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Dear Franklin Middle School Families:

We are so excited to be starting the 2020-2021 school year! As we begin the year with the hybrid learning model, the FMS counseling team wanted to provide info regarding our new counselors, virtual expectations, and more.

Our Staff:

Our School Counselors will be provide social/emotional support, academic support, and crisis intervention to students and families as well as managing the 504 Plans.

Ms. Cassandra Lucas: Winni grades 4-8

Mrs. Jennifer Campbell: Pemi grades 4-8

Our Intervention Counselor, **Ms. Oriana Filiat**, will provide crisis intervention and social/emotional support, and act as the liaison between the school and community-based resources. Due to her role, she will be responsible for all students and families as support is needed.

Our School Assistance Program Counselor, **Jamie Bryant**, will provide support to students struggling with issues including substance use related concerns, peer relationships, social and emotional issues

The School Counselors and the Intervention Counselor will be available to the students and families in-person and remotely during school hours. Our counselors can be reached by phone or email to schedule appointments and provide support. If you are not comfortable with your student(s) seeing a counselor either in-person or virtually, please let us know.

To keep everyone as safe as possible, we will be taking students individually by appointment at this time. Students will need a staff member (teacher, para, etc) to call counselors to verify availability prior to going to our offices. We have created a Google Form which provides us with information to schedule times to meet with students. All groups will be done virtually at this time.

****If there is an emergency situation that concerns the risk of immediate harm of a student, please contact a counselor by phone or call the Office. Please do not email in an emergency situation.**

Here is a link to the Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jsrOiC600Tu9vV2le2F_NCy7NzEY1CVApAvbsAc3aiw/edit



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Phone Calls from Staff

To further safety, school staff may work some days remotely. The counseling staff may need to contact students and families by phone; these calls will come up "**restricted**".

Social and Emotional Support

We will be sending monthly resources and "tools" to families with our Theme of the Month, including activities for individuals and families. Our teachers will also be receiving voluntary activities based on the Theme of the Month. Please feel free to share pictures and/or stories, as we love to see our students having fun and doing positive things!

Virtual Counseling Expectations/Suggestions:

- Try to be in an area with minimum distraction or noise. Wearing headphones can help with this too.
- Please follow the school dress code
- Respect: yourself, the equipment, the counselor, and any other students (if in a group)
- Try to keep the camera as still as possible
- We are doing our best to keep things confidential to support you as best as we can

We look forward to a great year!

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