

## Middle School Guidance Timeline

Welcome to the Guidance Page at Jonas Salk MS. This page will provide you information regarding different meetings and activities throughout the year in conjunction with the Guidance and Counseling Department. Please refer back to this page regularly as information on specific dates and times will be updated as the year goes on. At anytime, please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns you may have.

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

Sept/October: Counselors and Support Staff will be visiting classes, informing students of various groups that will be offered during the school year. Students are invited to join groups at any time during the school year.

January: Counselors will be meeting with students to discuss scheduling for the following school year. Students will be choosing their Foreign Language for the next school year shortly after this presentation. There will also be an informational meeting for parents at this time. Date and time to be announced.

February: Course requests will be available on the Parent Portal. Parents will be notified to check the portal for accurate classes. Any adjustments must be made at this time.

March/April: Recommendations for honors placement begin after the third quarter. A rubric is used to determine eligibility. Scores from ELA and Math assessments as well as class grades and teacher recommendations are used.

August: Schedules are finalized and made available on the parent portal at the end of the month.

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

January: Counselors will be meeting with students to discuss scheduling for the following school year. Students will be choosing their elective class for the next school year shortly after this presentation. There will also be an informational meeting for parents at this time. Date and time to be announced.

February: Course requests will be available on the Parent Portal. Parents will be notified to check the portal for accurate classes. Any adjustments must be made at this time.

August: Schedules are finalized and made available on the parent portal at the end of the month.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade:**

**January:** Parents and students are invited to attend an orientation meeting where a representative from the High School Guidance and Counseling Department will present information regarding high school scheduling, classes and credit requirements. In addition, the middle school counselors will be meeting with students and parents to plan their high school schedule. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings. Dates will be announced.

**February:** Course requests will be available on the Parent Portal. Parents will be notified to check the portal for accurate classes. Any adjustments must be made at this time.

**August:** Schedules are finalized and made available on the parent portal at the end of the month.