

*Transitioning to Long
Beach Middle School*

The Role of the Counseling Office

March 18, 2015

Our Team....

*Joy-Anne D'Anca,
Coordinator*

Robert Bajit - Grade 6


Ama Darkeh - Grade 7

Lynn Marcell - Grade 8

**Mrs. Kathy Casey,
Secretary**

Our Beliefs...

- **Make every child feel cared for, valued and supported**
- **Be the best that you can be**
- **Collaboration: We're in this together!**
- **Intellectual, Academic & Developmental Excellence**

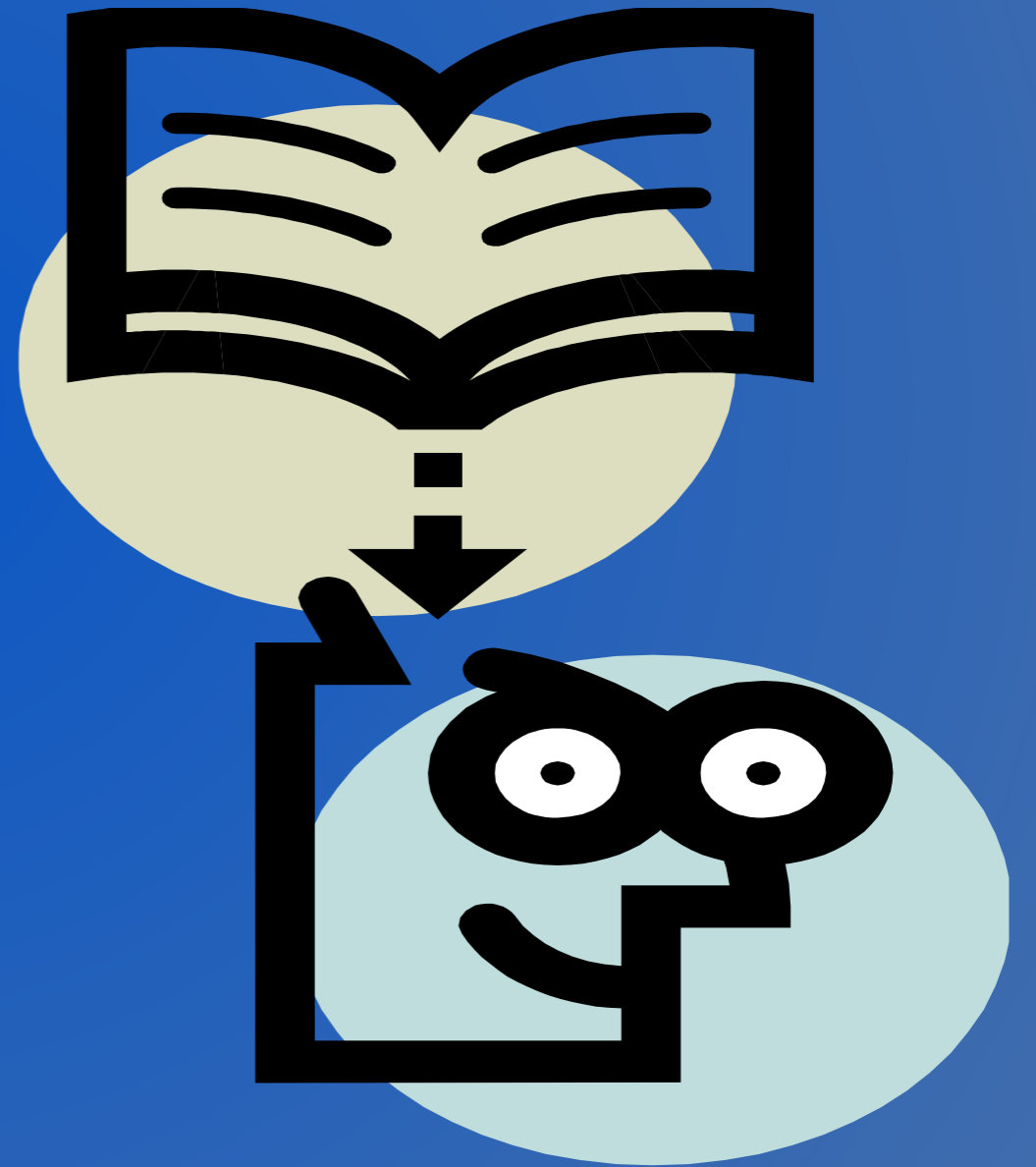


**BE SOMEBODY
WHO MAKES
EVERYBODY FEEL
LIKE A
SOMEBODY.**

HPLYRIKZ.COM

What will be different for your child?

- **Different Classes**
- **More Teachers/Teams**
- **New Rules**
- **Busier Schedule**
- **More Classmates / Bigger School**
- **Sports, Clubs, Activities**
- **Greater Expectations**
- **Friends - Old and New**
- **The transition into adolescence**



What will be different for you?

- **The journey toward independence**
- **Multiple teachers**
- **New building, faculty, and staff**
- **New friends for you and your children**
- **Different expectations**

How can your counselor help?

- **The ultimate advocate**
- **“One-Stop Shopping”**
- **Time management, organizational skills, etc.**
- **College and careers: It’s never too early!**
- **Academic follow up**
- **Getting involved**
- **Parent/teacher/student liaison**
- **Programming and planning**
- **Academic, Social, Emotional liaison**

Our Set-up...

- Same counselor for 3 years
- Attend team meetings
- Interim Report and Report Card follow up
- Course planning and programming
- Collaborate with 1 Social Worker and 2 Psychologists
- Individual and group meetings
- Visits to lunch periods



**KEEP
CALM**

A SCHOOL

COUNSELOR CAN

HELP

Your role as the parent/guardian...

***Organization, attendance, time management is key for
your student, so BE PROACTIVE!***

- **The agenda book is you and your child's FRIEND**
 - **Develop a routine**
 - **Monitor progress through Parent Portal and class web pages**
 - **Communicate with teachers**
- **Remember: Your counselor is your top liaison**
- **Join the PTA and receive important email "blast!"**

“If you ask my daughter what worried her most about her transition to Middle School, she would have said her friends being in her lunch period, the difficulty of her teachers, finding her way around the building and things like that. But me...well...I just wanted her to be happy.”

- 6th Grade Parent

The Bottom Line...

*“The greatest gift you ever
give is your honest self.”*

Fred Rogers

- **We are in this together**
- **Our children as the whole person**
- **The model for ultimate independence and being the best that they can be**

*Thank you for
joining us this
evening!*

**Please contact our office with any questions!
(516) 897-2167**