

# Fall 2017 School Counseling Update

The following information is provided to parents regarding significant upcoming events. If you have any questions, please email or call your counselor at 330-335-1386. Counselors will be available beginning August 11.

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## WHS welcomes College Now- Personal planning assistance

Wadsworth High School and Wadsworth Lions Club are excited to provide a valuable resource to our students and families. We have partnered with **College Now of Greater Cleveland** to offer in depth, individualized college planning, financial aid and scholarship assistance. In August we will introduce our College Now advisor as well as communicate with parents and students as to how they can register for individual appointments free of charge throughout the day and evening hours. Keep an eye on the Guidance website for details and registration link.

## College Application Boot Camp- Seniors

An informational meeting will be held for all seniors regarding the college application process. All seniors who would like information on how and when to apply to college should attend. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 16 at 9 a.m.** Senior schedule pickup will follow at 10 a.m. **\*\*Senior vaccination verification must occur prior to schedules being released.**



## College Planning- Seniors

College planning lessons will be held during school hours in August for all *seniors*. Students will access **Naviance** to utilize college planning information, understand the application process and required steps as well as locate scholarship resources. Please ask your student to access Naviance and share these resources with you. Counselors will hold individual conferences with every senior to review credits, order cap and gown, and diploma in late September/ early October. **\*\*Seniors may begin requesting transcripts September 1st.**

### Important steps for Seniors in August – October:

- ❖ Register for and take an ACT and/or SAT
- ❖ Log into Naviance- build college lists and research potential schools.
- ❖ Review deadlines and determine how to apply. Create Common App account if needed.
- ❖ Gather information from college representatives who visit the high school or at a college fair.
- ❖ Schedule an appointment with the College Now advisor for individual help.
- ❖ Visit campuses.
- ❖ Complete and submit applications for admissions, request letters of recommendation.
- ❖ Investigate scholarship and financial aid possibilities.

## Financial Aid - Seniors

Due to changes in Federal Financial Aid policies and deadlines, our timeline to communicate parent information about the FAFSA and accessing aid has been moved forward. With this change, parents of juniors and seniors along with students are encouraged to attend a **Financial Aid Information Session during parent conferences September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC**

## Medina County College & Career Fair

All students and parents looking for college and career information are advised to attend a college fair where you may browse along tables picking up pamphlets. Representatives from colleges, military services, and various career fields are available to answer questions. A special mobile lab area will be set aside exclusively for scholarship/financial aid and college prep information. The Medina County College/Trade/Tech Career Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 11 from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.** at the Medina County Community Center. Additional dates for college fairs in the area will be listed on the WHS school counseling webpage and Twitter.



## College Credit Plus-Parent & Student Meeting

The parent meeting for students to participate in College Credit Plus during the 2018-2019 school year will be held on **November 1, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC**. Plan to attend to learn mandatory deadline information, participation requirements and application procedures. This includes students enrolled in certain career tech programs (discuss with instructors) as well as those wanting to earn college credit for Spanish or French 4.

## College Planning – Juniors

Counselors will meet with all *juniors* during English classes in January to begin school counseling activities for those going on to college. During this presentation, students will access college planning information and resources through Naviance. Students will also receive details on how to obtain college information, what tests to take, when to take them, and how to find financial aid. Ask your student to log into Naviance and share this important information with you. In addition, a **College Planning Meeting for Parents of juniors will be held during Parent Conference night on February 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the PAC**.

## College Entrance Exams – ACT and SAT

The state of Ohio has determined that all Juniors will be given the opportunity to take a free college entrance exam during the spring semester. Once again, WHS will offer the **ACT at no cost during the school day**. We are planning to provide a schoolwide ACT to all Juniors tentatively scheduled for **March 20th**- more details to follow.

ACT and SAT registration and test prep materials are available on the ACT and College Board websites.

ACT Registration Deadline: August 04	ACT Test Date: September 09
ACT Registration Deadline: September 22	ACT Test Date: October 28
ACT Registration Deadline: November 03	ACT Test Date: December 09
ACT Registration Deadline: January 12	ACT Test Date: February 10
SAT Information: Test Date August 26	SAT Information: Test Date October 07

College Board: <http://sat.collegeboard.org>

ACT: <http://www.actstudent.org>

## End of Course Exams - 9th through 11th Graders

Once again in late fall we will offer EOC testing retakes and in the spring we will adjust our schedule for subject testing. Dates and times will be provided as we approach March but our EOC testing will again take place for 9th - 11th graders. We hope to share updated score reports with each Junior in the fall to ensure all are aware of their progress. Visit the Ohio Department of Education website for up to date graduation & testing requirements: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Requirements-2018-and-Beyond>

### PSAT/NMSQT – Juniors and Sophomores

The PSAT is offered to sophomores and to juniors preparing to enter college and serves as the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships. This assessment of math and verbal skills serves as a good benchmark in helping students realize their present skill levels. This information can be helpful in determining the correct courses for the remainder of the student's high school career. The school counseling department encourages all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are planning to attend college to take advantage of this opportunity. Students should register in the Main Office between August 28 – September 13. The cost is \$15. The test will be taken on **Wednesday, October 11** at 7:45 a.m. Sophomores will not be eligible for scholarships, but will receive information on skill levels.

### ASVAB– Juniors

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a comprehensive career exploration program which provides information that can aid in the exploration of a variety of career options. Whether students are planning on attending college, a technical school, or undecided, the ASVAB Career Exploration Program can provide important information about an individual's skills, abilities, and interests which can be helpful when selecting a college major or choosing a satisfying career. Juniors are eligible to take the ASVAB on **October 11**- pre-registration required. All scores and student information remain with Wadsworth City Schools.

### School Counseling Department Communication

WHS and the Counseling Department are striving to continue reaching out to students and parents through various means. The **parent email database** is extensive- please email Mr. Moore if you wish to be added. Each student is assigned an email address and are **encouraged to check school email regularly!** Important timely information is shared. The School Counseling website also provides valuable information on upcoming tests, parent meetings, college fairs, and procedures for college and scholarship applications, Career-Technical programs, scheduling, and other pertinent information for all high school students and parents. Please refer to the **school counseling calendar** on the website for information about important dates. Parents and students are also encouraged to check Naviance and follow the department on TWITTER @counseling\_whs