



MMS School Counseling

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM



WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

THIS WEEK

CAREY MCMUNN, 9TH GRADE STUDENT FROM TOLLAND, WILL JOIN US FOR CAREER CAFE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH. CAREY WILL TALK ABOUT BEING A YOUTH SOCCER REFEREE.



FROM THE STUDENTS..

"(A NEW STAFF MEMBER) IS THE PERSON THAT I FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO. THEY HAVE HELPED ME WHEN I FEEL SAD AND LOST"

A 5TH GRADE STUDENT

CONNECTING

PRIOR TO THE THANKSGIVING BREAK, SCHOOL COUNSELORS MET WITH ALL STUDENTS TO CONDUCT MINUTE MEETINGS. THESE ARE BRIEF INTERVIEWS TO GET A SENSE OF HOW STUDENTS FEEL ABOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR SO FAR AND ANY GOALS THEY MAY HAVE.



STAY IN TOUCH

MRS. EILEEN MELODY
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7th and 8th Grade Counselor

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5th-8th Grade Counseling Support



CONSIDER THIS



MINUTE MEETINGS PROVIDE A QUICK SNAPSHOT, BUT THE REAL POWER COMES FROM THE DEEPER CONVERSATIONS YOU INITIATE AT HOME. BY EXPLORING THESE TOPICS FURTHER, YOU MOVE BEYOND SIMPLE CHECK-INS AND ENTER A SPACE OF GENUINE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS AND PURPOSE:

WHEN YOU ASK ABOUT THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND GOALS, DON'T STOP AT THE ANSWER. ASK WHY THEY CHOSE THAT ACTIVITY OR GOAL. THIS HELPS THEM ARTICULATE THEIR VALUES AND SENSE OF PURPOSE. FOR EXAMPLE, INSTEAD OF JUST "I'M IN BAND," ASK "WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PLAYING YOUR INSTRUMENT, AND HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL?"

▶ PLAYERS WANTED! ▶

MANSFIELD RECREATION BASKETBALL

JOIN TODAY!

THE SEASON IS UNDERWAY—AND WE STILL HAVE SPOTS OPEN FOR GIRLS 5-6, GIRLS 7-8, AND BOYS 7-8 DIVISIONS!

THE OFFICIAL SEASON BEGINS DECEMBER 6TH, BUT PRACTICES ARE HAPPENING NOW, AND IT'S A GREAT TIME TO JUMP IN.

Practice Schedule:

- Girls 5-6: Mondays at 6:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School
- Girls 7-8: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School
- Boys 7-8: Mondays from 7:00-8:00 PM – Mansfield Middle School

PLAYING REC BASKETBALL IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO BUILD SKILLS, GET MORE COURT TIME, AND COMPLEMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL—MANY PLAYERS DO BOTH!

If your child is interested, please contact:

Jennifer Caldwell

860-429-3015 ext. 6122

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You may also register online. Please note: online registration will place you on a waitlist, and an MPRD staff member will follow up to complete the registration.

Online Registration Activity Numbers:

- Girls 5-6: #342002-A
- Girls 7-8: #342004-A
- Boys 7-8: #342005-A

▶▶▶ Come join the fun—let's make this a great season!





GINGERBREAD HOUSE *Decorating Party*

Join Youth Services, get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Gather your friends, for a delightful evening of icing, candies, hot cocoa, and creative confections. This event is for Middle School students. We will decorate in the Town Hall Kitchen, event 3:00-5:30 pm. Pick up in the Teen Center at MCC at 5:30 pm. Must register for the bus in advance by contacting the Middle School. Pizza dinner Provided!

Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/251906230283149>

Save the Date!

DECEMBER 5TH 2025

More Information:

YSB@Mansfieldct.org



Middle School Teen Events

Cooking, Arts & Crafts, and more!

Dinner is provided!

Fridays: 3:00-5:30 pm

Students MUST sign up to ride the afterschool bus to the MCC! Registration is required for these events! Space is limited! More info to come!

December 5th Winter Fun & Hot Cocoa:

Location: MCC Teen Center

January 16th Teen Cooking Class:

Location: MCC Teen Center

*****February 27th Winter Spice Dough Magnets**

Location: MCC Teen Center

March 6th TBD

Location: cooking in Townhall and MCC, Teen Center

March 28th Youth Services Family Fun Run

Location: MCC Teen Center, Teen Center

For more information and to register, please contact ysb@mansfieldct.org

*Events with an asterisk are open to High School Students, also!



PRESENTED BY MMSA

UConn WOMENS BASKETBALL

**UConn
Huskies**

VS

**DEPAUL BLUE
Demons**

December 7th, 1pm
At Gampel Pavilion

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

[HTTPS://WWW.GOFEVO.COM/EVENT/MANSFIELDMIDDLE7](https://www.gofevo.com/event/mansfieldmiddle7)



THE E.O. SMITH MUSIC DEPARTMENT



BANDS - ORCHESTRAS - CHOIRS

WINTER CELEBRATION CONCERT

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY

The Edwin O. Smith
FOUNDATION

DECEMBER 11TH - 8:00PM

The Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts - UCONN

\$10 ADULTS - \$5 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

***PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL LOCAL CHARITIES AND THE E.O. SMITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

MOTHER-DAUGHTER CIRCLE

Inviting All Girls And The Important Female Caregiver In
Their Lives!

ARE YOU A FEMALE CAREGIVER WHO WANTS
TO BETTER CONNECT WITH YOUR TEENAGE
CHILD ?

ARE YOU A TEEN WHO WISHES YOUR
CAREGIVER UNDERSTOOD MORE ?



DATES:

(5-WEEK SERIES)

JANUARY 15TH & 29TH

FEBRUARY 5TH & 19TH

MARCH 5TH

5:00-6:30 pm

What to Expect:

Interactive activities, guided discussions, and practical tools that will help daughters and the important woman in their lives connect on a deeper level.

Who Can Join:

Female Caregivers and their daughters (ages 11-14) who want to improve communication and strengthen their bond.

Why Join:

Because the female caregiver–daughter relationship is one of the most important connections you'll ever have—and it deserves care, attention, and growth.

FREE! PIZZA DINNER PROVIDED!

Registration & Contact:

Kelly McKenney, LMSW

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**Register with QR Code. Space
is limited!**

