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MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Hello! My name is Dawn Stefano and I am excited to be the school counselor at Resurrection Catholic School this 2024-2025 school year! I have my M.A. in School Counseling and I am certified as a Substance Awareness Coordinator. I also have my Supervisory certification in Educational Leadership. I have a B.A. in Elementary Education and taught for 10 years before becoming a School Counselor.

SERVICES OFFERED BY SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

- Social-emotional classroom lessons provided to <u>ALL</u> students
- Short-term small group & individual counseling for students
- Crisis counseling
- Mediation using restorative practices
- Parent consultation
- Community referrals for families
- School-wide activities that promote a positive school culture



C O U N S E L O R A C T I V I T I E S

- Attended Summer Counselor Conference to earn professional development hours.
- Reviewed the <u>updated</u> RCS Anti-bullying Policy.
- Created classroom lessons and new peer helper activities.
- Set up Counseling office.

BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

- Consider starting your child on their school sleep/wake schedule a week or 2 before school starts
- Help your child look forward to the 1st day of school – talk about seeing their friends again and making new ones
- Designate a homework space that is free from distractions

RESOURCES

- Parent Tips for Kids with Back to School Anxiety – click <u>HERE</u>
- 8 Tips to Prepare for the First Days of School – click <u>HERE</u>