

Dear Ross Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope you and your family had a great summer. School abruptly ended on March 12th and things have not been quite the same, but I’m excited to begin this school year virtually with you and your children!

I look forward to serving you and your student(s). I would like to introduce Ross Elementary School’s Comprehensive School Counseling program. Twice a month your child will receive classroom guidance; these lessons will consist of pertinent life skills such as respect, perseverance, responsibility, and problem solving. We will also discuss emotions, bullying, Just Say NO to Drugs, conflict resolution, goal setting, study skills and careers. The students will participate in each lesson to check for understanding. Sometimes we will watch videos that goes along with the topic as a reinforcement. I will also offer small group counseling, individual counseling, and assist with academic concerns.

Children will be able to visit with me virtually on an as-need basis, by appointments only. Parents, below you will find an online school counseling referral form. This is an easy way to make me aware of situations concerning your child. You may also visit the school website to view this form.

Lastly, my virtual office hours are from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Other hours will be made available for parents that need to meet virtually at a different time. [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lBwpK7Bet0SJ6kuvFuzEqZkZRTTBZt1ButL26rgVL11UQ0RVSlhQVUZKVFo4RkVSR1dTWk03NzM1Ti4u](about:blank). Please feel free to email me at [lowerys@scsk12.org](about:blank) if you have questions or concerns. I can also be reached at 901-416-1990. I look forward to working with each of you!

Sincerely,

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