



St. Eugene School

Guiding hearts, growing minds

Dear Parent/Guardian,

St. Eugene now has a school counseling intern working in collaboration with Mt. Mary University. In addition to classroom lessons, our school counselor is an available resource for students who wish to meet individually with her as needed for many different reasons. During any individual meeting, the student will be able to express concerns or problems they may be having in a safe environment. The purpose of these individual meetings is to help the student succeed personally and academically.

To build trust with the student, the school counselor intern will keep information confidential, with exceptions. Because the intern is a graduate student under the supervision of a licensed school counselor, information may be shared with the supervisor to promote her knowledge and skills. Further, as these services are provided to minor children in the school setting, the school counselor intern may share information with parents/guardians, the child's teacher, and/or administrators or school personnel who work with the child on a need-to-know basis, so that they may better assist the child as a team. The school counselor intern is also required by law – just as all teaching professionals are - to share information with parents or others in the event the child is in danger of harm to self or others. The school counselor intern will make the child aware, in an age-appropriate manner, of these limits to confidentiality and will inform the child when sharing information with others.

If you would like your child to be able to meet 1:1 with the school counselor during the school year, we request your signed consent to have on file as needed. Please return this form to the office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school principal or the school counselor.

School Counseling Intern:
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I, _____, give permission for my child _____
(parent/guardian) (student name & grade)

to speak individually with the independent school counselor. _____
(date)

(Please return this form to the school office).