# A Message from the Principal

"At Menchville, we have a long standing tradition of using our energy and resources to help students to maximize their potential.

Menchville graduates have a promising future because they are college, career, and citizen ready."



Bobby Surry, Principal Menchville High School



#### **Parent Resources**

#### National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

http://www.dropoutprevention.org/effstrat/family\_enga gement/overview.htm

### National Dropout Prevention Network for Students with Disabilities

http://www.ndpc-sd.org/resources/for\_parents.php

#### **Parents Teachers Association**

www.pta.org

#### United States Department of Education

http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml

#### Virginia Department of Education

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Parents index.html

#### **Newport News Public Schools**

http://sbo.nn.k12.va.us/

#### **United Way**

www.uwvp.org



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Smart, Safe Schools!

### What is a Graduation Coach?

The Graduation Coach constantly observes daily grades, SOL scores, discipline reports, attendance, and other criteria to see if your child is struggling. We then put them in contact with staff that can provide assistance. Graduation Coaches can also put parents in contact with resources for help at home.

#### **Graduation Coach Mission**

We will work to help students that are at risk of dropping out or being retained. We will work to ensure that all identified students receive the resources and services needed to guide them on the path to graduation. We will provide support to students and parents to help the student successfully complete high school with the reward of a diploma and graduation.

## Message from the Graduation Coaches

""Graduation is only a concept. In real life you graduate every day. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference."

"Hard Work and Perseverance Leads to Pomp and Circumstance"

#### **Graduation Coaches**

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### Why Do Students Drop Out of School?

- ✓ Lack of Rigor/High Expectations
- √ Lack of Relevance
- ✓ Lack of Relationships/Adult Support
- ✓ Lack of Encouragement

#### Who is At-Risk?

#### At -risk students are often those who:

- ✓ Are credit deficient
- ✓ Have failed one or more state assessments
- ✓ Display poor/irregular attendance
- ✓ Display frequent discipline/behavior challenges
- ✓ Are transient
- ✓ Struggle in reading and mathematics
- ✓ Are disengaged from school
- ✓ Have a history of school failure