

# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOLS

## School Counseling Department



### Grade 8 Planning Tools

#### ✓ **Grade 8 Goals**

- Continue to plan short-term and long-term goals
  - Continue self-advocacy
  - Organize your school responsibilities
  - Manage your time
- Participate in counseling lessons and school activities about social/emotional skills: *Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Responsible Decision Making, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness*

#### ✓ **[BHMS Website](#), [CRMS Website](#), [OVMS Website](#) – Bookmark on laptop**

- Student Handbook – Use as reference
- Principal and Assistant Principal
- School Nurse – Health Services
- Library/IMC
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Reports

#### ✓ **[BHMS Counseling Website](#), [CRMS Counseling Website](#), [OVMS Counseling Website](#) – Bookmark on laptop**

- School Counseling Secretary and School Counselors
- Middle School Counselor – Confidentiality
- Counselor Email & Telephone

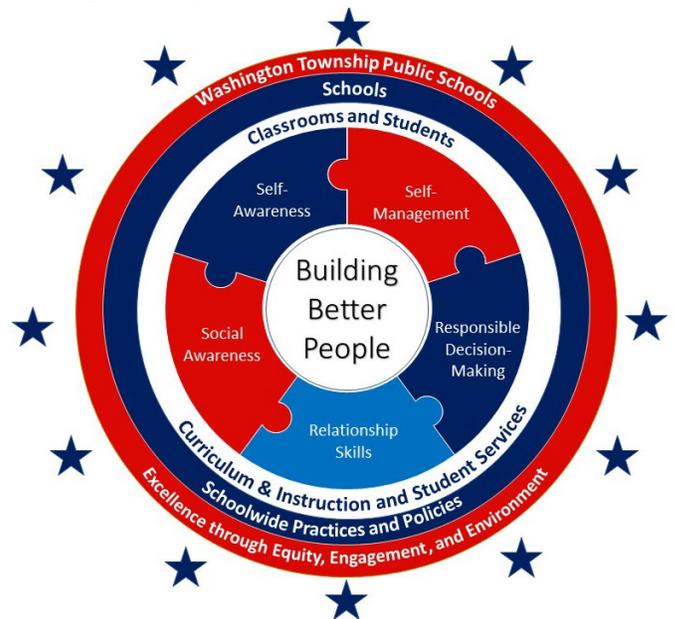
#### ✓ **PowerSchool/Schoology** – Bookmark on laptop

- Contacts – Review information
  - Parent name(s), telephone, email, sibling(s)
- Current schedule – Review courses
- Grades
  - Grading scale
  - Report cards – 2 semesters

#### ✓ **[BHMS Naviance](#), [CRMS Naviance](#), [OVMS Naviance](#) – Bookmark on laptop and explore the following information**

- Home
- Self-Discovery
  - Career Cluster Finder – Careers that match your interests
  - Career Interest Profiler – Complete the survey
  - Career Key – Understand your score using [Holland Interest Codes](#)
  - Intelligences – Understand your Multiple Intelligences and Emotional Intelligence results

- Learning and Productivity – Understand your sensory and mindset preferences
- Personality – Understand your personality type
- StrengthsExplorer – Understand your strengths
- Careers
  - Favorite Careers and Clusters – Create a list
  - Explore Careers
    - [Holland Interest Codes](#)
    - [Career Cluster Pathways](#)
  - Explore Clusters and Pathways – Search for helpful information
  - Favorite or Explore Military Branches - Search for helpful information
  - Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos – Watch videos about different careers
- Colleges – Find Your Fit
  - SuperMatch College Search – Create a list
  - Advanced College Search – Select the criteria to search schools
  - College Lookup – Lookup an individual school
- Colleges – Research Colleges
  - Colleges I’m Thinking About – Start a list
  - College Resources – Review the helpful resources
  - Enrichment Programs – Search program opportunities
  - College Maps – Review information
- Planner
  - Tasks – See if your counselor assigns a task
  - Goals – Set your own goals
  - To-Dos – Create a list
- Click your initials in the top right-hand corner > Documents and Notes
  - Resume – Add/Update Sections
    - Portfolio – Your information
  - Surveys – Check your results
- ✓ **Standardized Tests**
  - NJSLA – ELA, Mathematics, Science
- ✓ **Co-Curricular**
  - Sports, Clubs, and Activities





## Grade 8 Monthly Checklist



<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Complete Summer Assignments</li> <li>✓ <b>Welcome back and good luck with your new schedule!</b></li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your middle school counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity</li> <li>✓ Participate in Week of Respect Activities</li> <li>✓ Participate in School Violence Awareness/Red Ribbon Week activities</li> <li>✓ Attend GCIT Informational Sessions, if interested</li> <li>✓ Attend WTHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Participate in National School Counseling Week!</b></li> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Begin preparation for WTHS scheduling advisement using your Personalized Student Learning Plan</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> <li>✓ Review summer school or retention, if necessary</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Meet with WTHS Counselor for scheduling advisement</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Verify next year's courses in PowerSchool</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson</li> <li>✓ Take NJSLA in ELA, Math, Science</li> <li>✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey</li> <li>✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet with your counselor as needed</li> <li>✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey</li> <li>✓ Visit WTHS website for Summer Assignments</li> <li>✓ Seek enrichment, volunteer, or employment opportunities as resume builders during the summer</li> <li>✓ <b>Congratulations graduates and enjoy your summer!</b></li> <li>✓ <b>PowerSchool – Final report card emailed</b></li> </ul>

