUIRED)

October 8

[MWSU College Fair](#)

October 8

[Herzog Career Day](#)

(Students need to choose between these two events October 8.)

October 15

My Success Day (all 10th graders will attend)

October 22

[Build My Future Event](#)

October 29

[College and Career Day](#)

November 4

College Readiness Workshop for 8th and 9th graders at SJCS




Click on the field trip link to RSVP.


A+ Program and Community Service


A+ INFORMATION


 We will be having a meeting for A+ students in October. Please watch for an email from me!


 If you are interested in signing up for the A+ Program or have questions about it, please contact me either by email or phone. There are also information packets located outside my office and on our new website under "[Family Hub.](#)"

COMMUNITY SERVICE

 Volunteer hours should be up to date. Please check your FACTS account and let me know if anything is missing.

 Community Service Forms are located outside my office and on our website under "[Family Hub.](#)"

 You can also find a list of places that are need of volunteers outside my office.

 You need a total of 40 Community Service Hours to graduate and 60 hours to graduate as an Honor Graduate.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Childcare for Conversation Peace Study - Saturdays from 8:30-10 am at SJCS, Sept 13-Oct 18 Contact Mrs. Phillips.



St. Joseph Marathon, September 27 in the morning. Contact Mr. Maggart.



Pregnancy Resource Center always could use volunteers! Contact Libby Owens at libby.owens@stjosephprc.org



Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Hounle Center MoWest Campus, September 13th, 9 am to noon Sign up using this link: [Bed Build Signup](#)

College Prep

DUAL CREDIT/ DUAL ENROLLMENT AND TESTING INFORMATION AND UPDATES



I will be visiting classrooms the first part of November to walk students through the spring registration process. The deadline for enrolling in a spring dual enrollment class is **December 1, 2024**.



MWSU will send students a bill for fall classes (College Algebra and Chem II) that will be due November 1. This bill can be payed through your GoldLink Account.



College Writing I students: You need to access and pay the bill through your MBTS login or call the Financial office to pay as soon as possible.



Sociology students: Your FACTS account will be charged for this course on September 15th. The spring dual enrollment offering will be Intro to Philosophy.



All CCU classes will be billed through FACTS on September 15th.



Fall ACT is October 14 and 15. [Sign up here](#). Deadline to sign up is October 2nd.



All Juniors will take the PSAT on October 28th.



If you have any questions, feel free contact me via email or phone.

Juniors

JUNIOR FALL CHECKLIST

- ✓ Sign up to take the ACT on **October 15** (deadline to sign up is **October 10.**)
- ✓ Look at the various college and career exploration field trips (above) and sign up for ones you would like to attend.
- ✓ All Juniors will take the PSAT on **October 28th**. This is an important test, as it serves as the qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- ✓ Make plans to visit any colleges you are interested in this year. Most students find it is easier to attend a college visit during a sports off season. These absences are excused and can be approved by Ms. Klundt. You can schedule your visits online by visiting the school's website.






I will be meeting with each of you in the spring to discuss your senior year. If you would like to meet with me before then, just let me know!

Seniors




SENIOR SEPTEMBER CHECKLIST

- ✓ Take note of October scholarship deadlines.
- ✓ Sign up to take the ACT on **October 14th**. Deadline to sign up is **October 2nd**.
- ✓ Apply to 2-3 colleges/trade schools.
- ✓ Schedule a senior meeting with me using this link.
- ✓ Check your volunteer hours on FACTS.
- ✓ Check your A+ hours with me.

UPCOMING DATES

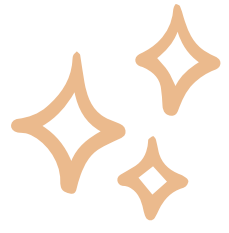
-  FAFSA Opens
October 1
-  Senior Parent Meeting and FAFSA Night on October 2nd at 6 pm
-  Look at the various college and career exploration field trips (above) and sign up for ones you would like to attend.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

-  I will continue to update scholarships and deadlines directly in the spreadsheets. The November/December spreadsheets should be ready in the next few weeks. I will email out the new spreadsheet as soon as it's available.
-  It is important to go ahead and apply to colleges now so that you can apply for the competitive scholarships offered by each school – those deadlines are usually close to **November or December 1**.
-  Most additional scholarships will open after the first of the year.



Notes from Ms. Krambeer



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EXCITED FOR A NEW YEAR!

St. Joseph Christian Families,

I can't tell you how much joy I get from seeing our students every day! We are off to a great start, and I am looking forward to covering many topics with the kids this year.

The teenage years can be difficult to navigate at times for both kids and parents both, and I would love to talk to you anytime as you walk through these years with your family.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out! My office hours are Tuesday-Friday from 7:30-12:30.

Below you will find the topics I will cover with your students in September. I look forward to partnering with you this year!

In Christ,

Kaitlynn Krambeer

Topics and Events



Drug Free Superstar Applications will be available September 9th and are due to Ms. Krambeer by **September 16th**. You can find them in Coach Mac's classroom and on the counter outside Mr. Miller's office.

During the month of September, I will be spending time in the Bible classrooms to talk with students about what the Bible teaches us about depression and suicide. We'll explore how the Bible encourages us to face these struggles with hope in Christ, lean on our faith, and support one another.

"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all."
Psalm 34:18-19 (ESV)