

Welcome to Slidell High School, Class of 2020!

My name is Lori Barthel. I am excited that I will be your counselor and look forward to meeting each of you. My door is always open should you need any help. Your freshman year will be exciting, yet challenging. My goal to help you make a successful transition from middle school to high school, while helping you to establish personal, educational and vocational goals. I hope to guide you in making smart choices and help you realize your full academic potential in order to become productive, contributing members of the world and community.

What should I expect during this transition time?

As you transition into high school you may experience a larger, more competitive, and grade oriented environment. It may be more difficult to manage your time and you will have to study daily and/or change the way you study. It is normal to feel nervous or scared. Remember that just because something is different does not mean it is good or bad. You will begin to adjust to the differences of high school and will feel more comfortable. It is an exciting opportunity to meet new people and to make a new start!

Freshman grades are the beginning of your high school record. From this time on, every grade will go on your high school transcript and begin your grade point average. It is very important to build a good foundation your freshman year. Making the best grades you can, will allow you to have more choices available upon graduation.

Student Responsibilities:

- *If you need help, ask for it from your teachers, friends, counselor, and/or family.
- *Attend class daily and use good study skills.
- *Take advantage of tutoring, offered on campus two mornings a week
- *Participate in after school activities and join a club.
- *Start planning for college and thinking about career interests.
- *Make good grades. Freshman year counts!! Everything goes on your transcript.
- *Start a portfolio/resume.
- *Monitor your grades on JPAMS home with your parent.
- *Take responsibility for the choices you make!