

August 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds your family relaxed and excited to begin a new school year. Your son or daughter has a lot to look forward to as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student. This is his or her first year of Regents exams in Algebra and Living Environment. These Regents classes are important as they mark the first courses to be indicated on high school transcripts. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be participating in our elective program which provides more choice than our students have ever had up until this point in their academic careers. Through this program, it is our hope that your child will gain some insight about his or her own professional interests and skills. For these reasons and more, this school year is an important step forward in your son or daughter's future path in life.

Last year, I had the privilege of working with all of the 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The teachers and I found this to be a remarkable class. I am honored to be continuing as the School Counselor for all of those students as they go into the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Already having developed relationships with these students will enable me to better assist them through the adjustments of their final Middle School year.

As a School Counselor, I see myself as having a responsibility to be your child's advocate in the school building. My role is to support his or her social, emotional and academic growth. It is my hope that your 8<sup>th</sup> grader will continue to develop a positive self-image, strong academic motivation and the ability to make wise choices. Through a partnership with you and the teachers, I will seek to help your son or daughter develop the skills necessary to succeed, not just in school, but also in life.

My door will always be open and I invite you to contact me if you'd like to discuss any questions or concerns that you may have on your mind. I will return to school on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and will be happy to assist with any scheduling conflicts at that time. My phone number is (516) 277-7303. For further information you can also visit the Guidance Department's link in the Middle School's website at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org).

I look forward to working with you and your child this coming year.

Sincerely,

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