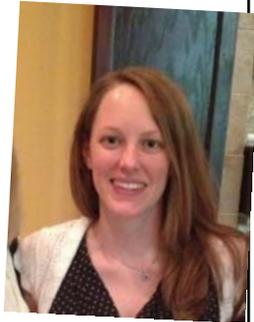


► Meet Your School Counselor

Mrs. Tara Donatiello is a National Certified Counselor and a certified NJ School Counselor. She holds her Master's degree in Counseling from Kean University and her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from The College of New Jersey.



Mrs. Donatiello

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School Counselor Confidentiality Statement

Privacy and confidentiality are essential to having an effective school counseling program. St. Cloud School recognizes the importance of good communication and good working relationships between students, parents, and the school. Therefore, every effort will be made to protect student and parent privacy rights, except under certain limited conditions. These limitations generally include safety issues (harm to self and/or others), potential HIB situations, legal issues, and professional responsibilities. (See the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors at www.schoolcounselor.org)

Please Note:

Routinely, school counselors are contacted by outside organizations that offer opportunities in leadership, character building, and learning experiences to our students. We feel obligated to provide names of students that fit the criteria, so that special opportunities can be offered. Please know that permission for students to participate in outside programs is at the discretion of parents and guardians and may include fees that are not associated in any way with the school district.

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School Counseling Program Services

- Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Small Group Counseling
- Short-term Individual Counseling
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Student Advocacy
- Parent Conferences
- Teacher Consultation and Collaboration
- Student, Parent, Teacher Support
- Behavior Modification
- Crisis Prevention & Intervention
- Bullying Prevention & Intervention
- Intervention & Referral Services
- 504 Plan Coordination

What is a School Counselor?

"Professional school counselors, formerly referred to as guidance counselors, advocate for students and are important members of the educational team. They consult and collaborate with teacher, administrators, and families to help all students be successful academically, vocationally, and personally. School Counseling programs promote school success through a focus on academic achievement, prevention, and intervention activities, advocacy, social/emotional/ behavioral needs, and career development." (American School Counselor Association, 2005 & 1997)

Guidance Lessons

The School Counselor teaches guidance lessons in each classroom. Topics include Character Education (Respect, Caring,, Responsibility, Fairness, Trustworthiness, and Citizenship), Social Skills, Study Skills, and Bullying Prevention.



Small Groups

Throughout the school year, the School Counselor runs small groups that may address such issues as: grief/loss, family change/divorce, anger management, emotional control, social skills, study skills, self-esteem, behavior, conflict resolution, etc. If you are interested in having your child be part of one of these groups, please contact Mrs. Donatiello. Students may also be referred by teachers and other school staff or they may refer themselves. The School Counselor will obtain parental permission for students to take part in small group sessions.

School - Wide Activities

Week of Respect
School Violence Awareness Week
Red Ribbon Week

What are some issues that a student may discuss with the School Counselor?

Students may discuss issues such as anger management, school phobia, friendships, academics, coping mechanisms, anxiety, conflict resolution, feelings, self-esteem, decision making, social skills, grief, divorce/family change, illness in family, decision making, sibling and peer relationships, etc.

How are students referred to the School Counselor?

Students may be referred to the counselor by parents/ guardians, teachers, administrators, other students, themselves, or by counselor's observations. The School Counselor will obtain parental permission for on-going counseling sessions.

Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS)

Intervention and Referral Services is a committee composed of educators from various disciplines that provides assistance to students who are experiencing academic, emotional, and/or behavioral concerns. The committee utilizes its' members varied expertise to compose action plans to help students achieve academic success.

