

Counselor's Corner

Middle School Years



Welcome Back!

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

We understand that the 2020-2021 school year is creating concerns and anxiety for our community and families. We want to assure you that the counselors and administrators at Tippit Middle School are working hard to ensure that your student has as normal of a school year as possible regardless of being remote or in-person, while also keeping our students, staff, and families safe. Please see the letter included in this mailing, which focuses on how we will meet mental health needs for our students. You can also check out our [website](#) for more information and helpful links.

Finally, please review your student's schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. If you identify any errors or problems that need to be changed, please go to the Tippit Middle School webpage and click on the [Schedule Change Request](#) link under Quick Links. All requests need to be submitted by Friday, August 28th.

Supporting Your Student Through Remote Learning

We understand that juggling work and helping your student keep up with classwork at home can be stressful. A certified parent coach, Eirene Heidelberger, has some advice for parents stressed about remote learning. "Stay calm. Do not panic, and let's take one day at a time," suggests Heidelberger. Keep in mind that if you're stressed, your children will be too. "They are listening. They hear us talking to our friends. They hear the local news. They are wondering what is going on," Heidelberger said. Her advice is to (1) make sure anyone parenting your child has a united front on school-related matters; (2) find a community of other parents that you can share resources and tutoring skills; (3) if continuing remote learning, make sure you develop and keep a routine; (4) at meals, talk about your day; and (5) stay in touch with your student's teachers. Heidelberger recommends, "It's crucial that every conversation contains these words: This is what we are thinking right now, but we don't know what it's going to look like, so let's stay positive and keep an open mind." Remember, every family is in the same boat. Reach out to your student's teacher or counselor if you need help supporting your child during this time.



UPDATES



Schedule Change Requests

Schedule changes may be requested by going to the [Tippit website](#) and filling out the Schedule Change Request form. Friday, August 28th is the LAST day to request any changes.

First Day of School

All students will start school on Thursday, August 20 doing remote instruction from home. Please see the Tippit or GISD websites for more information.

Communication

While school is closed, counselors will continue to be available to students who need or want to check-in via our emails (listed below). Parents can also still reach out to us with questions or concerns by email or phone.

Google Classroom

The counselors have a NEW [Google Classroom](#) where we are posting activities and resources for students. Please encourage your child to add it! The access code for our class is **smhdvkk**.

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