

November 2020

Greetings from your Middle School Career Development Coordinator, Jennifer Sottriffer. I am excited to work with your child this school year on career exploration. It is important that students are able to explore all the options they will have after high school graduation and there is no better time to begin than now. With so many pathways to pursue a career, it is essential that students begin to find out which is the best fit for them. Upon high school graduation, your child will be prepared to:

- Enter the workforce
- Join the armed forces
- Attend a two year school or
- Attend a four year college/university

So what will we be doing? In eighth grade students will have lessons that prepare them to complete a four year plan for high school. This will include reality check, interest inventory and career cluster survey, preparing for high school, and registering for high school courses. In addition to lessons, students will learn about Career and Technical Education options in Brunswick County Schools, including the COAST (Center of Applied Sciences and Technology)..

In seventh grade, students will understand why it is important to work hard in school, how to set goals, explore career clusters, exploring post secondary options and how to begin preparing for post secondary as early as middle school. In sixth grade, we will discuss the world of careers, career clusters and how to begin the career exploration process. There will be a variety of activities for all students as the year progresses. Please be sure to stay in touch through Google Classroom.

As the caretaker, I ask that you begin having a conversation with your child about their future. What is his/her plan? How can you help? You are a huge part of their success! Please visit our website at www.bcswan.net. Under departments, choose Career and Technical Education, then Middle School Career Development. There are resources we will be using in the classroom, as well as information that may be helpful to you as you begin assisting your student in preparing for their future. Stay tuned for more information to come this school year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sottriffer
Middle School Career Development Coordinator
Leland Middle School, South Brunswick Middle School & Town Creek Middle School
jsottriffer@bcswan.net