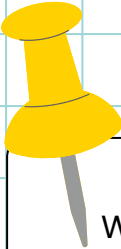


BACK TO SCHOOL

RICHARDS PUPIL SERVICES NEWSLETTER

FALL 2026



WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to be back for another year at Richards with your children and families!

WHO WE ARE...

We work to support students and families at Richards by:

- Teaching classroom SEL lessons
- Meeting with students individually
- Running small groups
- Meeting with parents
- Conducting Special Education and Section 504 evaluations
- Providing resources to families



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WHEN TO REACH OUT?

Parents often wonder when is it appropriate to ask a school counselor or psychologist to meet with their child.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- We teach our students that if they need help there are many grown-ups at school they can talk to, including Ms. Anderson and Dr. Purdy. If your child asks you to get in touch with us, please do so!
- Most concerns can be brought up with your child's classroom teacher first. When you connect with your child's classroom teacher, they may refer you to one of us.



WE LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH
YOUR CHILDREN AND
YOUR FAMILIES THIS
SCHOOL YEAR!



NEW FACES...

MS. G



Hi, I am a School Counseling student at UWM working with Mrs. Anderson 1st Semester.

I enjoy puzzles, playing board games, and going to museums. My favorite place to travel is Mexico, because I lived there for 2 years.

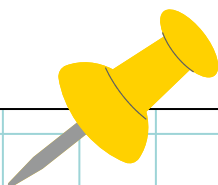


MS. JENNY



Hi, I am a School Counseling student at UW-Superior working with Mrs. Anderson 1st Semester.

I have two cats named Squirt and Crush (after Finding Nemo). I love arts and crafts and DIY projects. I enjoy taking care of house plants too.



STUDENT GROUPS

To best support our building goals and support students' developing social and emotional skills, we will be seeing students across grade levels again this year through Positive Peer groups as well as Skill Building groups.

Positive Peer groups will happen intermittently throughout the year, in forms like lunch bunches, game groups and more. These are a part of core general education support for SEL, parents are typically not informed prior to a child joining one of these groups.

Skill Building groups will be established for students will be formed based off of school data and parent/teacher referrals. These typically last 6-8 sessions, and parents will be notified of their child's participation prior to the group starting.

*If you have specific questions or do not want your child to participate over the course of the school year, please email the pupil service team.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS

Knowing that mental health issues are a concern in schools across the country, the Whitefish Bay School District has provided space for the North Shore Center to deliver direct mental health related services to students within each of our buildings.

These services are provided utilizing clinic-employed, mental health providers. Access to this service will only occur through a direct parent referral to the North Shore Center, and the North Shore Center will bill families through Medicaid, private insurance, or self-pay. Parents are typically asked to provide permission for the therapist to communicate and coordinate support with the child's classroom teacher and/or our pupil service team.

Parents can reach out to the North Shore Center at their website: <https://www.northshorecenterllc.com/>

Reach out to Ms. Anderson or Dr. Purdy if you have any additional questions.