**School Counseling Department Calendar**

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**School Counseling Mission Statement: Great Falls Middle School and Turners Falls High School**

The School Counseling Program’s shared mission is to deliver a comprehensive program to ALL students that promotes lifelong learning and active citizenship for grades 6-12. In partnership with the school and greater community, we provide a safe and supportive environment for students to discover their interests, pursue their goals, succeed academically, explore postsecondary options, and develop and improve their interpersonal and workplace readiness skills.

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| **MONTH** | **ACTIVITY** | **GROUP TARGETED** | **ONGOING ACTIVITIES** |
| **August** | Provide new student orientation sessions | New students (grades 6-8) and their families | * Meet with students, parents and teachers to support student achievement
* Conduct weekly social skills groups
* Present monthly Career of the Month series
* Attend weekly Student Support Team (SST) meetings
* Facilitate 504 plan implementation
* Perform duties as mandated reporter
* Facilitate Upstander, Cyberbullying Awareness and GSA club meetings
* Collaborate with 8th grade team and HS guidance staff to facilitate 8th grade transition to 9th grade
* Provide crisis intervention
* Collaborate with outside agencies to help student performance
* Participate in professional development opportunities
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| Perform scheduling updates | Whole school |
| **September** | Discuss school resources in Health classes, covering the peer mediation program, role of the Guidance office and the benefits of joining clubs | Students in 6th and 7th grades |
| Start Upstander, Cyberbullying Awareness and GSA club meetings | Students who sign up for clubs |
| Begin monthly Career of the Month series | Whole school |
| Survey 8th graders about their secondary and postsecondary plans (pre-survey) | 8th grade students |
| **October** | Co-teach Signs of Suicide prevention program  | 8th grade students |
| Coordinate Ally Week, a GSA initiative that celebrates diversity | Whole school |
| **November** | Arrange for representative from Franklin County Tech School to speak with students | 8th grade students |
| Teach 8th grade career lessons | 8th grade students |
| **December** | Teach 8th grade career lessons | 8th grade students |
| **January** | Co-present annual College Week | Whole school |
| Teach 7th grade career lessons | 7th grade students |
| **February** | Work with HS staff to provide tour and info sessions of Turners Falls HS | 8th grade students |
| Co-teach Signs of Suicide prevention program | 7th grade students |
| **March** | Meet with 8th graders to discuss tech and traditional high school choices | 8th grade students |
| **April** | Facilitate Tech School application process | 8th grade students |
| **May** | Coordinate Science MCAS testing | 8th grade students |
| **June** | Survey 8th graders about their secondary and postsecondary plans (post survey) | 8th grade students |
| Input next year’s schedules into computer system | Whole school |
| Provide orientation to incoming 6th and 7th grade students | 5th and 6th grade students from Gill and Sheffield |