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The Leadership Team at Lyons Middle Senior High School

Dr. Andrea Smith



I joined St. Vrain Valley School District five years ago and have loved every minute of it! This is my second year at Lyons Middle Senior High School, and I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to work with such talented teachers in an amazingly supportive community. The best part of being a school leader is that every day is different! I enjoy working with teachers, parents, and students to build a school culture that values respect, empathy, acceptance, rigor...and fun!

As a graduate of the St. Vrain Valley School District, I am honored to serve the amazing Lyons community! I started my journey as an educator in Arizona and joined St. Vrain Valley Schools three years ago. This is my second year as a member of the Lyons Pride, and I'm enjoying every second. As a school leader I'm always inspired by the the passion, expertise, and care each staff member, student, parent, and community member contributes to support students! Go Lions!

Ms. Colleen Ford



Mr. Jason Maguire



I have worked at Lyons Middle Senior High School for all 20 years of my career! I have been a teacher and a coach and moved into the Athletic Director/Dean of Students role three years ago. I enjoy working with our amazing students each day. I am a proud parent of two Lyons High School students: Maddi who is now a junior at the University of Wyoming and Taylor who is currently a senior at Lyons. In my free time I enjoy hunting, hiking, and biking.



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Middle School Teachers



Mrs. Kellie Courtney

This is my 16th year teaching at Lyons. I have also taught for several years in other districts and states. I love being a Lyons Lion! We are a small and mighty school! I teach 8th grade science and algebra. Outside of school I love to read, water ski, snow ski and scuba dive and camp with my husband. I have two children who both went to Lyons. I am so glad to be here!



Mr. Christopher Carter

I currently teach Math 7, Math 8, Precalculus and AP Calculus AB. This is my 2nd year teaching at Lyons and my 15th year teaching overall. Prior to becoming a teacher, I spent 10 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. I have taught in small schools before and I also have taught at the largest high school in Colorado, so my favorite thing about Lyons is the small school atmosphere. During my free time I like to hike, camp, go skiing and spend time with my family.



Ms. Stephanie Busby

This is my 11th year teaching Art at Lyons Middle Senior High School! I am amazed every year to watch kids graduate and think about how much they have changed from when I had them in 6th grade! I appreciate the small and mighty ways of LMSHS, which builds a great community inside our walls and out into the towns around us! I love traveling and being an artist makes it an even more exciting adventure! I spend my free time biking, hiking and being with my daughters and family. Too much to do in so little time!



Mr. Patrick Bacalis

I am in my 16th year teaching here at Lyons. I currently teach 7th grade science, habitats, accelerated 7th grade math, and 8th grade Spanish. Before teaching here at Lyons I spent 10 years teaching outdoor/experiential/environmental education for a variety of companies including the Catalina Island Marine Institute, YMCA of San Diego County, and the Colorado Youth Program, and I am a graduate of the National Outdoor Leadership School Instructor course. I also did a two year stint working as a biologist at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, California. My favorite thing about teaching here at Lyons is getting to see the kids grow and succeed for 7 years! My hobbies involve outdoor activity including cycling, hiking, camping, skiing, scuba diving and snorkeling, and sailing (when I get a chance)! Hive in Longmont with my wife Dianne.



Ms. Allison Zema

I am a first-year teacher at Lyons, and I have been feeling so welcomed by this compassionate and creative community. I teach middle and high school choir, as well as middle school drama and high school stage technology. I also help facilitate the high school theatre production each year. It has been such a joy to see how dedicated these students are to improving themselves both academically and emotionally, and this particular strength sealed the deal for me to begin my teaching career in this incredible community. In my spare time, I love to take portrait and concert photography, write in calligraphy, and swing dance. I also have a large collection of Crocs shoes!



Dr. Karen Gregg

I am in my 19th year of teaching band at Lyons. In that time, the participation in band classes has gone from 60 students to over 250. I teach all instrumental music classes for both the middle and high school grades, in addition to middle school study skills and keyboarding. The parental, community, and administrative support for the music programs has been phenomenal and it's the reason I have chosen to teach here for my entire career. In my free time I love to do anything outdoors with my husband and two kids (hiking, running, paddleboarding, ice skating, snowshoeing) as well as perform in professional orchestras across the front range.



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Middle School Teachers Continued



Mrs. Kim Malito

For the last 7 of my 17 years as a special educator, I have had the privilege to be a part of this amazing Lyons academic community. I teach small group reading and math classes as well as three academic support classes for middle school students that receive special education services. Living and working in Lyons is quite special because the bonds that are formed with my students and their families often stretch far beyond the school's classroom walls. This community connectedness within the school and within the town of Lyons is what I love most about being a teacher at Lyons M/S. Fun fact: I am a collector of many things, some of which include vinyl toys, lapel pins, Doc Martens and Vans, fun fleece pajama bottoms, antiques, Sanrio school supplies, skater socks and stickers, and natural curiosities that I have found along the way.



Ms. Amy Renaldi

This is my sixth year teaching at Lyons Middle Senior, and my eleventh year as an educator. The last six years have been the best years of my career, as I thoroughly enjoy getting to come to Lyons everyday to work with our curious, fun, and intelligent students. The community is one of a kind, and I have never experienced anything quite like it before. I teach 7th and 8th grade Language Arts, along with Creative Writing and Speech and Debate. I love how our school is a family, and I truly believe we are small AND mighty! I have coached middle school and high school basketball here at Lyons, and In my free time, I love going to sporting events, shopping, and I am always down for a good book.



Mr. Marcus Richardson

This is my fifth year coaching and/or teaching at Lyons. I teach 7th and 8th grade social studies and middle school PE. I coach several sports at the high school level serving as an assistant for track and volleyball and as the head coach for girls basketball. The size of our school is my favorite thing about Lyons. I have the opportunity to be involved with students from the time they enter 6th grade until they leave here as graduates and I appreciate the idea that teachers contribute to that end. When I'm not here at school I like to ride around on my tractor, cut firewood, or watch college basketball.



Mrs. Shannon Carheden

I teach 8th grade science and Shark Tank. I have been teaching for 11 years, the last 3 at Lyons. This year I moved from the high school hallway into the middle school hallway. I love helping to develop our younger students into inquisitive and thoughtful members of our community. My favorite thing about Lyons Middle Senior is the priority we are placing on developing the whole child through our 7 Mindsets and the work that we are building on from the elementary through our science and leadership program. In my spare time, I chase two kids around on soccer fields and love to run and ski.



Mr. Kevin Schafer

I am now entering into my 33rd year of teaching, several years in Wisconsin, fifteen years in Loveland, nine years in St. Vrain. I teach 6th grade math and science. I also coach middle school track and cross country. I live by a simple precept, "Making a living is what you get. Making a life is what you give." I believe that precept holds true for the entire staff here at Lyons. I am VERY fortunate to be here. We are, LYONS! Oh, interesting fact.......I was born in a barn, literally. Life in Wisconsin.



Mrs. Julie Vasquez

Hello! I teach 6th grade social studies, language arts, keyboarding, and am also involved in middle school student council. I'm also the head cheer coach. This is my third year teaching at the AMAZING Lyons Middle Senior High School, and I feel so fortunate to be here. I grew up and attended school in Lyons, and am excited I get to teach in a school that I am so passionate about. One of my favorite things about LMSH is how connected we are to our community, and the support that they give to our school. In my spare time I coach some of the younger Lyons Lions teams in softball, volleyball, and basketball. When I'm not at school or coaching some of my favorite things to do with my husband and three kids are camping anywhere in the mountains, cooking, and watching my kids in all of their different activities.

FUN FACT - Current LMSH teachers Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Berglund, Mr. Maguire, and Mrs. Maguire were my teachers and coaches growing up!



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Middle School Teachers Continued



Mrs. Richelle Brown

Hello everyone. This is my first year to teach for Lyons Middle Senior High. Before moving to Colorado last year, I taught for fifteen years in Texas public schools. My teaching experience includes Early American History, World Geography, Government, Economics, and serving as a Gifted and Talented Coordinator. I am currently teaching 7th grade World History and fulfilling the role of Gifted and Talented site leader for Lyons. I just wrapped up teaching 7th and 8th grade ELA classes while Mrs. Renaldi was taking a maternity leave. I have three teenage daughters, two of whom attend Lyons Middle Senior. We are so happy to be in Colorado and extremely excited about being a part of the Lyons Middle Senior community.



Ms. Kristine Coniway

I'm committed to sharing a love of music. I currently teach Music Technology, History of Rock and Roll and assist with the beginning band. I have always been fascinated with curriculum and the research being done on the human brain. These interests also help me to teach the study skills class. I was co-chair for the 2018 Colorado Music Curriculum Revision and also serve on the Board of Governors for Colorado All State Orchestra. I can often be found playing bassoon in local community orchestras and bands. I'm a Longmont and SVVSD native and have been teaching since 1987, including many years teaching strings and orchestra.



Mr. Robert Sauer

This is my first year at Lyons and I am teaching Algebra II, High School Technology, and Middle School Design Thinking. Previously, I taught math, physics, and preengineering in Kansas City. Teaching is a second career for me as I worked as a design engineer for Ford Motor for 20+ years working on products such as the F-Series truck and the Ford Escape. I moved to this area to be closer to my grandchildren and now my 4 year-old twin grandchildren love coming to the different Lyons Middle School and High School events to watch the students in their activities and to root for the Lions. Go Lions!



Mr. Fric Henson

I have been teaching for 23 years, and this is my fourth year at Lyons. I teach English 11, Advanced Seventh and Eighth Grade Language Arts, and middle school physical education. I really like being able to teach both middle and high school students because it makes my day interesting and challenging. Outside of school, I hang out with my wife and two boys and try to get in as much mountain biking as I can



MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE

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Sixth Grade

Math - Students will follow the 6th grade math curriculum in order to learn number sense. Students will focus on linear equations, functions, and systems of equations while reviewing and reinforcing basic computation in order to provide students with a strong mathematics foundation.

Advanced Math - Students will follow the 7th grade math curriculum. This includes but is not limited to (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

Language Arts - Students will engage with extended informational and literature based texts, as well as several short stories from the 6th grade district reading list. Students will intentionally practice vocabulary while routinely focusing on argumentative analysis, narrative, and research based writing to facilitate literacy development.

Advanced Language Arts - Students will learn all content taught in language arts, however extended informational and literature based texts, as well as several short stories are selected from the 7th or 8th grade district curricular resource list. Students will be challenged to explore texts in depth to foster critical thinking, independent learning, and application to reading and writing.

Science - Students will learn basic scientific concepts in life science, environmental science, earth science, and chemistry to provide students with foundational scientific knowledge that will be built upon in seventh and eighth grade.

Social Studies - Students will engage with geographic tools to solve problems, develop deeper knowledge of the Western Hemisphere's history, geography, civics, and economics, investigate the impact of Globalization through project based learning, and utilize 21st century learning skills to create a personal understanding of the value of saving and investing.



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Seventh Grade

Math - Students will follow the 7th grade math curriculum in order learn rational and irrational numbers, scientific notation, ratios, solving equations and inequalities, proportional relationships and linear functions, probability, 3D geometry, and the pythagorean theorem. Basic computational skills and number sense will be reinforced to provide a strong mathematics foundation.

Advanced Math - Students will follow the 8th grade pre-algebra curriculum. This includes but is not limited to (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, and congruence, and understanding and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Language Arts - Students will experience a variety of literature genres and authors in order to expand their knowledge of literature and language by engaging with 7th grade texts. Students will also develop their skills in vocabulary, reading, writing, and speaking.

Advanced Language Arts - Students will learn all content in language arts, but will be engaging with 8th grade and high school level texts. Students will experience a greater focus on practicing multiple modes of writing, culminating unit essays, and a special emphasis on developing analytical writing skills.

Science - Students will explore three major science disciplines: physical science, earth science, and life science. Composition of matter, plate tectonics, evolution, cells, and human body systems will be learned by intentionally focusing on collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

Social Studies - Students will develop an understanding of ancient civilizations, world religions, and history from the medieval times to the Renaissance. Instructional time will focus on engaging with peers to analyze Eastern Hemisphere history, geography tools, understanding economic systems, and analyzing different forms of government.



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Eighth Grade

Math - Students will follow the 8th grade pre-algebra curriculum and learn material in three major areas (1) formulating and reasoning about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with a linear equation, and solving linear equations and systems of linear equations; (2) grasping the concept of a function and using functions to describe quantitative relationships; (3) analyzing two- and three-dimensional space and figures using distance, angle, similarity, congruence, and applying the Pythagorean Theorem.

Algebra 1 - Students follow a high school algebra curriculum. Students will learn linear equations, linear inequalities, systems of equations, interpreting functions given graphically, numerically, symbolically, and verbally, comparing and contrasting linear and exponential functions, using graphical representations and knowledge of the context to make judgements about the appropriateness of linear models using regression techniques, and comparing the key characteristics of quadratic functions to those of linear and exponential functions.

Language Arts - Students will master different writing styles, demonstrate the rules of grammar, and the ability to express oneself orally and through writing. An emphasis is placed on both non-fiction and fiction pieces from the 8th grade reading list including: novels, short stories, dramas, poetry, essays, speeches, and articles.

Advanced Language Arts - Students will read high school level texts and informational texts. Students will practice multiple modes of writing with an emphasis on analytical and persuasive writing in order to construct and present persuasive arguments by conducting research and using credible sources. Students will be expected to write essays as the culminating activity for most units.

Science - Students will explore three major science disciplines: physical science, earth science, and life science. Students will engage with content in the areas of mechanical energy, electrical and chemical energy, waves, weather versus climate, environmental issues, genetics, astronomy, and the solar system.

Social Studies - Students will evaluate and engage with United States History from European discovery to reconstruction in order to prepare students for high school history courses. Students are encouraged to think critically about the world around them, ask questions, and express their learning through thoughtful discussions, analysis of primary and secondary source documents, and written expression.



MS EXPLORES & CO-CURRICULARS @ L Y O N S L I O N S C O

Explores

Explores are classes offered within the regular school day with no activities or obligations outside school hours. The following explores are offered to middle school students:

Yearbook Core Extensions
Spanish Academic Lab
Art Creative Writing
Shark Tank/Community Giveback Speech and Debate

Habitats Technology Exploration

Music Tech Keyboarding
Physical Education Study Skills



Co-curriculars

Co-curriculars are classes offered within the regular school day with activities and obligations that extend outside school hours. The following are co-curriculars offered to middle school students:

Yearbook (Application Required)

Beginning Band

Advanced Band

Drama

Choir

Concert Choir







STUDENT SUPPORTS

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Counseling and Intervention

Please see the Counseling Department Sheet in your folder for more detailed information.

Aimee Brown serves all students with the last name starting with A to J.

Denise Rominger serves all students with the last name starting with K to Z.

Nina DeFrange serves all students to support social and emotional health.

Special Education Services

For students that have been identified as needing special education services or come to school with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Lyons Middle Senior has three special education teachers; one at the middle school level and two at the high school level. Our school psychologist provides targeted supports and gathers data to help teachers more effectively meet student needs. Our paraprofessional provides additional classroom support for students. Depending on the needs of the student indicated on their IEP, there is a continuum of services delivered by special education staff ranging from consultation with regular education teachers to varying amounts of direct services.

Kim Malito - Middle School Special Education Teacher

Roxy Dowding - High School Special Education Teacher

Jenna Ptaschek - High School Special Education Teacher

Maddie McKean - Paraprofessional

Amy Crawford - School Psychologist

Alyse Fieldgrove - Autism Specialist and Instructional Coach

Safety and Security

Robert Olds serves as our campus supervisor supporting students by keeping the campus secure. **Deputy Mitch Rosebrough** serves as our as our campus school resource officer in partnership with Boulder County.

Media Center and Technology

Bonnie Meyers supports students and teachers by providing instructional resources and a welcoming learning environment to enhance 21st century learning.

Sarah Wegert supports students and teachers with the integration of technology into standards based instruction to create 21st century scholars and create a culture of innovators.



MINDSETS OF A LION

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Late Start Middle School "Mindsets of a Lion"

At Lyons Middle Senior High School, we believe that social emotional learning is a priority for middle school students. We have designed the "Mindsets of a Lion" program around the research-validated 7 Mindsets Social and Emotional Learning curriculum.

On Late Start Wednesdays, students participate in an assembly, classroom lessons, outdoor activities, and group discussions as they explore each of the Mindsets of a Lion. This learning is designed to teach empathy, compassion, accountability, ownership, and connectedness -- all ingredients of a well-rounded student!

We have a positive referral system that is built around the mindsets in order to celebrate the positive moments with students and families.







MS ATHLETICS & CLUBS

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Athletics

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Girls Cross Country Boys Cross Country Boys Football (club) Girls Volleyball

Winter

Boys Basketball Girls Basketball Wrestling

Spring

Boys Track Girls Track

Clubs

Robotics - Sixth and seventh grade students will be working on building and competing with VEX robotics. **Book Club -** Students select books, discuss, and analyze texts in groups. There is a sixth grade book club

separate from the seventh and eighth grade book club.

Student Council - Students plan events and provide leadership to the middle school student body.

Eco Club - Meets to identify ways individuals and the school can take care of the Earth.

Monster Mash - Once a week students get together and play different games including dungeons and dragons.

Podcasts Club - New club focused on making podcasts for middle school students.

Tech Deck Club - Student build and play with tech decks together.

Yearbook - One day a week, after school second semester. Yearbook club will meet to do the final touches to the yearbook. We have deadlines to meet, so meetings are productive and timely. This time is also used to plan the reveal of the yearbook at the end of the year.









SCHEDULE

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Lyons Middle School Schedule

Period 1	7:45 -8:40
Period 2	8:44 - 9:39
Period 3	9:43 - 10:38
Period 4	10:42 - 11:37
Lunch	11:37 - 12:17
Period 5	12:17 - 1:12
Period 6	1:17 - 2:12
Period 7	2:17- 3:10

Lyons High School Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Period 1	7:45 - 8:31
Period 2	8:36-9:22
Period 3	9:27 - 10:13
Period 4	10:18 - 11:04
Period 5	11:09 - 11:55
Period 6	11:59 - 12:45
Lunch	12:45 - 1:30
Period 7	1:30 - 2:18
Period 8	2:23 - 3:10

Thursday (Odd Blocks) Friday (Even Blocks)

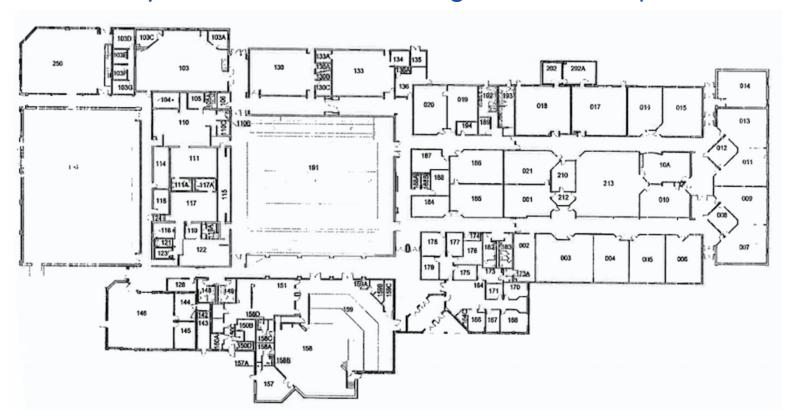
Period 1/2	7:45 - 9:20
Period 3/4	9:25 - 11:00
Period 5/6	11:10 - 12:45
Lunch	12:45 - 1:30
Period 7/8	1:30 - 3:10



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Lyons Middle Senior High School Map



Lyons Points of Pride

High School Hallway
Middle School Hallway
Library
Fine Arts
Cafetorium
Main and Auxiliary Gyms
Technology
Main Office





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About us

The Lyons Middle Senior High School counseling staff has a wide range of experience in working with adolescents in all areas including college and career counseling, special education, workplace readiness, classroom teaching, mental health counseling and trauma response. Students are assigned to counselors by last name.

Aimee Brown, School Counselor Denise Rominger, School Counselor Nina DeFrange, Interventionist Kathy Slauson, Registrar A to J K to Z All students All students brown_aimee@svvsd.org rominger_denise@svvsd.org defrange_nina@svvsd.org slauson_kathy@svvsd.org

High School Counselors provide...



Personal and social counseling Crisis counseling College and career counseling Academic advisement Assistance with social skills Referrals to community agencies Classroom guidance instruction Letters of recommendation Small group counseling Assistance with study skills

About our Interventionist

Lyons Middle Senior High School is fortunate to have an Interventionist, Nina DeFrange, a Clinical Social Worker who works with all students at Lyons Middle Senior High School. Nina works closely with the building counseling team, teachers, and administrative team to coordinate, facilitate and implement mental health support services. Mental Health Counselors/Social Workers provide a variety of services including mental health assessments, mental health counseling, prevention and awareness education, assessment and referral to community resources, crisis response assistance, advisement for faculty and staff, small group counseling, support as part of the district Trauma Response Team, and leadership. If you have any questions or would like to contact Nina, please do so by calling 303.823.6631, or e-mailing her at defrange_nina@svvsd.org.

Additional Support

Lyons Middle Senior High School is fortunate to receive support from Lauren Emerson, Attendance & Engagement Liaison. Mrs. Emerson makes regular visits to our building and collaborates with our staff to support students in regularly attending school and achieving success. Mrs. Emerson can be reached at 720-534-9410 or by e-mail at emerson_lauren@svvsd.org.

Naviance Family Connection



The Lyons Middle Senior High School Counseling Department is thrilled to be using Naviance, a college and career readiness tool that helps connect academic achievement to postsecondary goals. Naviance is a web-based college search engine that allows students to research colleges, find scholarships, build resumes, match interests to careers and plan for after high school. Students also use Naviance to access our college visit calendar and scholarship lists. Naviance logins are the same as students' original Infinite Campus logins (user: smith.andrea22 pass: sv123456)



College admission representatives hold college visits at Lyons Middle Senior High throughout the year. This list of visits is posted on Naviance starting in late August and is added to as new visits are scheduled. These visits are an amazing opportunity to show demonstrated interest in a specific college, as well as meet the admissions representative assigned to LMSHS. Students can receive email reminders and notification of visits by adding specific colleges to their college list on Naviance.





The Lyons Middle Senior High School Counseling Department is excited to utilize our blog that provides resources to students and parents. Categories on our blog include:

- Academic (resources & tutoring, grad requirements, AP, Concurrent Enrollment, GT, credit recovery)
- Enrichment (activities, volunteering, summer programs)
- College & Career (ICAP, college planning, NCAA, military, gap year)
- College Applications (SAT/ACT, transcripts, letters of rec, college essays & interviews, financial aid)
- Wellness (mental health support & resources)
- Community (resources for mental health, housing, medical, legal and other community supports)

Counseling Blog: Go to https://blogs.svvsd.org/lmshscounseling/ or



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