

SBMS Counselor Corner

September 2018

Meet the Counselors

Carrie Jackson serves 6th grade and 8th grade.

Bridget Grady serves 6th grade and 7th grade.

For current information about the counseling department and resources, please visit our website: <https://sbmscounseling.weebly.com/>



September is National Attendance Awareness Month

Regular and consistent school attendance is critically important for your child's academic and future career success. Did you know that . . .

- As defined by the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP), chronic absence is defined as **missing 10% or more of the school year, or 18 out of 180 days**
 - Unexcused and excused absences
 - Consider this in terms of school days. A student absent 18 school days is missing nearly a month of school.

To learn more about the impact absences have on your student's academic reading and math achievement, take a look at this interesting interactive tool

<https://getschooled.com/dashboard/tool/343-attendance-counts?type=tool>



New to Swansboro Middle?

Some students find transitioning to a new school easy and others find it a struggle. Both of these reactions are quite normal. Yet, if you are concerned about your child's transition to Swansboro Middle School, please reach out to us. We are more than happy to assist your child in becoming comfortable here and achieving their highest potential.

Some fun upcoming events at SBMS:

- Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 5th, 5:00 p.m.
- PRIDE Dance on Friday, September 28th, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- November 15th Breakfast Celebration of Veteran's Day and National Parental Involvement Day (Watch for more information on this event.)
- Unity Day Event @ SBHS on Wednesday, October 24th

New to the Swansboro/Hubert Community?

Check out these fun and family-friendly events and resources in our community.

October 13th - Mullet Festival

Hammocks Beach State Park

November - Swansboro by Candlelight (Fun evening of holiday shopping)

November 23rd - Christmas Flotilla

Onslow County Public Library - Swansboro Branch

Hubert Park

Inspiration

"Be present in all things and thankful for all things." Maya Angelou

