

Meet Mr. Vander Wal

College and Career Counselor



I felt a clear call into education while I was at Calvin College and God has blessed and guided my vocational journey through 15 years of teaching in the classroom to now serving students and families as a school counselor. I cherish the opportunity to work with students to understand their gifts and to begin sensing God's call in their life to use those gifts to serve him. I am so thankful for a life-giving relationship with my savior Jesus Christ. God has poured out rich, undeserved blessings in my life like my amazing wife, our four incredible kids, and opportunities to enjoy His creation as an outdoorsman, traveler, athlete, and musician.

Individual and Group Counseling

I work closely with all students in their junior and senior year. We work to develop their best educational plan along with career and/or college advising. I assist in SAT/ACT and AP testing needs and the college application process.

Education Interventions

My work includes helping students and families find an educational plan and course sequence that meets individual learning needs. We work closely with classroom teachers and our ESS staff to ensure all students are supported. CCHS offers a variety of learning environments including but not limited to: A.P. courses, concurrent enrollment courses, online options, dual-enrollment, a partnership with KCTC and other area businesses offering various job shadow and internship possibilities.

How to reach your counselor

Stop by my office anytime throughout the day. Email me at: nvanderwal@gccsmi.org

Communication from Counseling

Department: Monthly newsletter, high school website, and emails to students