



Stanley Middle School

November & December 2024

Counselor Newsletter



Know Your Counselors

Mrs. Hawes & Mrs. Atiase have been out and about visiting classrooms and meeting with students this year!

Mrs. Hawes works with students who's last name begins with L-Z. elhawes@gaston.k12.nc.us

Mrs. Atiase works with students who's last name begins with A-K. lfatiase@gaston.k12.nc.us

COUNSELOR EVENTS

- 11/1: First day of American Indian Heritage Month
- 11/18 - 11/20: 7th grade classroom guidance
- 11/25: 6th grade classroom guidance
- 12/03: 8th grade classroom guidance
- 2/1: First day of Black History Month

In January, we will begin the course selection process for the upcoming school year. Students will have the opportunity to select their Core Plus courses (for 6th & 7th grade). 8th grade students will have the opportunity to hear from choice programs and input their course requests for high school, with the help of teacher recommendations.

STUDENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Update: we had 197 students participate in the school wide needs assessment this past October. With this information, Mrs. Hawes & Mrs. Atiase have developed classroom guidance lessons to better support students at SMS.

SPRING SMALL GROUP

We will be conducting small groups in the spring to address various social/emotional needs of our students. If you wish for your child to be part of a small group, please email either counselor for more information.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Confident Young Minds is a new after school program that assists middle school students with emotional/behavior concerns. The program is located at Eastridge Mall from 3:30-7:30pm and will provide transportation services and meals.

Students will learn technical skills like podcasting, music recording, photography and dance. This is a therapeutic program that uses an SEL curriculum and therapy.

Students must have Medicaid to participate. Reach out to Mrs. Hawes or Mrs. Atiase for more information