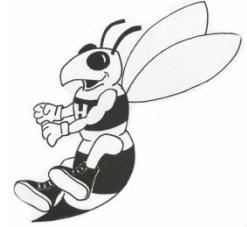


*Howell Middle School North  
School Counseling Services*



Fall 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Howell Middle School North School Counseling Department welcomes you to the 2017-2018 school year. As you are aware, middle school students face a multitude of issues from academic, social, emotional and behavioral. As always, our goal is to help our students address those issues in order for them to reach their greatest potential. We work to achieve that goal through a variety of counseling services and interventions. This year we are delighted to inform you of several innovative programs that we will be utilizing to enhance the experience of our students at Middle School North:

- **Parent-Institute School Success Web Content Service**
- **“Helping Students Learn” Parent Newsletter**
- **Student of the Month**
- **S.H.A.R.E. (Students Helping All Residents Everywhere) Program**
- **Making An Impression**

Additional information on these programs is provided in the attached packet, as well as on the Guidance & Counseling page of the Middle School North website ([www.howell.k12.nj.us](http://www.howell.k12.nj.us)). We look forward to working with you this year. If you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact us at the telephone extensions and email addresses listed below.

Sincerely,

*Joan Lindsay*

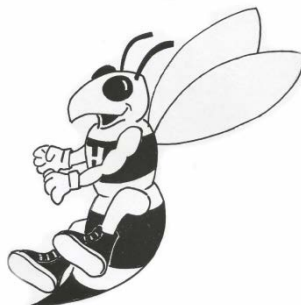
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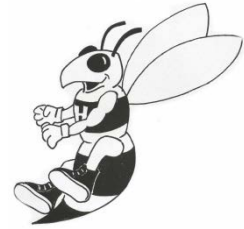
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### **Parent Resources on our School Website**

Great ideas to help children do better in school.  
Available 365 days a year.

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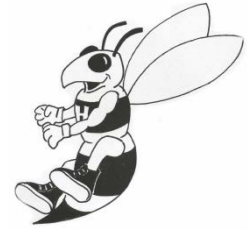
Click on the link for Middle School North

### **Here's what you'll find online:**

- **Today's Tip for Parents:** Daily tips to help children learn.
- **Idea of the Day:** New ideas every day to help children do well in school. Ideas to build responsibility, respect, motivation, self-esteem and more.
- **Weekly Parent Quiz:** Check to see how well you are helping your children to do better in school. Topics include: homework, talking and listening, taming the TV, encouraging reading and more...
- **Ask the Experts:** Read questions parents are asking about school issues. Read the answers experts give. You can even suggest your own questions.
- **Timely Topics:** Weekly articles on topics such as peer pressure, testing, parent-teacher conferences and more.
- **The School Success Library:** More than 100 articles on topics school leaders say are "most important to school success."
- **"Helping Students Learn" Parent Newsletter:** provides practical parenting tips to help students succeed in school.



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**Student of the Month** – This is a program is designed to recognize one student per team each month who displays outstanding citizenship, diligence in academics and an overall respectful attitude.



### **S.H.A.R.E. (Students Helping All Residents Everywhere) Program –**

This program enriches the natural development of Character Education of our students by encouraging them to be more active participants in the community and to live an ethical and productive life. Using the *Six Pillars of Character Education*, Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship, students are acknowledged for volunteering their time, by performing community service.

\*Service hour sheets are available on MSN's guidance webpage and outside of the Guidance office.



**Making An Impression** - Students names are displayed on footprints when teachers or administrators notice students demonstrating any of the six pillars of character education.



## **Parent Portal Instructions**

Go to the district's web page, [www.howell.k12.nj.us](http://www.howell.k12.nj.us) , click on the icon "Parent Portal"

### **Parent Sign In**

**Follow instructions to create an account**

### **Resources to Assist Students**

Schoology

Online Document Based Learning Program

Classzone

Newsela

### **After School Help**

Peer Tutoring (Tuesdays)

Math Support (Grade 6 Wednesdays, Grade 7-8 Thursdays)

Language Arts Support (All Grades-Thursday)