

Dear TES Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Shannon Clark and I am the new TES School Counselor. I am so excited to be part of the TES family; already it is so apparent how close-knit and welcoming the Templeton community is, I feel very lucky to be part of it!

A little about myself, I was born and raised, here on the beautiful central coast. Before joining the TMS team, I worked for Righetti High School in Santa Maria, as well as Lucia Mar Unified. My husband and I have two daughters, Aubree 9, who loves to surf and skateboard, and Mattie 5, who loves all things princess and cowgirl! When I am not at work, I love to spend my free time hiking or at the beach!

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the TES students, staff, families, and community. I plan on meeting with students (virtually) individually and in small groups. As well as, meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all Templeton Elementary School students. I look forward to working alongside the amazing school counselor, Mrs. Carroll, who works with our 2nd grade students.

As a counselor AND a mother of two young children, I want to acknowledge how difficult these past few months have been on everyone. Mrs. Carroll and myself want to ensure that our families are getting the support they need. If you feel that your student would benefit from meeting with a school counselor, please do not hesitate to reach out. We will also be adding a counseling check-in form on our website, where you can request that your student meets with a school counselor.

Starting this week, Mrs. Carroll and myself, will be providing virtual class lessons to your students. We will be collaborating with the amazing TES teaching staff, to develop and deliver lessons that will support your student's social-emotional needs. This will be a time for us to connect with the students and have them engage in meaningful conversations with the counselors and their peers. We will be updating families each month, on the different topics that we will be covering with your students. You will find this information on the "Counselor Corner" section of our website.

I am so excited to work with your children and get to know you throughout the school year! ❤️

*All the best,
Shannon Clark
School Counselor*

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