

NKMS SCHOOL COUNSELING

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the 2026-27 School Year, Lions!

It's August! We are so excited to welcome back our returning Lions and welcome in our newest Lions this month. This is a busy time filled with lots of excitement and new experiences. The School Counseling team is here to support you and your child through it.

This month's newsletter highlights important dates and resources as we prepare for the new school year. Take a look at all of the wonderful things happening at New Kent Middle School this August!

● August at a Glance

Monday, August 17th: Student schedules available to view in PowerSchool!

Wednesday, August 19th: Lion Camp (*Rising 6th Grade Only*), 9:30-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19th: Open House, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday August 19th: Deadline to submit all schedule change requests.

Monday, August 24th: First Day of School!

TBD: Schoology Calendar Lesson

Monday, August 24th - Thursday, August 27th: Lion Helper Orientation

Friday, August 28th - Early September: Introduction to School Counseling Lessons

● Meet Our NKMS Therapy Dog!

Daisy is a 3 year old chocolate lab, certified as a Canine Good Citizen and a Community Canine from the American Kennel Club (AKC.) She will be volunteering at New Kent Middle School one day each week. Daisy is excited to continue to bring comfort and joy to her Lion family this school year!



Parent Resource of the Month

New Kent Middle School Program of Study

As you review your child's schedule later this month, you may have questions about the courses they have been placed in. New Kent Middle School's Program of Study is a comprehensive resource to help you understand the courses on the schedule they received, our school's drop/add policy, and how your child's schedule can help set them up for success in high school and beyond.



New Kent Middle School Program of Study

Click here to access this resource.



Elevate Your Options

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School

Chesapeake Bay Governor's School is a half day math and science program for high ability 10th through 12th grade students. that are accepted into their program. CBGS emphasizes hands on learning through field studies and research and gives students the chance to earn 60 dual enrollment credits! [Click here](#) to learn more.



This Month's Classroom Lessons

Intro to School Counseling, Using Your Schoology Calendar

This month, students will participate in Intro to School Counseling lessons, where they will learn all they need to know about the support we offer and how we can help them this school year. They will also learn more about their Schoology calendars and how they can use this feature to keep up with all of their schoolwork.

● Contact Your School Counselor

Click on the name of your child's school counselor to get in contact with us about how we can support your child this school year:

- 6th Grade: [Ms. Tori Outhous](#)
- 7th Grade: [Mr. Sean Hodge](#)
- 8th Grade: [Mrs. Elizabeth Malone](#)