

# Welcome Back To School

I want to Welcome everyone back to school for the 2016-2017 school year. There have been some changes this school year. We have some a new Interim principal Mr. Chapman as well as some new teachers. We are excited about our new year and look forward to a Successful school year!!

September



## Welcome New Staff

I would like to acknowledge our new teachers and staff and welcome them to their new home at Craver Middle School. They are:

Nancy Adkins	Jennifer Lawson
Cab Buchanan	John Martin
Valerie Campbell	Carmen Sagastume
Michael Chapman	Rachel Varner
Camille Goins	Danielle Walker



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### Role of the Middle School Counselor

Middle School Counselors have a unique role in the educational field. Not only are we responsible for guiding students as they learn about themselves as individuals and as part of a group, but we are assisting them as they explore their future goals and desires. Today's middle school students face issues that were not historically part of their world and as a result counselor's work harder to ensure students receive appropriate supports and resources to help them make the transition from childhood to their teenage years and then to young adulthood. Using a mental health perspective middle school counselors are able to encapsulate the entire educational program and school mission to prepare students for the skills and knowledge they will need to be successful in the present and in their futures. Middle school counselors are trained to incorporate a well-designed and comprehensive school counseling program and to evaluate student needs. Middle school counselors are able to provide a school guidance curriculum complete with academic skills test taking skills, peer relationships, diversity awareness, career planning, goal setting, group and individual counseling. There is also support and training provided for staff and administration as needed or requested.

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