

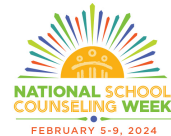
SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Sheboygan Falls Middle School

What Are We Up To:

February 5 - 9th is National School Counseling Week. This year's theme is Standards - Based, Student - Focused. School Counselors use specific standards to develop a comprehensive school counseling program to promote success for all students. We believe that every student deserves a school counselor who helps with academic achievement strategies, managing emotions, applying interpersonal skills, and planning for postsecondary options.

Sheboygan Falls Middle School is also in the process of creating grade level classroom matrix's to support consistent expected behaviors in the classroom environment. Each FOCUS teacher held a circle meeting with their classroom in order to get student input on expectations, consequences, and motivating factors. Mr. Zak, Mrs. Schreurs, and Mrs. Lorge attended the circle meetings to support and encourage student engagement.



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ACP Happenings & Classroom Lessons:

- **5th Grade Students** - During Mrs. Renzelmanns drop in classes, students completed their second Xello mission that focused on how to face big challenges in life. Students also had the opportunity to research individuals who demonstrated perseverance by overcoming obstacles to achieve his/her goals.

During FOCUS, sixth through eighth grade students were introduced to their last required core Xello Lesson for the school year.

- **6th Grade Students** learned about how different school subjects relate to work and jobs of interest. Sixth grade students also had a drop in lesson with Mrs. Lorge related to expressing emotions in healthy and respectful ways.
- **7th Grade Students** focused on how to research and apply for different jobs and learn about different employment opportunities. Seventh grade students' drop in lesson with Mrs. Lorge will be happening at the end of January with a focus on peer pressure and problem solving.
- **8th Grade Students** did a lesson related to exploring their different career matches. This lesson coincided with the eighth grade field trip to Lakeshore Technical college where students attended a job fair to learn about different career clusters that they were matched with based on their Xello personality styles and matchmaker assessments.



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Eighth grade students also attended their Freshman Curriculum night on Monday January 8th where students were provided with different information and resources to support their transition to high school. Students were also able to explore the different freshman electives and sign up for their 9th grade classes. The ninth grade course registration form was due on January 18th, 2024.

What's Next?

During the month of February, Sheboygan Falls Middle School will be partnering with [Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County](#) by holding a student donation drive to bring awareness to Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and support victim survivors in our community. More information regarding the Safe Harbor Donation Drive will be shared and coming soon!

Students will also be preparing for the [Forward Exam](#) starting in the beginning of February. Students will be learning about the importance of the State test, reviewing test taking strategies, and beginning to prepare and practice for the exam. The Forward Exam window begins on March 18, 2024.



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