



COUNSELING CONNECTION



Counseling Team

Students can schedule a meeting with their counselor through the booking links below

**Please help us welcome Ms. Katie Goetz, substitute counselor for Mel Petersen.
Mrs. Petersen will be on maternity leave through early March.**

| TEAM MEMBER | ASSIGNMENT | PHONE (262) 968-6273 | BOOK AN APPOINTMENT |
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| Counseling Center | | x4025 | |
| Tricia Fetherston fetherstont@kmsd.edu | KMHS A - Ge KM Perform A - K | x4356 | https://fetherstont.youcanbook.me/ |
| Melissa Loomer (long term sub for Nancie Schneider) loomerm@kmsd.edu | KMHS Gf - Ke High School of Health Science | x4354 | https://loomerm.youcanbook.me |
| Katie Goetz goetzk@kmsd.edu (sub for Melanie Petersen) | KMHS Kf - Q KM Perform L - Z KMAP | x4352 | Coming soon! In the meantime, students can email Ms. Goetz to set up a meeting. |
| Kerry Neimon neimonk@kmsd.edu | KMHS R - Z KM Global | x4351 | https://neimonk.youcanbook.me/ |
| Charlie Bagdassian bagdassc@kmsd.edu | School Psychologist | x4353 | https://bagdassc.youcanbook.me/ |
| Pete Rortvedt rortvedp@kmsd.edu | 6-12 School to Career Coordinator | x8254 | https://rortvedp.youcanbook.me/ |
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Resources for Students and Families

- [KM Community Resource list](#)
- [Your Choice Parent Webinars](#)- sessions on various topics for parents. Topics include resiliency, drugs, alcohol, vaping and screen addiction.
- [Healing Hearts of Waukesha](#) - grief support for students and families (counseling for death, divorce, separation, addiction)
- [Waukesha NAMI](#) (National Alliance on Mental Illness) - peer & family support groups.
- [Down Dog App](#) - Free wellness activities for students through July 1, 2021.

Upcoming Dates

Go to the "[Upcoming Events](#)" section of the Counseling page on the high school website for details on all events, including college admissions rep visits and college fairs.

| EVENT | WHO | DATE/TIME | LOCATION |
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| WCTC Virtual Open House | All students are welcome | Thursday, December 3, 4-7 PM | Virtual (registration details below) |
| Wisconsin Education Fairs (Virtual Series) | 10th-12th grade students and parents | 3-6pm on the following dates: Feb 10, Mar 10. & April 11 | Virtual |

College Admissions Rep Visits to KM go Virtual

Students are invited to virtual meetings with college admissions representatives during advisory to explore future options. All grades are welcome. Details, including the Google Meet link for each visit can be found in the "[Upcoming Events](#)" page on the Counseling section of the high school webpage (click on calendar event name for these details). From here students can add the meeting dates to their personal Google calendar for a reminder. The following schools have scheduled virtual meetings for KM campus students:

- Michigan Tech University - December 1
- Waukesha County Technical College - December 2
- Marquette University - December 8
- Midwest Technical Institute - December 8

[Link](#) to recordings of past college rep presentations.

WCTC Virtual Open House

Students are invited to [Waukesha County Technical College's virtual Open House](#) on Thursday, December 3, from 4-7 PM. Instructors and departments will be holding live presentations, lab walk-throughs, and a Q&A session to replicate much of what has been done in past on-campus Open Houses. Details and a sign-up/registration page can be found via this link: <https://www.wctc.edu/about/visit/open-house.php>.

Xello - Academic and Career Planning Tool

All Kettle Moraine students in grades 6-12 have access to Xello, a career tool that students can use to gather resources on careers. Career information includes job descriptions, core skills, educational/training path, interviews, and much more. Students will go through lessons in advisory this year, but this tool can be accessed and utilized at any time. [Here](#) is some information for parents as well as the [student link to log in](#). Students must be logged into their KM Google account on browser to log into Xello.

Dick Ohm Merit Award

The Dick Ohm Merit Award application is available. This is an opportunity for Kettle Moraine High School campus students to be recognized for their participation in school activities, positive attitude in the classroom, service in our school community, and leadership through good behavior and citizenship during the school year. The documents and electronic application form can be found in the [counseling section](#) of the high school webpage.

AP Test Registration

For those students who are currently in an AP course the deadline to sign up for exams, without an extra fee, has passed. Any exams ordered between now and March 5, 2021 will require a \$40 late fee. If you ordered an exam there will be a \$4 cancellation fee if you cancel by that same March 5 date. The requirements for signing up in both Total Registration and AP Classroom remains. If you had initially signed up for an exam and it was cancelled you will need to reach out to Mr. Rortvedt (rortvedp@kmsd.edu) to get your exam re-ordered.

A reminder to those students who have not yet begun their AP course you are on a different timeline for fees and this information will be shared with you when your course begins in January.

The specific links for Total Registration for each of our schools are linked below and you can access AP Classroom [here](#).

[**KMHS**](#)

[**HS^2**](#)

[**Global**](#)

[**Perform**](#)

If you have any questions or issues please contact our AP Coordinator, Pete Rortvedt (rortvedp@kmsd.edu)

Test Prep Opportunities

- Method Test Prep - **FREE** online test prep course for Kettle Moraine high school campus students. Students need to log in to their [XELLO](#) account to find the Method Test Prep course on the main dashboard, Links and Resources. Students must be logged into their KM Google account on browser to log into Xello.
- Kettle Moraine will be offering three 6-week virtual courses through Wisconsin Test Prep. The sessions will focus on each of the ACT content areas and students will have the opportunity to take a pre and post practice test. Visit www.wisconsintestprep.com for details, including schedules and to register.

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- All official transcripts are sent through [Parchment](#) (high school webpage, Counseling, "Transcript

Request"). Once a personal account is set up, students can place transcript orders. Students are encouraged to use the [Step by Step instructions](#) to help with the process.

- ACT score reports must be sent directly from ACT.
- Check out this [LINK](#) for senior scholarship opportunities.
- The [FAFSA](#) opened on October 1st. Each college can set their own priority deadline- if you haven't yet, be sure to complete the FAFSA ASAP and prior to the first priority deadline. If you need help completing the FAFSA, contact the college Financial Aid office directly or go to this webinar [recording](#) for details.

Post High School Planning - Campus Tour Tips (Virtual)

FROM COLLEGE BOARD:

10 WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT COLLEGES ONLINE

1. Take a Virtual Tour

In addition to basic information—(size of campus and student body) many college websites offer virtual campus tours. Get a closer look at different parts of the campus using interactive maps and tools.

6. Look into Housing Options

Find out what sorts of housing options are available for both freshmen and upperclassmen. You may be able to see images of dorm rooms, on-campus apartments and more.

2. Learn About Everyday Life

A college's website, Facebook page and Twitter feed can tell you all about campus living. Look for info on campus clubs and organizations, cultural events, student government, sports, and more.

7. Visit the Library

Curious about how large a college's book collection is? Browse the online library catalog, find out which databases the college uses and learn how the library informs new students about its services.

3. Browse the Course Catalog

Basic course information is often available in an online catalog. You can read short descriptions of all the current classes, learn about frequently offered elective classes and find out the requirements for each major.

8. Explore Dining Options

College campuses offer all sorts of dining choices, such as restaurants, cafés, dining halls and more. Many college websites feature menus so you can see what sorts of food a college serves.

4. Visit an Academic Department

Check out a posted syllabus to learn about the subjects a course explores and to estimate a class's workload. Read about professors' interests and expectations to find out what sorts of teachers you'll learn from. If you find a particular professor's research interesting, consider sending him or her an email.

9. Read the Newspaper

A college's newspaper can reveal campus issues and introduce you to a college's activities. What types of stories do current students report on? What local events get coverage? College papers can also give you a feel for the level of student thinking and writing on campus.

5. Investigate Support Services

On a college's website, you can learn about the services it provides to help its students succeed. Academic support can include tutoring, writing assistance and study-skills courses. Other support includes things like help with the financial aid process, counseling and career-planning services.

10. Contact Alumni & Current Students

Find out what sorts of housing options are available for both freshmen and upperclassmen. You may be able to see images of dorm rooms, group houses, on-campus apartments and more.