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Dear Northwest High School Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The beginning of the year is exciting, stressful, and full of possibilities. In the school counseling office, we have been very busy helping students get off to a good start. As we begin what is hopefully a productive year, I want to let you know a few things about the services we offer in the school counseling office, as well as give you some information that may be helpful as the year goes on.

The role of the school counselor at Northwest High Magnet School is to be a strong advocate for each of his or her students. It is our responsibility to help students increase their knowledge about post-secondary opportunities and scholarships. It is our responsibility as counselors to have high expectations for all students, and to challenge them accordingly by guiding students to take appropriate courses for their future career goals and interests. We also strongly encourage all students to become involved in extracurricular activities through which students can make important connections beyond the classroom experience.

We encourage you to contact us if you have questions about the services we offer, or about any concerns you have regarding your son or daughter. Counselors are assigned to students via the first letter of the student's last name. You can reach your son's or daughter's assigned counselor by phone, and the school counseling secretary, Mrs. Diehl can direct your call or please contact a counselor directly:

Mrs. Betterton, Dr. Ferree, Mrs. Lovercheck, Mrs. Rotherham, Mrs. Weeder, and Mrs. Weller

In addition to those services listed above, I want to also let you know about a few other important items:

### **IMPORTANT REMINDEERS**

- **Attendance** is the key to a student's success in school. Please be sure your student arrives to school each day on time. Let's strive for 95!
- **Contact** your student(s) counselor to schedule an appointment if needed. Counselors are often in classrooms, small groups, etc. Calling ahead for an appointment will avoid a long wait.
- **Encourage** your student(s) to become involved in school activities. School involvement helps students feel they are part of the school community and reinforces success.

We are looking forward to a great year! If there is anything we can do to help you or your son or daughter this year, don't hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josette Lovercheck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Josette Lovercheck  
School Counseling Director  
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