

# Welcome 8th Graders to MWHS!

**October 2, 2019**

# Meet the Counselors

## Mrs. Simon - Grade 8 and 9

- 7th year at MWHS/22nd year in Education (started out as a teacher)
- Concordia College - Moorhead/Univ. of Wisc - River Falls
- Grew up in Moorhead, co-oldest of 4 siblings
- Played Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball in HS
- 2 children ages 5 and 9, live in Eden Prairie
- Travel, spending time with my kids and family, walking/nature hikes
- Favorite TV shows (past and present): Stranger Things, The Office, Friends
- Fun Fact - I am a twin
- Best part about being a counselor: I get a chance to get to create a positive relationship with students and hopefully make an impact in their lives.

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## Ms. Kampa - 10-12 Grade (Last Names A-K)

- 21st year at MWHS all in the Counseling Office
- Grew up in St. Cloud and the oldest of 4 siblings
- Volleyball and Basketball in College, marathon runner, not even close to being the tallest one in the family
- Enjoy the outdoors, being active, crafting/creating wood projects, trying new things
- Best part about being a counselor: Witnessing/Helping students grow, change, and work toward their life after high school

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## Ms. Baumann - 10-12 Grade (Last Names L-Z)

- Here since 1999, 7 of those first years as a teacher
- From Wisconsin, family still resides there
- Traveled to 42 different countries
- Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones
- Enjoys working out and going to Twins games
- The best part about being a counselor: Making connections with students and learning more about what makes them tick

# Counselor Role

1. Provide Academic, Personal, Social/Emotional, & Post-Secondary support/planning.
2. Connect students to resources here at school and in the community.
3. Examples of why you would want to talk with me:
  - Peer Conflict
  - Family Issues
  - Safety Concerns (Self and Others)
  - Academic Concerns
  - Class Choice/Registration
  - Four Year MWHS Plan
  - Post-Secondary Planning

# Appointments

## 1. How do you make an appointment with me?

- Email me ([simont@westonka.k12.mn.us](mailto:simont@westonka.k12.mn.us)).
- Make an appointment in the Guidance Office, Ms. Laube (Guidance Adm. Asst) would be happy to set up time for us to meet!
- Stop down to the Guidance Office when you have an SPP, HR, Before/After School to see if I am available.
- If an emergency (harm to self or others) or crisis situation, please come to the Guidance Office to connect with me right away.
- If I request to talk with you, a Student Aide will deliver a red pass for you to come to my office. Do not be alarmed, you are not in trouble! :)

# 8th Grade Connections

## 1. 8th Grade Seminar

- MWHS graduation requirements
- College requirements
- How to read and understand a transcript
- Calculating your GPA
- Naviance/Family Connection: Strengths Explorer Assessment

## 2. Course Registration Information

## 3. Interventions/Academic Support

## 4. 8th Grade Retention Meetings

## 5. Peer Mediation, navigating peer relationships

# 9th Grade Connections

## 1. Naviance/Family Connection

- Career Interest Profiler
- Career Key Assessment

## 2. 3 Year Plan/Transcript Check

## 3. Course Registration Information

# 10th Grade Connections

1. Introduction to your counselor
2. Naviance/Family Connection
  - Do What You Are Interest Inventory
3. PSEO Information Sessions
4. PACT (Pre-ACT) Pre-Administration Session
5. PACT Test Results Session
6. Course Registration Information

# **11th Grade Connections**

- 1. Junior Fall Meeting**
- 2. PSEO Information Session**
- 3. ACT Pre-Administration Session**
- 4. Junior Spring Meeting/Transcript Check**
- 5. Course Registration Information**

# **12th Grade Connections**

- 1. Senior Application Session/Financial Aid**
- 2. College Application Help Session**
- 3. Scholarship Meeting**
- 4. Senior Survey**

# Naviance Login

**Step 1:** Go to the MWHS homepage

**Step 2:** Academics tab, click on Guidance

**Step 3:** On the Guidance Homepage, click on Naviance under Quick Links. This is the third icon under Quick Links.

**Step 4:** Login: Same as your Skyward account. tlsim2024

Password: 00sixdigitstudentid

**Step 5:** Take some time to peruse the site.

# **Naviance Scavenger Hunt**

**Check school email for Google Doc link to the  
Naviance Scavenger Hunt!**

**Complete by end of the school day today for  
a chance to win a prize!**

We are glad you're here!  
Thank you for your time  
today!