# Safety Harbor School Counseling Department

Ms. Mikolajczak, Dr. Mims & Mrs. Bovis,

The School Counselors at Safety Harbor Middle School are committed to helping students in the areas of academic, personal/social, and career related success. We seek to meet the needs of a diverse population. At Safety Harbor, we follow our students from 6th through 8th grade. We feel this allows students and families to maintain strong relationships as they transition from grade to grade, thus enhancing academic, career, and developmental growth.

Some of the duties of the counselors are orientation for new students; articulation with elementary and high schools; conferencing with teachers and parents; individual and small group counseling and mediation on an as-needed basis; monitoring academic progression; aiding in the coordination of standardized testing such as FSA, TIPS, Write Score & PSAT; coordinating Take Stock in Children scholarships, mentoring, and tutoring; career exploration; coordination with staff members as relates to ESE, ESOL, and 504 student related needs; and supporting the school wide discipline and Positive Behavior Support (PBS) plans.

**Please feel free to contact your grade level School Counselor at 727-724-1400**

* Ms. Mikolajczak, 6th grade, ext. 2060
* Dr. Mims, 7th grade, ext. 2061
* Mrs. Bovis, 8th grade, ext. 2062

**Need Help After Hours? New Guidance Helpline!** Pinellas County Counselors are available Monday through Thursday from 5-8 p.m. to answer questions about college entrance processes, graduation requirements, scholarships, homework tips, etc. The number is 727-547-7223.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

* **How do I receive a copy of my child's transcript?** Contact your child grade level clerk
* **Who should I talk to if I am concerned about a grade my child has received?**  You should first contact the teacher to determine how the grade was calculated. If you still have concerns, contact your child's grade level counselor or administrator.
* **How do I arrange counseling services for my child?** Contact your child’s grade level counselor. She can explain what services are available at the school or give you referrals to community resources.
* **How do I set up a parent conference?** Parents should contact the grade-level secretary or teacher to arrange a conference with teacher(s).
* **Can I request a progress report between grading periods?**  Progress reports are administered mid-grading period. Before or after that time, parents may find up to date grades on "Parent Portal".
* **How can I volunteer at my child’s School?** Contact our Community Liaison, **Ms. Albee, at ext. 2001**

**Helping Your Child with Homework**

* Make a routine and stick to it.
	+ Decide together with your child the best time and place for doing homework.
	+ Do homework in the same place and at the same time every day.
* If your child is involved in after school activities, homework MUST come first! Since coaches sometimes change practice schedules from week to week, work together to plan ahead to complete homework assignments.
* Utilize our **Extended Learning Program (ELP)** before or after school; See your Grade Level Counselor for more information
* Utilize Pinellas County School’s **Homework Helpline** for After Hours aid:  727-547-7223