Welcome!
Hazel Park Preparatory Academy
Duane Dutrieuille, Principal
6th Grade Orientation
September 3, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Agenda

1. Welcome by Principal Dutrieuille & AP Walker
2. Introduction of Ms. Katherine Miller, Counselor
2. Successful Middle School Tips from Ms. Katherine
3. School Partnerships - College & Careers
4. Meeting Your Teachers and Support Staff
5. Adjournment - See you at our Open House
Katherine Miller, MYP Counselor

“Ms. Katherine”
How I Can Help You:

- Adjusting to middle school
- Questions about schedules
- Study skills, habits and grades
- Hard times with friends or at home
- Questions about high school, college, or careers
- Student mental health and concerns
- Making new friends
- A hard time with a class or teacher
- Anything else!
My Website

- I will post links, announcements, and the newsletter here.
- I will post resources here throughout the year.
- My contact information is here.
- https://www.spps.org/domain/15553
Schoology

- This is where your classes happen!
- Can also check your grades here
- [http://spps.schoology.org/](http://spps.schoology.org/)
This is where your student’s classes will be!
Remind

To Join Remind:
1. Go to [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com) on any device
2. Click the blue “Sign Up” button and follow the directions to make an account.
3. Enter your class code:
   - 6th grade: k8a66gc
   - 7th grade: 742fh8
   - 8th grade: b43a4g

- A free texting app that I use to send important updates, registration information, school event reminders, etc. to students’ families.
- Please sign up for this if you are able and willing!
- You do not need a smartphone! You can sign up on any device with internet (smartphone, computer, your student’s iPad) and texts can be sent to a flip phone, smartphone, or you can log onto the computer site.
- This is a very convenient communication tool for families to stay in the loop--sometimes kids forget to tell you things!
Please join Remind! It’s worth it if you can! Reach out if you need help!
Calendly

- A calendar website that students and families can use to schedule meetings with me
- I will have consistent “student and family hours” through Distance Learning, as well as occasional evening or early morning hours to accommodate the schedules of busy families!
- [https://calendly.com/mskatherine](https://calendly.com/mskatherine)
School Counseling on Schoology

- Every student by grade level
- Counseling lessons (required), links, news, announcements etc. and fun games and social activities to connect with classmates and school staff. Open chat hours, lunch bunch meetings, Student of the Month voting ballots, Bingo, Spirit Days
- Daily “get to know me” question (not required, not graded). Every student who responds to the question each day will get a raffle entry for a weekly prize drawing.
Flipgrid

- Can post videos securely to specific “Topics” (created by teacher or staff) to be viewed by classmates.
- Eager to say hi and see your classmates? Post a back-to-school video!
  - Go to www.flipgrid.com and click “Enter a Join Code” at the top.
  - Join codes (for this topic only--you will get a new code from your teacher for each topic):
    - 6th grade: ca866136
    - 7th grade: 972bef06
    - 8th grade: a926f492
New Parent Partnerships:

- Are you a new family to HPPA who could use a little help from an adult who’s been here for a while? Are you a longtime HPPA parent or guardian who can volunteer to be a friendly connection for a new family with some questions?
- If you’d like to volunteer to help new families, or are new and want be matched with a returning family, please fill out this Google form!
  - [https://forms.gle/ihZ8XXnaz8nmySPb6](https://forms.gle/ihZ8XXnaz8nmySPb6)
- We will reach out to you individually to confirm your involvement before we share your contact info with another family. It’s okay if you change your mind!
TRIO

- Free college access program
- Offers individual support, groups, workshops, and larger events
- Free!!!! We are so lucky to TRIO at HPPA--it’s a great resource.

Patty Fischer
HPPA TRIO Coordinator
patty.fischer@century.edu

Recruitment Video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATGL6qDHHSg&rel=0

Application:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xscRULQKq0ae9PrnSpIaf%44HQNFNnRvFJtxMFx8130CxUNkdBMkIDRhWUo02QVBN5jHWE%3EXSE1LMCOIJQCN0PWcu
Monthly MYP Counseling Newsletter

“Hornet Headlines”

- Will include updates on school events, student shout-outs, important dates, etc.
- Will be sent out through e-mail, Schoology, and Remind, and posted on the HPPA website (https://www.spps.org/hazelpark)
My Contact Info

E-mail: katherine.miller@spps.org (preferred)
Text: 612-352-9708
Please note: this is not a personal phone number or a cell phone, but runs through a website. I will generally not be answering messages instantly. If you don’t have access to e-mail, consider this like e-mail, but more convenient for you!
Phone: I do not have a direct phone number at this time in Distance Learning, but please reach out through one of these other methods and we can schedule a phone call easily!
Calendly (video meetings): www.calendly.com/mskatherine
Meet our Dedicated Staff
Thank You So Much!