



## School Counseling Information for the 20-21 School Year!

Hello Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 20-21 school year! I wanted to take this time to welcome you back and to update you on how school counseling will look this year.

This year, school counseling will look slightly different. Firstly, every Monday is considered “***Virtual Monday***” where students in grades K-5 will participate in a social-emotional period with me, utilizing the Second Step curriculum. Please ensure that your child is in my Google classroom by Friday, 09/11, as we will officially be starting on Monday, the 14th. ***All information including class codes and times are listed on the following page. Please do not follow the schedule that is posted on Genesis for Monday’s.***

Social-emotional learning is critical now more than ever because it can foster a sense of safety, help build positive connections and relationships, and help address the learning inequalities that the school closure may have caused. This is why it is so important that your child attend these lessons. Please ensure that your child is on time for their session, as attendance will be taken every Monday.

Secondly, ***individual counseling*** can take place in person, as well as virtually. ***Group counseling*** will be taking place virtually from 2:20-2:54 on Tuesday through Friday. Please contact me if you would like more information on individual or group counseling.

This year has left many feeling uncertain, stressed, confused and at times overwhelmed. I want you to know that I am here to help your child navigate through these uncertain times to ensure that they are successful both emotionally and academically. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am available Monday through Friday by email at [tnewcomer@netcongschoool.org](mailto:tnewcomer@netcongschoool.org), or by phone at (973) 347-0020 ext 268.

Sincerely,

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