

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR STAFF

- Principal Perro ran the first Pittsburgh marathon.
- In the course of Mr. Petrocelli's travels, he has seen the Northern Lights in Iceland and the Southern Cross constellation in Bolivia
- Mrs. Petrie has 6 grandchildren and is expecting her 7th in February.
- Mrs. Bernard was a cheerleader in middle school.
- Mrs. Celic travels every summer to Croatia, where her family and husband are from.
- Mrs. Tricario's first job out of college was writing cue cards for "Saturday Night Live".
- Ms. McNeill enjoys skydiving and traveling. She's been to Aruba, Spain, Hawaii, The Netherlands, and St. Maarten.
- Principal Perro has travelled to 22 countries
- Mr. Petrocelli is currently a Doctoral Student, studying Education Leadership, Management, and Policy at Seton Hall University.

The Main Office

Mrs. Petrie is our principal's and main office secretary. She can help parents and students with just about any question you may have. If parents need to come in for any reason you will sign in with Mrs. Petrie in the main office. She can be reached at **Ext. 3000** or RPetrie@newmilfordschools.org



Mrs. Bernard is the attendance secretary. If a student comes in late he/she will need to check in here before going to class. Mrs. Bernard can also help students with purchasing locks, or any problem/concern a student might have regarding locks/lockers. She can be reached at **Ext. 3001** or JBernard@newmilfordschools.org

The Guidance Department

David E. Owens Middle School has two Guidance Counselors:

Mrs. Kristina Celic- Ext. 3010 or kcelic@newmilfordschools.org
Caseload: Students with last names A-K

Mrs. Jeanine Tricario- Ext. 3009 or jtrcario@newmilfordschools.org
Caseload: Students with last names L-Z

They are in the Attendance Office across from Room 105.

Guidance Cont'd...

OUR PURPOSE

The Middle School counseling program encourage students' social, emotional, and personal growth at each developmental stage. The program is child centered and strives to be preventative rather than reactive. The content of the services reflects needs as identified by parents, teachers, and children themselves. The counseling program includes the following:

- Individual Counseling
- Small Group Counseling
- Classroom Presentations
- Coordination of Services
 - Course Selection
 - Consultation



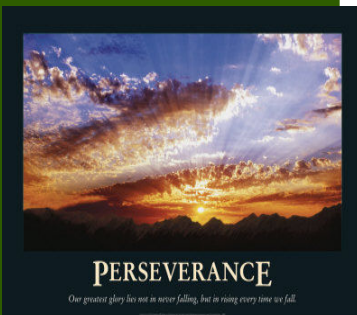
*"It is hard to fail,
but it is worse
never to have tried
to succeed."
-Theodore
Roosevelt*

What do students have to do to see a counselor?

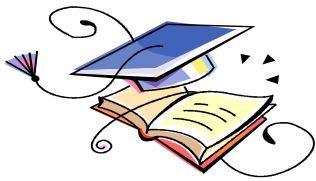
Students may stop in the guidance office and sign up to see their counselor. If the counselor is unavailable at that time, the student will be called down as soon as possible. Parents and/or teachers may also request that a student meet with their guidance counselor. The guidance counselor will call down those students who have been referred to them as soon as possible.

What are some of the reasons a student comes to see the counselor?

Students may see the counselor for academic reasons. These may include problems with their schedule or difficulty in a class. They may also see their counselor for personal reasons such as a conflict with another student, problems between friends, stress, or family problems. Overall, anything that might interfere with the student doing his or her job at school is a reason to come to the Guidance Department.



Administration & SRO



**Principal–
Mrs. Whitney Perro**

**Vice- Principal–
Mr. Russell Petrocelli**

**Both can be reached at
201.265.8661 Ext. 3000**

Our School Resource Officer is PO Keith Wester. He can be reached at Ext. 3004.

Officer Wester is a police officer with the New Milford Police Department. He is at the Middle School M-F from 8am-3pm. He is here to make sure that the students and staff are safe. He

also runs a variety of programs throughout the school year which promote safety, violence prevention and drug and alcohol prevention.



Student Assistance Counselor

Mrs. Dorene Zacher- Ext. 3013
dzacher@newmilfordschools.org

A certified Student Assistance Counselor is available at

the middle school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with students experiencing social and/or emotional problems or prob-

lems with drugs and alcohol. All contacts are kept confidential. Mrs. Zacher's office is located in the Attendance Office.

*They may forget
what you said
but they will
never forget how
you made them
feel.*

– Anonymous

Child Study Team

Child Study Team members are specialists in the area of educationally-related disabilities. Child Study Team members are responsible for the identification, evaluation, and determination of eligibility, development and review of the individualized education program (IEP)

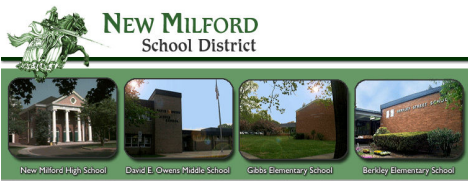
and placement of students. Each Child Study Team member is assigned a Case Manager for a number of students. The Case Manager coordinates the development, monitoring, and evaluation of the effectiveness of the IEP. The Case Manager coordinates the

annual review and reevaluation process and facilitates communication between home and school.

School Psychologist:

Ms. Kerry McNeill- Ext. 3017
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What every middle school parent should know

Middle school is a time of maturity and emotional development. Students are now faced with the pressure to dress right, be popular, say the right things and assert their freedoms.

It is an especially hard time for a student who has a hard time fitting into a new social situation. We as parents and educators need to look back at our experiences with middle school.

We can all recall those times when we felt left out and insecure. Your child needs your wisdom and support but also the freedom to begin making some decisions on their own.

Establish communication with your child and remain close.

Middle school students need 8 to 10 hours of sleep per night to be successful in school. It is very important they eat properly.

Students who eat breakfast focus better in class, perform better on tests, are more well-behaved and are more likely to maintain a healthy weight.

Ask your child to get a monthly lunch menu from school. Go over it and decide when your child may want to pack lunch or buy at the cafeteria.

Middle school is a very exciting and rewarding time in a child's life. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open and most importantly, don't give up!

Please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor with any questions regarding his/her transition to middle school.

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