

Middle Country School District Guidance Newsletter

A Warm Hello from your High School Guidance Department!

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Centereach High School

School Counselors

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Fall 2026

The mission of the Middle Country Guidance Department is to provide all students with the tools, information, resources, counseling, and guidance, through a comprehensive developmental school counseling program, needed for them to experience post-secondary success. The services provided by Middle Country school counselors, social workers, and psychologists enable students to develop the academic, college and career, and social/emotional skills needed to pursue the district goals of the Middle Country Central School District.

Newfield High School

School Counselors

Mr. Michael Massari
Mr. Ryan McNeely
Ms. Laurie Montalto
Ms. Keri Seif
Ms. Hailey Tarkin
Mr. Michael Zodda

Senior Spotlight

On-Site & College Rep Visits:

Centereach High School

Newfield High School

Helpful Links for Seniors:

EOP - What is it?

FAFSA- What do I need to know?

FAFSA Application

Common Application

SUNY Application

CUNY Application

Suffolk Community College Application

ASVAB / Military Information

All seniors have the opportunity for individual appointments with counselors for post-secondary planning throughout the fall!

Highlights & Resources:

Naviance is a web-based College & Career readiness program that our students utilize all throughout high school; with grade-specific activities and tasks to help prepare and organize them with career & college readiness support!

Naviance programs include: *Career Key, Career Interest Profiler, Supermatch College Search, eDocs*

Click **Naviance** to log onto your student account (through Clever)



Timeline of Upcoming Events

9/27/26 (12:30-4:30pm)	SUNY College Fair (all SUNY Schools) @ Farmingdale State College *2 sessions available*
9/28/26 (7:00pm)	Senior College Application Night @ NHS
10/1/26	FAFSA form for '27/28 becomes available
10/1/26 (7:00-8:30pm)	College & Career Fair (hosted by WSCA @ Hauppauge High School)
10/5/26 (7:00pm)	Senior College Application Night @ CHS
10/6/26	Fall Mini College Fair (<i>Students Only, During School Day</i>)
10/2026 (<i>specific date TBD</i>)	Financial Aid Night <u>Virtual</u> Event (<i>for both CHS & NHS families</i>)
10/17/26	PSAT for 10th & 11th graders (<i>optional/must register</i>)
10/20/26 (6:15-8:00pm)	Pathways to Nursing Event ~ at the Dematteis Center (101 Northern Blvd., Greenvale NY 11548) ~ RSVP to register at Meredith.Pujdak@chsli.org / Walk-Ins Welcome
10/19/26-11/2/26	SUNY Free Application Week!
11/16/26 (7:00pm)	Junior Planning Night @ CHS (<i>for both CHS & NHS families</i>)
12/2026 (<i>specific dates TBD</i>)	BOCES Informational Meeting for Tech Programs (Students only)



Tutoring Suggestions:

Middle Country Public Library - [BrainFuse: FREE Live Homework Help](#)
C2Education (Stony Brook) - 631-494-2880 [Website: Click Here](#)
Reach For The Stars (Coram) - 631-642-7876 [Website: Click Here](#)

You can also reach out to your counselor to inquire about the possibility of working with upperclassmen volunteer tutors or individual tutors for hire

Extra Support & Resources for All Grades :

[Middle Country Public Library](#)
[Northwell Health ~ School District Collaboration](#)
[Town of Brookhaven Services](#)
[Sunshine Prevention Center](#)
[YMCA Family Services](#)
[Suffolk County Bold Future Leaders \(For Girls\)](#)

Scholarship Opportunities:

[Fastweb Scholarship Database](#)
[Naviance](#) (*log in with Clever*)

It's never too early to start looking!