

SVMS

Counselor Newsletter

November 2023



PARENT REMINDER:

If you would like to meet with Mr. Baldo or Mrs. Hicks during conferences, please reach out to your child's teachers to include a counselor in your scheduled meeting.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 13th-17th

American Education Week

November 18th-26th

Fall Break! Happy Thanksgiving!

November 20th-21st

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences

CAREER PLANNING RESOURCES:

[Career Education & Work \(CEW\) Standards](#)

[PBS STEM Career Labs](#)

Let's talk about:

CAREER PLANNING

It may feel too early to start thinking about careers in middle school, but it's actually the best time to start the process of identifying what you're good at, knowing your values, and matching your skills to a pathway of interest. Take this [Career Clusters Interest Survey](#) then explore some videos within the [16 Career Clusters](#) to learn a little more about what's out there!

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

Good grades aren't the only way to obtain a good job. Employability skills are essential skills, personal qualities, and values that help you thrive in a workplace. These skills include reliability, initiative, self-management, and more. Here are [10 Examples of Skills Companies Value](#).

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS:

PA is ahead of the curve in helping students prepare for college and career readiness. Here's how the [PA Dept of Edu](#) wants to ensure students are well-educated and skilled in order to prepare to meet the current and projected demands of a global, knowledge-based 21st century economy.

POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS:

You have many choices of how to prepare for life after high school. You can go straight into the workforce, find employment using a certification from a vocational school like [BAVTS](#), consider the [Benefits of Joining the Military](#), enroll in a 2-year technical/training program, or apply to a 4-year college/university.