

Junior High Orientation: Session on Resources

General information about using resources (overview in classroom - 2 minutes):

- It is very important to us that students are successful in the junior high program at Walnut Hills High School. We want students to be successful academically, mentally, emotionally and physically.
- There are many resources and people here that are committed to helping you in various ways. The goal of this session is that students will be aware of the resources here at Walnut Hills and know when and how to use them.

Academic resources (share information en route and/or when at location. Take students to Writing Center and Medical Room. Point out CIC on the way. 15-18 minutes):

- *Help Night:* If you need some extra help with a specific subject, your first thought should be to go to Help Night. Keep track of your teachers' Help Night schedules in your planner. Be certain to go to Help Night with specific questions and goals. Doing so will make it easier for teachers to get you the help that you most need.
- *Student Success Center:* The junior high is very excited about a new program and resource called the Student Success Center. We just received a large grant to fund this program for two years. The Student Success Center will help students in a variety of ways, including tutoring, academic coaching, study skills, learning strategies, and so much more. The Student Success Center will have a grand opening during the 1st quarter. Stay tuned for more information!
- *College Information Center:* The College Information Center is committed to helping students be prepared for college entrance tests such as the SAT and ACT. They also help juniors and seniors with all aspects of the college application process. The CIC runs a Word of the Day program for the entire school. Each day there are two vocabulary words and definitions given during the morning announcements. Students can come to the CIC during lunch and show them sentences using these two words. In return, they earn a small candy bar and the chance to earn \$20 in Chipotle or movie gift certificates in the monthly drawing.
- *Writing Center:* The teachers in the Writing Center help with any writing for any class. They don't grade. They provide a quiet, friendly place and work with students and teachers to make sure students are doing their best writing. Students can come during study hall or after school. The teachers are very experienced and provide excellent writing assistance.

Medical Center: Walnut Hills is lucky to have a nurse on campus each day from 8 am-2 pm. The nurse is here to help students with medical needs and those occasions when students simply are not feeling well. Students need to have a pass from their teacher to go to the nurse unless they go during lunch.

Emotional Well-Being: This year we are pleased to add a counselor who is here to help students with their emotional and social well-being. Mrs. Flowers has worked as a private counselor for years, and she will be helping students deal with the challenges, stresses, and problems that come up for them. She is very friendly, a great listener, and good problem-solver. She will be sharing information early in the year about how you can get some help from her.

Counselors: Each of you have a school counselor to help you through grades 7, 8 and 9. You stick with the same person for all three years. Get to know your counselor. Basically, your counselor is there to assist you with all aspects of junior high including scheduling issues, listening, and problem-solving.