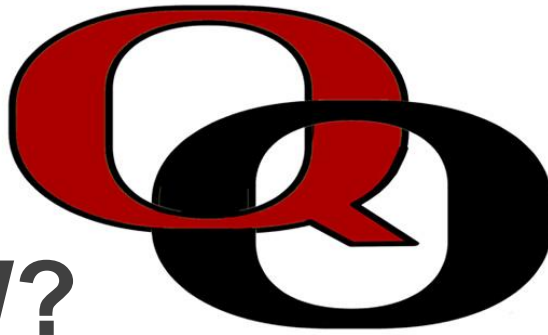


# DID YOU KNOW?



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/5 – First day of school
- 9/7 – Back to School Night
- 9/9 – ACT administration
- 9/14 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent & Student Night
- 9/23 – Mock SAT/ACT/PSAT
- 9/27 – Financial Aid Info Night

*This column will appear each month and will provide Counseling Department information and updates to better inform parents and students and keep them apprised of Counseling Department activities.*

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*“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending” - Carl Bard*

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## WELCOME BACK!

First, on behalf of Counseling Services Department, let me welcome you back to Quince Orchard High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

The primary functions of the Counseling Department are to serve students and the school community by providing the following:

- Social & Emotional Support
- College & Career Planning

Ensuring that all students have complete and accurate schedules and Counselors serve on the Educational Management Team and help provide community resources to parents and students. Counselors coordinate and facilitate parent/teacher conferences if multiple teachers are involved. If parents wish to meet with an individual teacher, they may arrange the meeting on their own.

Counselors and alphabetical assignments are as follows --

Ms. Amy Elza	<b>Aaa-Buq</b>	Ms. Jennifer Gaston	<b>Mf-Qt</b>
Ms. Nancy Jimenez	<b>Bur-Er</b>	Ms. Victoria Lyon	<b>Qu-Sta</b>
Ms. Nancy Rossini	<b>Es-Her</b>	Mr. Douglas Rivera	<b>Stb-Zzz</b>
Mr. John Favazzo	<b>Hes-Lua</b>	Ms. Karla Lepinsky	<b>ESOL</b>
Mr. David Mullaney (Resource)	<b>Lub-Me</b>		

You may notice that counselor assignments have changed from last year. However, rising seniors will remain with their past counselor regardless of alphabetical/assignment changes for purposes of post-secondary planning and college recommendation letters.

These change in assignments are due to Ms. Gaston and Ms. Lyon, half-time last year, now being full time counselors. We bid fond farewell to Ms. Anita Small who has relocated to Massachusetts and to Mr. George Awkard who is now athletic director at Kennedy High School in Silver Spring. We are very happy to welcome Ms. Nancy Rossini to our staff. Ms. Rossini brings a wealth of experience and expertise and we are very happy to have her with us.

In addition, the following staff are essential members of the department –

Ms. Tammy Cross, **department secretary**

Ms. Shirl Gregg, **school registrar**

Ms. Moloney-Johnston, **college and career coordinator**

Ms. Jeanne McCormack, **school psychologist**

To contact the Counseling Services Department, please call Ms. Cross at 301 840 4650.

Students may meet with their counselor before and after school and during lunch or by appointment. In case of an emergency, we meet with students immediately.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *12<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Visits*

Over the summer counselors have had the opportunity to meet with many seniors and their parents to discuss post-high school plans especially regarding college. In September the college planning process continues.

During the week of September 11-16, counselors will visit with seniors through their English classes. The Senior Packet (which many seniors already have if they met with us during the summer) will be distributed and reviewed. (Please the Counseling website for a copy of the Senior Packet.) In these sessions, counselors will discuss with the 12<sup>th</sup> graders the nuts and bolts of the college application process. Specific topics include –

- The division of responsibility in the application process – what the student/parent must do/what the counselor and registrar do (write and send letters of recommendation, the school profile, and transcripts).

- Matching the common application with Naviance
- Informing the registrar of the institutions the student is applying to so school material can be sent to them
- Applying to Coalition colleges/universities

### *Parent & Student Night Meetings -*

- Thursday, September 14 @ 7 pm in the school auditorium. Senior Parent Meeting, “The Nuts and Bolts of the College Application Process”.
- Wednesday, September 27 @ 7 pm in the school auditorium. College Financial Aid Meeting. Guest speaker from Stevenson University.



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## **COUNSELING DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS & ROLES**

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<b>Ms. Nancy Jimenez</b>	Last Names Bur-Er	<b>Ms. Maripat Moloney-Johnston</b>	College & Career Info. Coordinator
<b>Ms. Nancy Rossini</b>	Last Names Es-Her	<b>Ms. Jeanne McCormack</b>	School Psychologist
<b>Mr. John Favazzo</b>	Last Names Hes-Lua	<b>Ms. Tammy Cross</b>	Counseling Secretary
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