

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOLS

School Counseling Department



Grade 8 Planning Tools

✓ **Grade 8 Goals**

- Continue to plan short-term and long-term goals
 - Continue self-advocacy
 - Organize your school responsibilities
 - Manage your time
- Participate in counseling lessons and school activities about social/emotional skills: *Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Responsible Decision Making, Relationship Skills, Social Awareness*

✓ **[BHMS Website](#), [CRMS Website](#), [OVMS Website](#)** – Bookmark on laptop

- Student Handbook – Use as reference
- Principal and Assistant Principal
- School Nurse – Health Services
- Library/IMC
- Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) Reports

✓ **[BHMS Counseling Website](#), [CRMS Counseling Website](#), [OVMS Counseling Website](#)** – Bookmark on laptop

- School Counseling Secretary and School Counselors
- Middle School Counselor – Confidentiality
- Counselor Email & Telephone

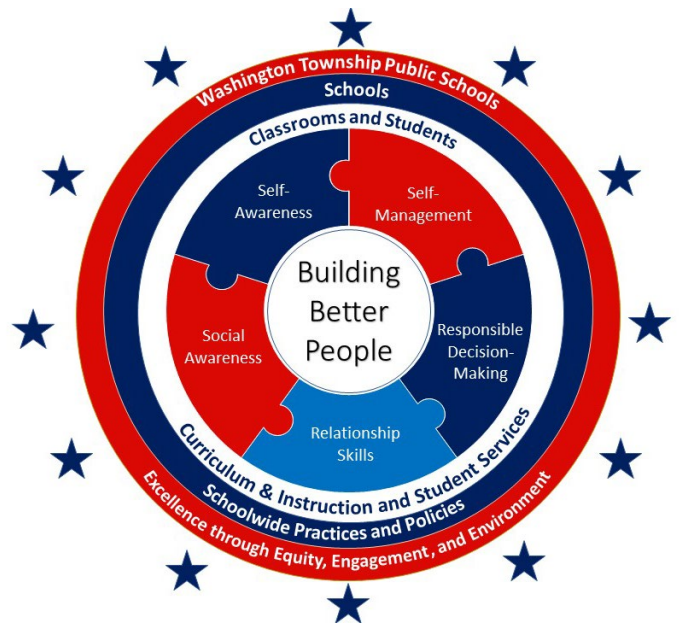
✓ **PowerSchool/Schoology** – Bookmark on laptop

- Contacts – Review information
 - Parent name(s), telephone, email, sibling(s)
- Current schedule – Review courses
- Grades
 - Grading scale
 - Report cards – 2 semesters

✓ **[BHMS Naviance](#), [CRMS Naviance](#), [OVMS Naviance](#)** – Bookmark on laptop and explore the following information

- Home
- Self-Discovery
 - Career Cluster Finder – Careers that match your interests
 - Career Interest Profiler – Complete the survey
 - Career Key – Understand your score using [Holland Interest Codes](#)
 - Intelligences – Understand your Multiple Intelligences and Emotional Intelligence results

- Learning and Productivity – Understand your sensory and mindset preferences
- Personality – Understand your personality type
- StrengthsExplorer – Understand your strengths
- Careers
 - Favorite Careers and Clusters – Create a list
 - Explore Careers
 - [Holland Interest Codes](#)
 - [Career Cluster Pathways](#)
 - Explore Clusters and Pathways – Search for helpful information
 - Favorite or Explore Military Branches - Search for helpful information
 - Explore Roadtrip Nation Videos – Watch videos about different careers
- Colleges – Find Your Fit
 - SuperMatch College Search – Create a list
 - Advanced College Search – Select the criteria to search schools
 - College Lookup – Lookup an individual school
- Colleges – Research Colleges
 - Colleges I’m Thinking About – Start a list
 - College Resources – Review the helpful resources
 - Enrichment Programs – Search program opportunities
 - College Maps – Review information
- Planner
 - Tasks – See if your counselor assigns a task
 - Goals – Set your own goals
 - To-Dos – Create a list
- Click your initials in the top right-hand corner > Documents and Notes
 - Resume – Add/Update Sections
 - Portfolio – Your information
 - Surveys – Check your results
- ✓ **Standardized Tests**
 - NJSLA – ELA, Mathematics, Science
- ✓ **Co-Curricular**
 - Sports, Clubs, and Activities





Grade 8 Monthly Checklist



August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Complete Summer Assignments✓ Welcome back and good luck with your new schedule!
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your middle school counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity✓ Participate in Week of Respect Activities✓ Participate in School Violence Awareness/Red Ribbon Week activities✓ Attend GCIT Informational Sessions, if interested✓ Attend WTHS 8th Grade Open House✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 1 Counseling Lesson✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Participate in National School Counseling Week!✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Begin preparation for WTHS scheduling advisement using your Personalized Student Learning Plan✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson✓ Participate in No Place for Hate activity✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades✓ Review summer school or retention, if necessary
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Meet with WTHS Counselor for scheduling advisement✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson✓ Verify next year's courses in PowerSchool✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Semester 2 Counseling Lesson✓ Take NJSLA in ELA, Math, Science✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey✓ Check PowerSchool/Schoology for assignments and current grades
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Meet with your counselor as needed✓ Participate in Panorama Social Emotional Survey✓ Visit WTHS website for Summer Assignments✓ Seek enrichment, volunteer, or employment opportunities as resume builders during the summer✓ Congratulations graduates and enjoy your summer!✓ PowerSchool – Final report card emailed

