



Herbert Hoover Middle School

7th Grade Parent Tea

October 19, 2023 | 9:00am | Media Center

Agenda

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Welcome

Hear from our administrative team.

03

Team Leader

Hear about 7th grade trips and events

05

SSL

Hear about how to earn hours and how to submit

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PTA

Hear updates from PTA how to join and events

04

Counseling

Hear about our counseling programs, and contacts

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Staying Connected

How to stay in touch

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01

Meet the Team

The Hoover Admin & 7th Grade Team

Our Administrative Team



Dr. Kim

Principal &
6th Grade



Ms. Kollo

7th Grade
Administrator



Ms. Chin

8th Grade
Administrator



7th Grade Team



Ms. Kollo

7th Grade
Administrator



Ms. Capoccia

7th Grade
Counselor



Ms. Triantis

7th Grade
Team
Leader



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PTA

Roles, Events and How to Support

PTA President

Ms. Kimberly Nugent King



PTA Board Members



HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Kimberly King	President
Kellye McCuin	Executive Vice President
Cindy Chi	Membership Vice President
Meaghan LeNard	Treasurer
Namita Sandal	Recording Secretary
Miriam Tai	Corresponding Secretary
Lauren Oxner	NAACP Parent Representative
Jennifer Nordin & Martin Stuermer	MCCPTA Delegates
Alicia Stern & Emily Pierce	Special Education & Bridge Liaison:
Zinni Mishra	Reflections Chairperson
Jaime Lok & Anne Glynn	Staff Appreciation



Mission

The PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Focus

Our area of focus this year is to improve communication between students, families and the faculty and staff at Hoover & student safety



- Traffic Safety Study Requested through Maryland Department of Transportation.

- Request for second Crossing Guard made to Montgomery County Police

- Looking for volunteers to form a PTA Safety Committee



Hoover PTA Information

Join the PTA: Your patronage enables the PTA to continue to advocate for our students and support the many teachers and programs that make Hoover great. We cannot do this alone. To continue to support and build our community, we ask you to join the PTA.

Check Out the PTA Website: HooverMSPTA.org for the latest and greatest concerning our Hoover community.

Subscribe to Hoover Notes: Receive weekly updates concerning the Hoover community.

Contact the PTA: Email presidenthooverpta@gmail.com for questions or if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

PTA Meeting Schedule: Meetings will be virtual at this time- January 9 and May 14 7:00PM

If you read only one email each week,
make sure it's *Hoover Notes*!

To view this email as a web page, click [here](#)



HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

HOOVER NOTES

Hoover Notes will be sent out weekly to help you keep track of important school community news and events. **New items are bolded.**

PTA News

This Year's Initiatives

- Weekly Hoover Notes
- Family Directories
- Staff Appreciation
- Reimburse teachers up to \$100 toward classroom supplies
- Amazon Wish List to benefit our faculty and staff
- Halloween Party 10/26
- Book Fair 11/6
- Support Departmental Showcases
- Safety Committee
- NAACP Parent Council
- International Night
- Read-a-Thon
- Reflections Arts Program
- Media Center Support
- Arts & Science Support
- Special Education/Bridge Support
- Student Wellness Support
- Incorporate staff and membership ideas for new initiatives



Things We Need Help With

- Provide baked goods for staff meals
- Media Center Volunteers (most days 9:00, 10:00 or 2:00)
- Donate a Staff Breakfast/Lunch
- Safety Committee
- Halloween Party Helper
- Help with the Book Fair
- Make cookies for staff holiday cookie exchange
- Book Fair Helpers
- Chair Student Valentine Party evening of 2/7
- Assist with STEAM Night 3/14
- Assist with Read-a-Thon (month of March)
- Assist with International Night
- Assist with Teacher Appreciation week
- Donate snacks for after school programs



Book Fair - November 6-9



Undercover Turkeys





2023-2024
**CALL FOR
ENTRIES!**

Learn more and get involved!
[PTA.org/Reflections](https://pta.org/reflections)

I am Hopeful Because...

Explore the arts and
express yourself!



Entries Due November 17

Categories:

- Dance
- Film
- Literature
- Music Composition

- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Special Artists



YOU'RE
INVITED TO

Hoover's Halloween Party

All Hoover Middle School students are invited to get dressed up and join us for music, dancing, games, and fun at the Hoover Halloween party. Pizza, drinks, and candy will be provided.....

6-8 PM
October 26, 2023



Hoover Cafeteria
and Media Center



Tickets are \$15 and can be purchase during lunch on 10/17, 10/18, & 10/19 or online under Event Tickets <https://hhmspta.membershiptoolkit.com/>



Bring donations to the collection bin in the office at Hoover.

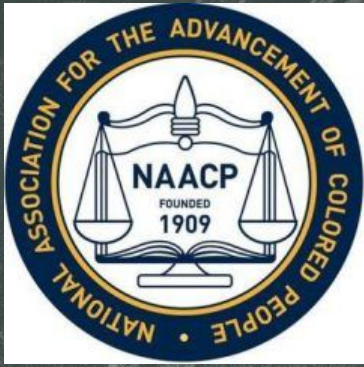


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wishlist



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to your VIC card



NAACP Parents' Council

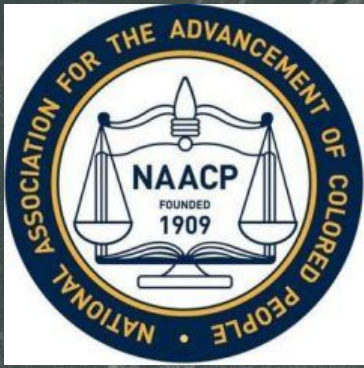
- 2023-24 Parent Council Representative: Lauren Oxner
- The NAACP is a national civil rights organization dedicated to fighting for the equality of African Americans and other marginalized communities in the United States through legal advocacy, grassroots activism and public awareness campaigns.
- The Parents' Council is made up of parents, guardians, grandparents and allies of students of color as part of the NAACP Education Committee

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NAACP-PC
Lauren Oxner- HMSNAACP@Gmail.com
PTA General Body Meeting, October 19, 2023

NAACP

Montgomery county MD Unit



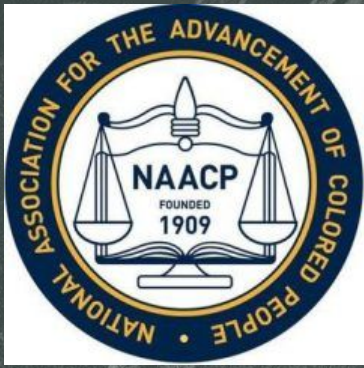


Each MCPS school has committed to have a minimum of one NAACP-PC rep to attend county-wide PC meetings, share information with parents, and share parent feedback, questions and concerns with school administrators.

Next meeting: November 7, 2023 @ 7 PM
Informational: 30 minutes
Town Hall (Open forum): 30 minutes

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Proposed 2023-24 HHMS Meetings

- November 7, 2023 @ 7 PM
- December 6, 2023 @ 7 PM
- February 7, 2024 @ 7 PM
- April 11, 2024 @ 7 PM
- June 6, 2024 @ 7 PM

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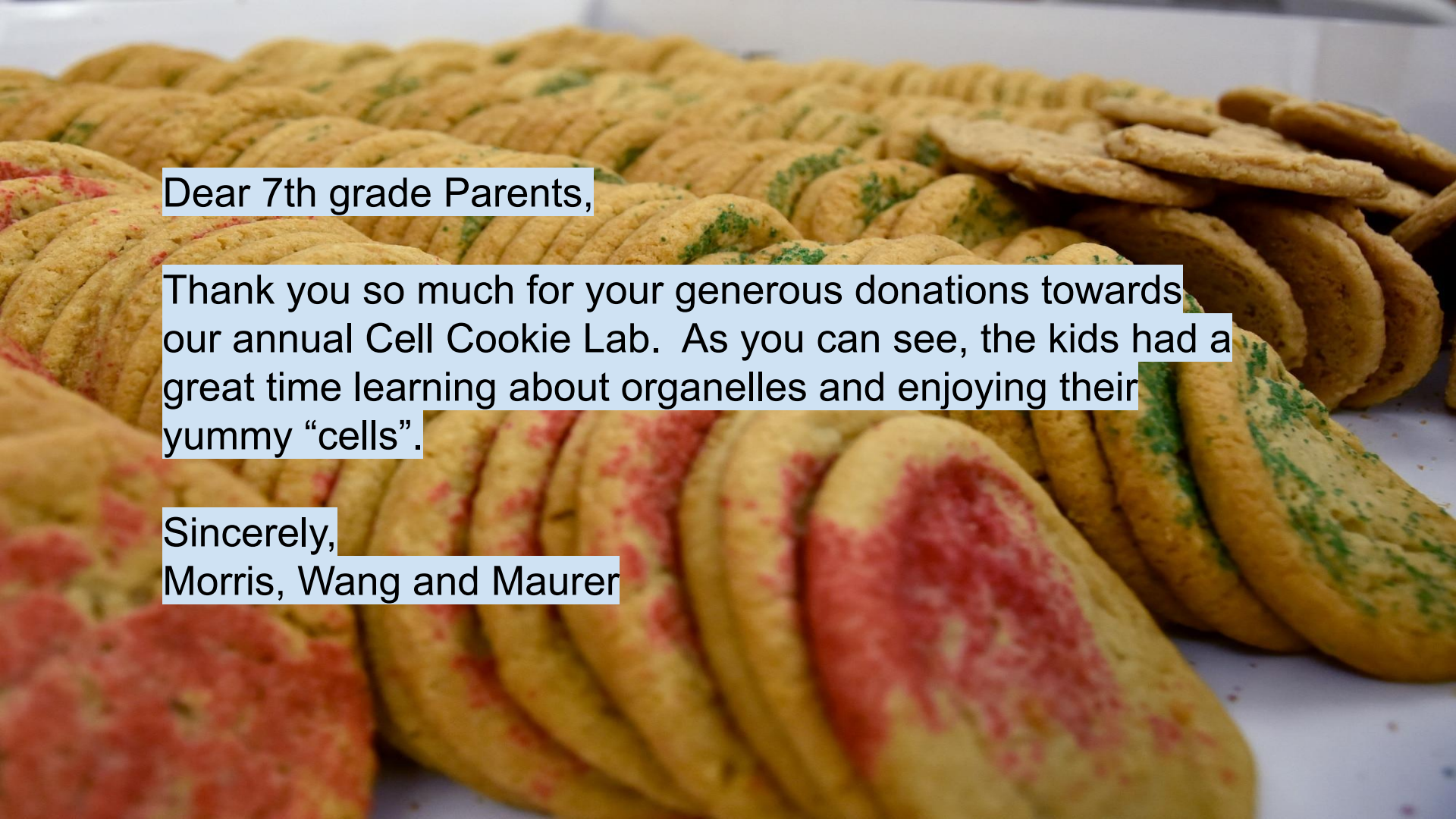
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**Team Leader
Updates**

7th Grade Team Highlights

Finance Park: *JA Finance Park* is Junior Achievement's capstone program for personal financial planning and career exploration. This program, comprising a curriculum and a simulation, helps students in grades 7–12 build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. Simulation Field Trip is Jan 22-24, 2024. Each child will attend one of these dates. Parents can begin signing up via <https://www.myja.org/parents/montgomery> parent volunteer link.

National History Day: NHD is a school, then county, then national competition where students demonstrate their knowledge on a topic they choose to create an argumentative project through Global Humanities class. NHD Theme this year is "Turning Points in History".

A large tray of golden-brown cookies, some decorated with red and green icing, representing organelles. The cookies are arranged in rows, with some showing red and green patterns. The background is a plain white surface.

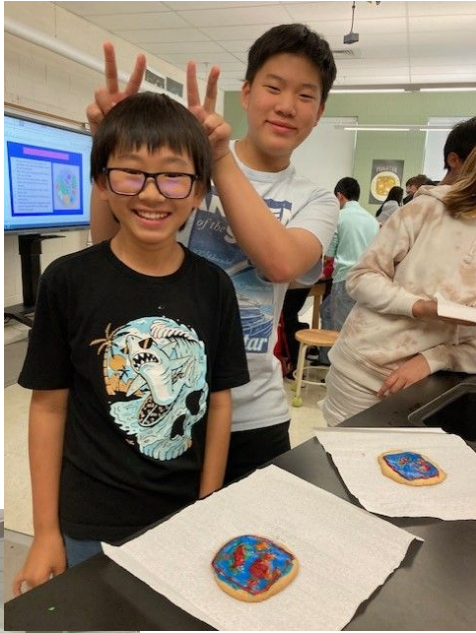
Dear 7th grade Parents,

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our annual Cell Cookie Lab. As you can see, the kids had a great time learning about organelles and enjoying their yummy “cells”.

Sincerely,
Morris, Wang and Maurer





















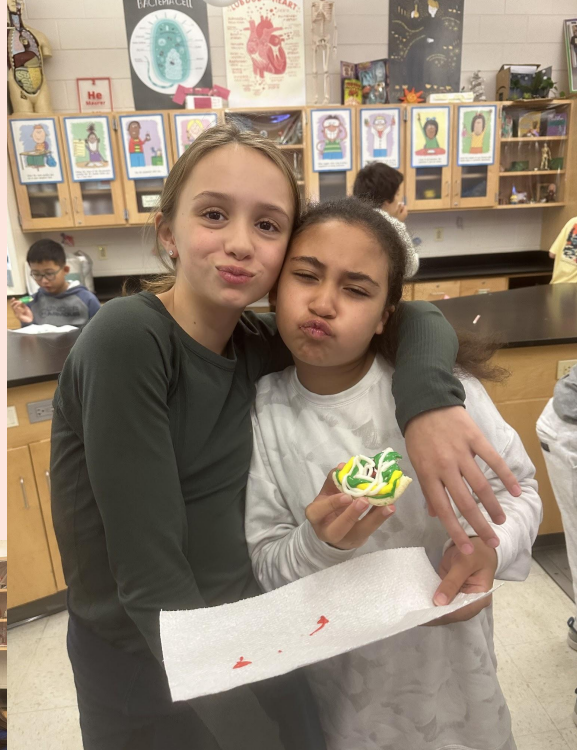












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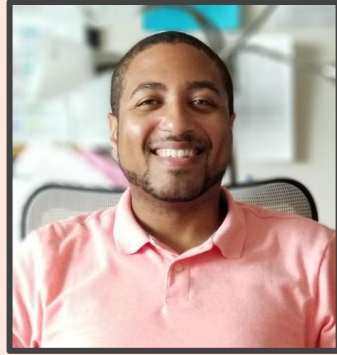
Counseling

Counseling Team



Ms. Velasquez

Resource
Counselor



Mr. Hopkins

6th Grade
Counselor



Ms. Capoccia

7th Grade
Counselor



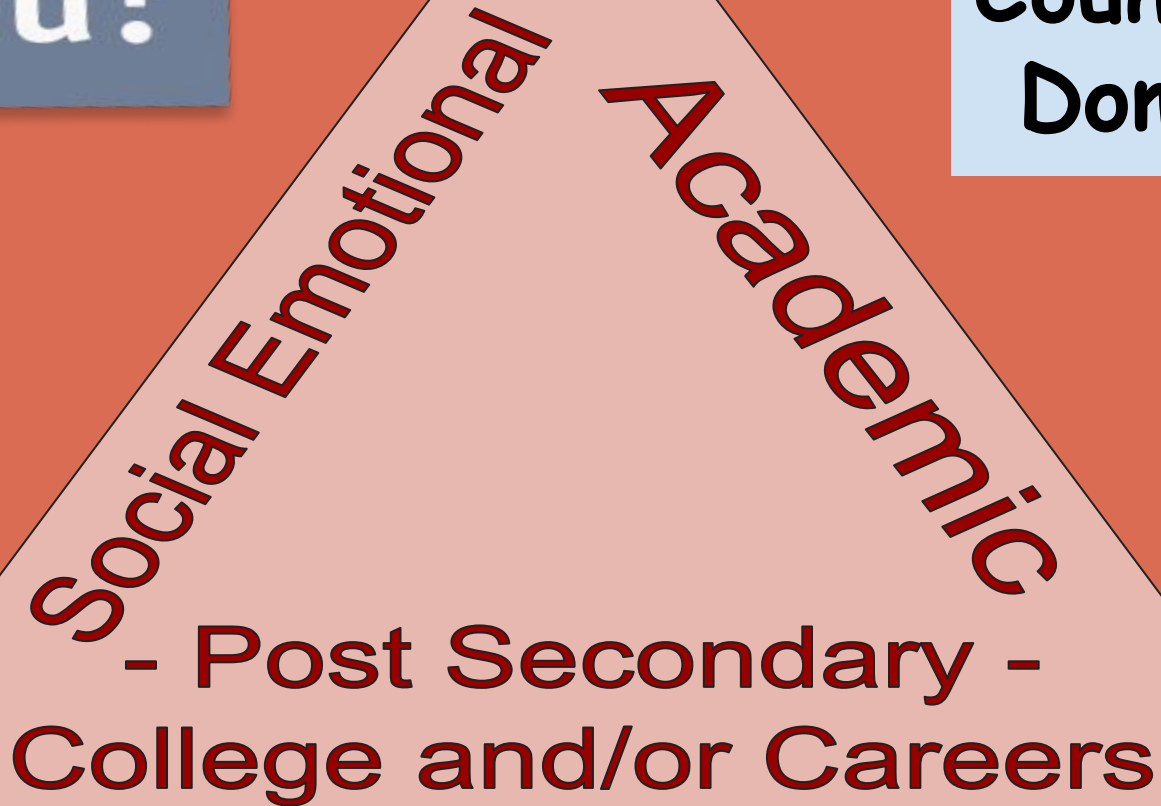
Ms. Talib

8th Grade
Counselor



How can
we help
you?

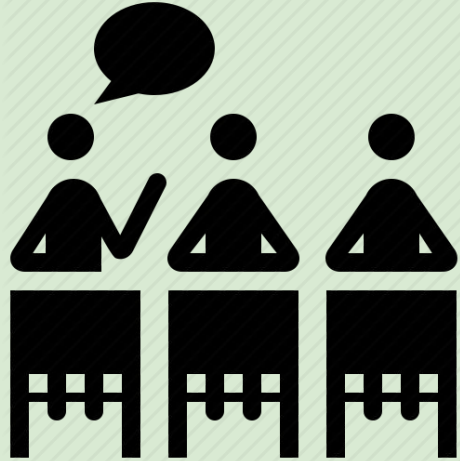
**School
Counseling
Domains**



Social Emotional
Academic
- Post Secondary -
College and/or Careers

Academics

- Attendance
- Extra help
- Motivation
- Organization
- Teacher conflict



College & Career

- High school applications
- Career exploration
- Choosing classes
- Internship/volunteer/scholarship opportunities
- Student leadership groups



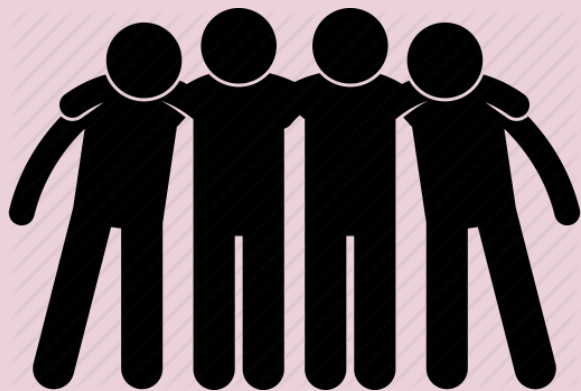
Behavior

- Alcohol/drugs
- Bullying/harassment
- Decision-making
- Eating concerns

Social

- Assertiveness
- Friend/peer problems
- Making friends
- Relationship concerns
- Self-esteem
- Shyness

FRIENDS



Emotional

- Adjustment
- Anger
- Family issues
- Grief/loss
- Loneliness
- Sadness
- Stress/anxiety



WHAT WE DO!

- **Short individual counseling**

- Academic planning & support
- Social concerns
- Emotional concerns
- Family concerns

- **Group counseling**

- Academic skills
- Emotional skills
- Social skills
- Special needs

- **Crisis response**

- **Scheduling**

- **Classroom Instruction**

- Naviance!
- Personal Body Safety
- Signs of Suicide (SOS)
- SEL Connect Time lessons

- **Mediation**

- Conflict resolution
- Relationship-building

- **Special programming**

- Workshops
- Mental health week

Counseling Programs

No Place for Hate



- student-led program
- to examine school culture and student identity
- reflect on bias behavior
- learn new ways to challenge bias and bullying in themselves, others and society



Hoover Ambassadors

- students chosen to represent our school as leaders.
- Nominated by staff for demonstrating leadership characteristics
- earn SSL hours supporting a variety of school-wide events such as summer Orientation, Back to School Night, & community outreach activities
- Assist new students giving tours, supporting them to acclimate to school procedures and culture.

Minority Scholars



- student-driven initiative to increase educational equity
- addressing the opportunity/achievement gap and cultural awareness in the Hoover community.
- Group leadership - equity education and leadership training

Hoover Minds Matter



- Student-led
- improve the culture around mental health
- increase help-seeking behaviors
- promote social connectedness through school-wide events/celebrations
- encourage self-care
- collaborate to support peers, school environment and community

Counseling Groups

Academic Success Group	Grief Group	Stress Management Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Study skills• Organization• Track grades• Get help from teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• connect with others who have lost a loved one• manage feelings of grief• identify sources of support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• De-stress• Mindfulness• Coping skills• Time management

When To Reach Out to A Counselor

Topic	Action
Questions specific to one class	Contact the teacher with questions or concerns; follow up with Counselor for more support as needed
Overall Academic Concerns (multiple classes)	Contact your child's teachers to get more info. about what they observe; Follow up with Counselor for more support as needed
Social Emotional Concern (self, friends, teachers)	Encourage your child to make an appt. with their counselor; Follow up with your child and the Counselor as needed
Attendance	Email or phone Corinne Wallerstedt, Attendance Coordinator. For extended absences/family holidays, also include teachers and the counselor
Concern about bullying	Complete the Bullying Reporting Form and/or contact the grade level administrator or counselor
Changes in family situation	Contact Counselor

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05

SSL HOURS

How to submit and earn

SSL Hours

Ms. Amalia Triantis



Specific Academic Courses

- **Grade 6 Science** (10 hours)
- **Grade 7 English** (10 hours)
- **Grade 8 Social Studies** (10 hours)
- **High School – National, State, and Local (NSL) Government** (15 hours)
- **High School – Health A** (5 hours)

50 Total Hours for In-School Classes

Non-Profit Agencies

- Approved SSL opportunities with **MCPS SSL Organizations** through the Montgomery County Volunteer Center (MCVC) website
- Submit **MCPS Form 560-50** for approval to serve with a non-profit agency that is not an MCPS SSL organization (<https://bit.ly/SSLPreApproval>)

25 Total Hours from Other Opportunities

October SSL Opportunities in MCPS

There are many **SSL opportunities available during the month of October!**

- **Hispanic Heritage Month - Hispanic Heritage in Montgomery County (October 17, 2023, 6:30PM-8PM)** - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about Latino history in Montgomery County. Middle and high school students will receive 2 SSL hours for attending the event and completing a follow-up advocacy component. To learn more and register, please click [here](#).
- **Montgomery County Public Schools Girls Summit (October 21, 2023, 9AM-1PM)** - Session topics include healthy relationships/dating violence, social media use and mental health, identifying symptoms of depression and anxiety, Narcan training, and much more! Students may earn SSL hours for attending and learning this important information so that they can help to spread awareness about these topics and participate in Narcan training to support in the case of an emergency. To learn more, please click [here](#).
- **2023 MCPS Student Environmental Volunteer Day (November 1, 2023, 9:30AM-2PM)** - Calling all MCPS **high school** students! Learn about sustainability, beautify the community, and enhance the health of the local environment by planting native plants and trees. To learn more and register, please click [here](#).
- **“Speak Up, Save A Life” PSA Contest (Deadline: November 17, 2023)** - The Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office is hosting a Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest for middle school and high school students that challenges teens to create an original video to promote awareness of the dangers of opioid abuse or overdose and fentanyl among teens. Participants who submit a PSA that meets the contest requirements will earn **10 SSL hours** and have a chance to win prizes. To learn more, please visit this [link](#).
- [Additional October SSL Opportunities](#)

Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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