

August 20, 2020

Dear St. Genevieve Families,

I am so excited to introduce myself as your child's school counselor. I was able to spend the day with the students yesterday and speak with each of their classes. They were all so welcoming. I am truly blessed to be a part of this school. We are definitely in for a great school year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to share a little bit about myself. This is my twenty-first year as an educator. My prior experience was as a teacher and school counselor in the Louisiana public school system. This is my first year as a Catholic school counselor and I couldn't be more excited! I hold a B.A. in Elementary Education which certifies me as a teacher for grades 1-8, and a M.Ed. in Counselor Education which certifies me a K-12 guidance counselor. In addition, I am registered with the Louisiana Board of Examiners as a Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor.

School counseling services will include: whole class character education, individual counseling, and small group counseling. Students have been instructed on self-referral procedures and I will be uploading a family referral form to the school's website. Families are also free to email me to request assistance using the address below. I will be here at St. Genevieve School every Wednesday.

An effective student/counselor relationship is based on trust, genuineness, and unconditional positive regard. In order to maintain a positive relationship with your child, I will not contact you every time your child requests to speak to me. If I decide that your child would benefit from seeing me on a regular basis, your written permission will be requested. You will also be asked for written permission should your child be recommended for participation in a small group.

My sessions with your child will be kept confidential unless he or she reports that someone is in danger. In that case, the appropriate parties will be contacted immediately.

I look forward to supporting you and your child on their educational journey! Please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

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