



# BULL RUN MS COUNSELING UPDATES

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# School Counseling News



STUDENT NEEDS  
SURVEY RESULTS



CURRENT COUNSELING  
LESSONS



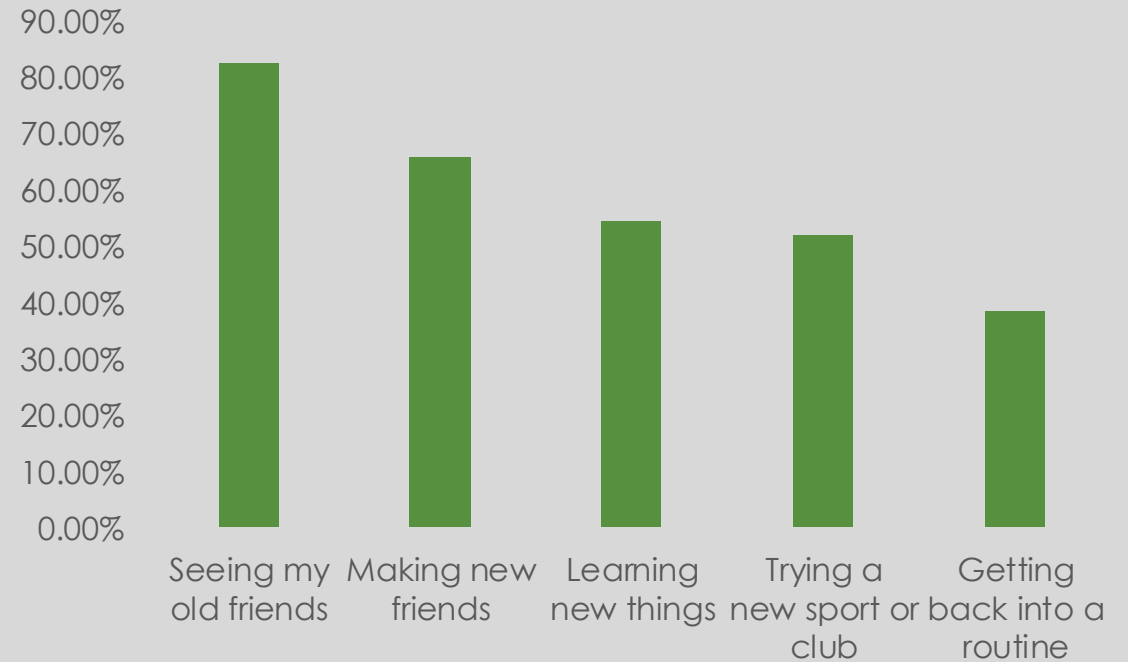
EVENTS & COUNSELING  
INITIATIVES

# Student Needs 2024 Survey Results

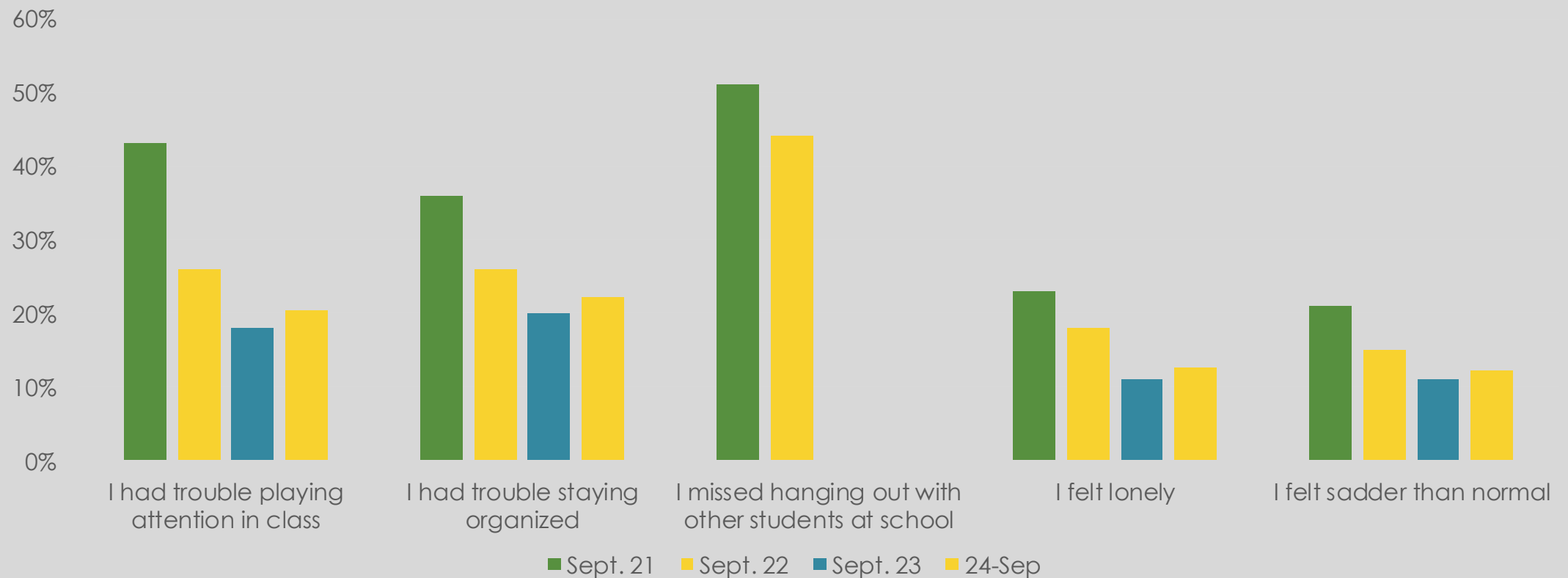
## Top 5 things students are looking forward to this school year

1. Seeing my old friends- 82.4%
2. Making new friends- 65.6%
3. Learning new things- 54.2%
4. Trying a new sport or club-52.0%
5. Getting back into a routine- 38.4%

## Top 5 Things Students Are Looking Forward To



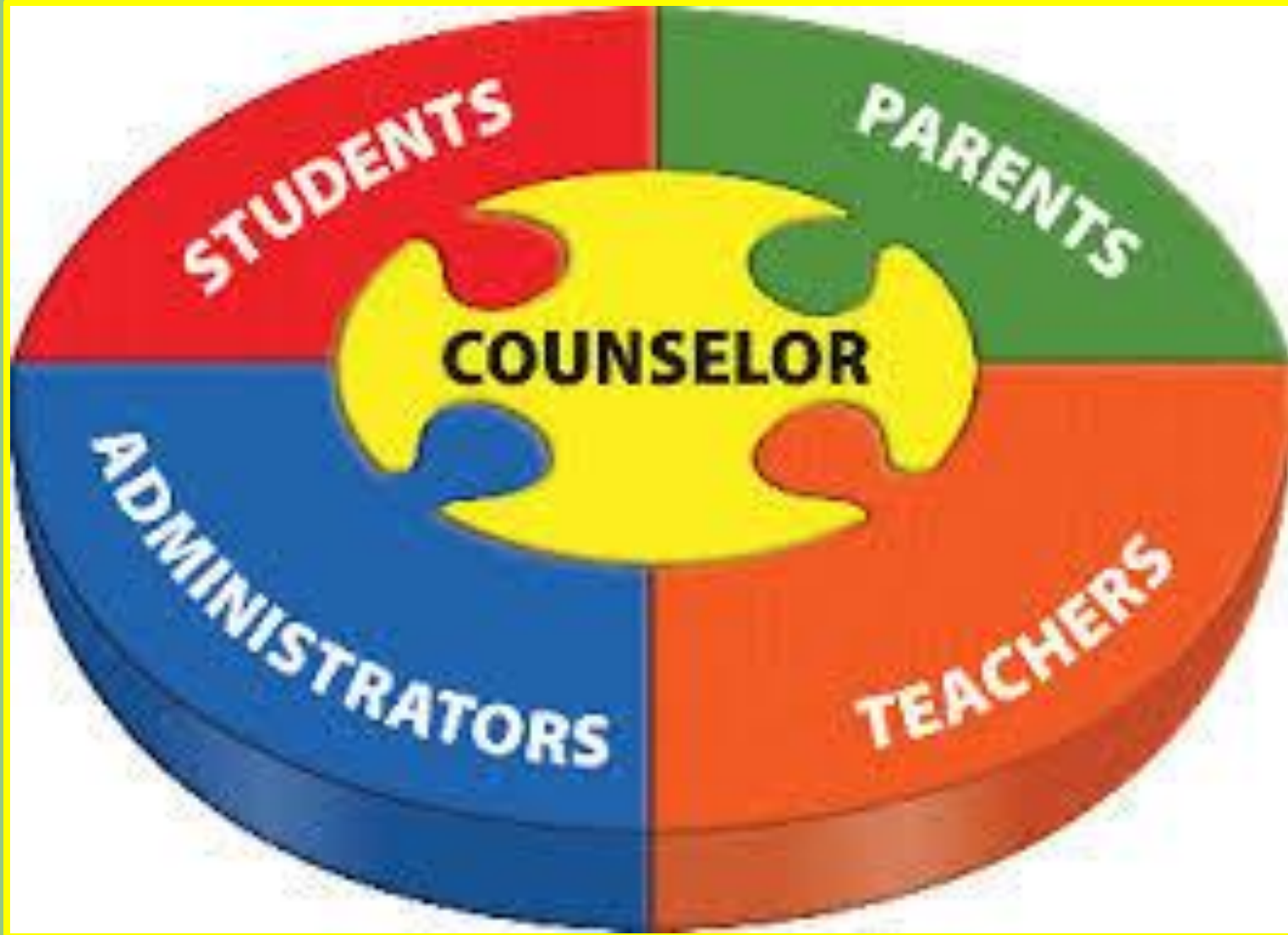
## Percent of Students Who Have Experienced the Following in the Last 6 Months- Compared to 1-3 Years Ago



# Counseling Department Program Goals

By June 2025, approximately 34 Hispanic BRMS students, who have been identified as having a history of absenteeism and failed at least one SOL from SY23-24, will have improved their attendance rate from 11.3% to less than 10% of days missed for SY24-25.





School  
Counseling  
Programs,  
Events,  
Initiatives





## Planned Counseling Groups

- Attendance
- Executive Functioning and Organization
- Friendships and Social Skills
- Coping Strategies

# Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 Counseling Lessons

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Counselor Introduction Lesson (August)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Middle School Success (September)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Technology Choices and Consequences (October)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Introduction to Naviance (January)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Signs of Suicide-S.O.S (October)



- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: What is MY Gameplan? (each quarter in Career Investigations)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Strengths Explorer (September-October)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: HS Specialty Programs (October)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: High School Transition (January)





# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson-Middle School Success



# New Student Breakfast

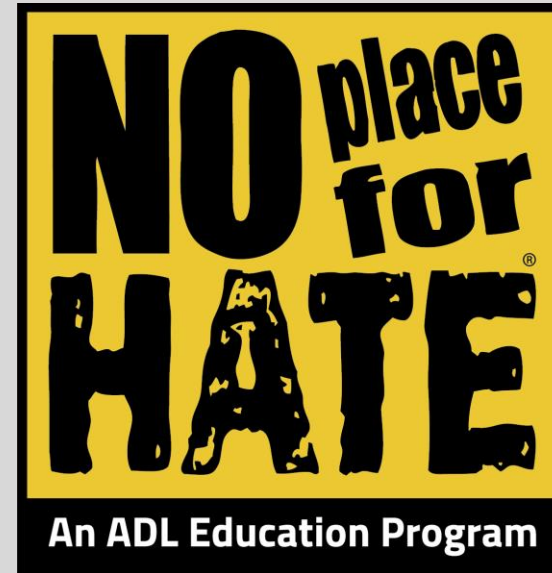








# No Place For Hate



# SOAR Committee/PBIS Program Support





# Wellness Lounge

1:1 Counseling

Small Groups

Staff and Student Wellness Activities

Therapy Dog





# Oakley, Our Therapy Dog





## Eagle Ambassadors Program

- \*Promotes Leadership
- \*Positive school climate
- \*Support for new students
- \*Student representatives for our school
- \*Community Service



# Eagle Ambassadors







# National Unity Day

Anti-bullying Campaign

Wear Orange on October 16

## UNITY DAY

SHARE KINDNESS

+

PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE

+

ENCOURAGE INCLUSION

=

BULLYING PREVENTION

 **National Bullying Prevention Center.**  
Create a World Without Bullying | [PACER.org/bullying](https://www.pacer.org/bullying)





# Red Ribbon Week





# Positive Climate and Culture





# Social Worker, Tracey D'Amico

- Holiday Support
- Basic Needs Support
- Holiday Giving Program
- Hispanic Heritage Night
- Community Resources Support
- Threat Assessment Lead
- Special Education
- Counseling Services



# School Psychologist, Tiffany Paik



- Provide direct support and interventions to students
- Consult with teachers, families, and other school-employed mental health professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers) to improve support strategies
- Help support and improve school-wide practices and policies
- Evaluate students for special education services and provide recommendations



# Eagle Minds Matter

After school mental health event in collaboration with Battlefield HS Our Minds Matter Club



# HS Specialty Programs

- If your student is interested in applying for a High School Specialty Program, make sure to check the PWCS Specialty Program Website for program information sessions. General Information Zoom Session 10/24/2024. They will post a recording.
- Application link will go live on this website **November 1, 2024**
- The deadline to apply for most programs is **February 1, 2025**
- Colgan High School's Fine Arts Program application deadline is **December 14th**.
- Each school has their own information sessions about their specialty program(s) during the months of October- January.
- BRMS HS Specialty Program Fair, **November 7<sup>th</sup>** during music/exploratory arts. School represented last year: Battlefield, Gainesville, Unity Reed, Patriot, Hylton, and Colgan.
- **Thomas Jefferson HS Applications Available Oct. 21.** Last Day to begin a new application is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for application is Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Essay Administration is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.



# State Testing Dates

## 2024-25 Testing Calendar

Test/Assessment	Grade Level	Test Window
VALLSS – Fall Administration	1,2,3	9/3 – 9/27
VALLSS – Fall Administration	K	9/30 – 10/25
VALLSS – Fall Administration	Pre-K	10/7-11/1
VKRP (EMAS and CBRs) Fall Administration	K	9/19 – 10/11
VKRP (EMAS and CBRs) Fall Administration	Pre K	9/23-10/18
Fall Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA)	3-8	9/12 – 10/4/24
SOL - Fall Paper Writing Administration		
➤ Multiple-Choice	EOC <sup>a</sup>	10/22/24
➤ Short Paper	EOC <sup>a</sup>	10/23/24
➤ Make-ups & Term Grad second attempts	EOC <sup>a</sup>	10/24 – 10/31/24
SOL - Fall Online Writing Administration		
➤ Multiple-Choice & Short Paper	EOC <sup>a</sup>	10/21 – 10/31/24
SOL - Fall Online Writing Retake for Term Grads	EOC <sup>b</sup>	11/18 – 11/22/24
CogAT – Online	3	10/21 – 11/22/24
Naglieri (NNAT3) – Online	2, 6, 9	10/21 – 11/22/24
SOL – Fall Non-Writing Administration Online and Paper		
➤ End of Course (including 1 <sup>st</sup> semester students)	EOC <sup>c</sup>	12/2-12/20/24
➤ Expedited Retakes	EOC	1/6 – 1/17/25
Winter Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA)	3-8	1/13-2/7/25
VALLSS – Winter Administration	K, 1, 2, 3	1/6 – 1/31
VALLSS – Winter Administration	Pre K	1/6-2/3
English Language Proficiency (ELP) Assessment	K-12 English Learners	1/23 – 3/14/25
VA ELP Checklist Submission		3/14/25
SOL – Spring Paper Writing Administration		
➤ Multiple-Choice	English 11	3/4/25
➤ Short Paper	English 11	3/5/25
➤ Make-ups & Term Grad second attempts	English 11	3/6 – 3/14/25
SOL – Spring Online Writing Administration		
➤ Multiple-Choice & Short Paper	English 11	3/3 – 3/21/25
SOL – Spring Online Writing Retake for Term Grads	English 11 <sup>b</sup>	4/7 – 4/11/25
SOL – Integrated Reading and Writing (IRW)	5 & 8	3/10 – 3/27/25
VAAP – Virginia Alternate Assessment Program	3-11	2/24 – 4/11/25
VALLSS – Spring Administration	Pre K, K, 1, 2, 3	4/21 – 5/16
VKRP (EMAS and CBRs) – Spring Administration	Pre K, K	4/7 – 5/16
SOL – Spring Non-Writing Administration		
➤ Term Grad Students	12	4/23 – 5/12/25
➤ Term Grad Students - Expedited Retakes	12	5/14– Graduation
➤ Grades 3-8 and End of Course Tests	3-11	4/23 – 5/20/25
➤ Expedited Retakes for Grades 3-8 and EOC tests	3-11	5/27 – 6/6/25

# 8th Grade Tests

- ❖ Fall Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA) (October)
- ❖ Winter Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA) (January)
- ❖ SOL Integrated Reading and Writing (IRW) (March)
- ❖ SOLS (April-June) Reading, Math, Civics, Science

