Hello,

My name is Brenda Krutsinger and I am delighted to be your child's school counselor! I would like to take time to introduce myself and allow you to become familiar with who I am and what I am passionate about.

I grew up in Mt. Vernon, IL. My dream to help others and be the change in the world has always been a part of me, and it is in high school that my interest in school counseling began. After high school, I went to Rend Lake College for two years and earned Associate degrees in Science, Arts, and Teaching, then transferred to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale to study Special Education and Elementary Education. I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in May 2016. At that time, I applied for teaching positions around Southern Illinois, and ended up teaching at my alma mater - MVTHS. I later began teaching at Marion High School for the following two years. While teaching for the last three years, I worked towards my Master of Art degree in Counseling, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Shortly after graduation, I was offered a school counseling position here at CCHS!

I have been eager to get back to CCHS since I observed here during my time at SIU. The supportive faculty, the promise of a highly recognized education, and most importantly, the engaged and exceptional student body is what most draws me to CCHS. It is an absolute honor to be a part of this team and community. I look forward to getting to know your student and helping him or her to grow academically and personally. It is a goal of mine to help him or her find ways to achieve goals and attain personal successes while attending CCHS.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, and social/emotional development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff, families and community. I will be meeting with students individually, in small groups, and conducting classroom lessons. I will also be meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all CCHS students and families.

You know your student best, and I invite you to call or email me with any questions or concerns you have throughout your child's high school experience. I look forward to working with you and witnessing your student grow and excel over the next few years! You can find my contact information below. Thank you.

Sincerely, Mrs. Brenda Krutsinger CCHS Counselor Class of 2022 brenda.krutsinger@cchs165.com (618) 457-3371 ext. 264