

Class of 2023 Parents

Hi! My name is Lori Koester and I am the Class of 2023 School Counselor. This is my 12th year as a counselor at CCHS. I am excited to get to know your students and help them navigate through high school! Our Counseling Department has a comprehensive program for all students throughout their four years here at CCHS. This year, we will begin by focusing on a smooth transition into high school. As we move through the school year, students will be introduced and become familiar with the *Naviance Curriculum* which is accessed through *Terriernet*. Students will complete a *Learning Style Inventory* and a *Freshman Survey* in the first quarter of school, a Strengths Explorer assessment second quarter, a GPA lesson, and Four-Year Plan activity 3rd quarter, and finally during the fourth quarter, students will begin an Activity List/Resume. All of these activities are designed to help students understand themselves and their learning styles better and become familiar with the importance of a good GPA and getting involved in extracurricular activities.

I will monitor each student's academic progress and address any concerns along the way. I am also available (and certified) to provide any social or emotional counseling needed. I am available through email and through a note-writing system that we have set up in the Counseling Department. If a student requests an appointment with me, I send them a pass with the appointment time on it. I only pull students out of elective classes for appointments. Students will not miss English, math or science to see me unless it is an emergency.

My goals for the 2019-20 school year include: 1) Meeting one-on-one with each student at least once per semester to discuss and evaluate academic, college/career, or personal/social questions and concerns 2) Monitor and maintain a 96% passing rate in required classes 3) Utilize the *Naviance Curriculum*.

Course Information

Your student is enrolled in the following required classes at CCHS: English, math, science and health and PE. All students must pass these particular courses in order to graduate from CCHS. If your student does not pass one or more of these courses this year, he/she must re-take the course next year or attend Credit Recovery or Summer School.

If your student is planning on applying to a four-year university for college, he/she should take an extra year of social studies courses and at least two years of a foreign language as well as an extra year or two of science while attending CCHS.

Please see our *Course Description Guide* or click http://www.cchs165.jacksn.k12.il.us/academics/2019-2020_course_description_guide for further information.

