



Save the Date!

Upcoming 2016-17 Parent and Student Workshops/Events

The Woodbridge High School Counseling Department welcomes you to the 2016-17 school year! Our mission is to help every student to acquire a sense of social emotional, academic, and college and career empowerment in order for them to reach their fullest educational potential and successfully manage their lives as healthy, responsible, competent, and productive citizens who respect themselves and others. **In an effort to keep students and families informed, we hope that you will find these upcoming programs and resources valuable.**

Senior Programs

September 6 – November 29 (Tuesdays during Tutorial in room F202)

Senior College Application Assistance Workshops – Students will receive support from counselors on navigating the college admission process, applying to universities, and obtaining letters of recommendation.

This workshop is **required for students requesting letters of recommendations and/or secondary school reports required by *some* private, out of state, and **all** Common Application affiliated universities. Students must attend one of these workshops **at least 3 weeks prior to their first deadline!**

****The September 6 and September 13 workshops will be held in the theater and are reserved and required for seniors requesting Secondary School Reports and Letters of Recommendation for October 15 and November 1 deadlines only. Students are only required to attend one workshop. All workshops following the 9/6 and 9/13 presentations will be held in room F202.**

December 1- Final “Counselor Letter of Recommendation/Secondary School Report” Request Deadline

September 16

12th Grade Classroom Workshops – This workshop will include graduation and college planning information. Attendance for all students will take place during English classes.

September 26 (8:00-10:00am, Theater)

12th Grade Parent Workshop- Senior Seminar for Students/Parents. This workshop will begin with a general overview of graduation and college requirements. Following the general presentation, a variety of break-out sessions will be held exploring the following areas: UC/CSU specific requirements and application process, Private and Out of State University requirements including Common Application information, and community college information and application process.

October 6 (6:00pm-8:00pm, Staff Lounge)

FAFSA Line by Line and CSS Profile Workshop- This workshop will include information regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the process to apply, and deadlines. The FAFSA is the single most important financial aid form filed by students and families for college and vocational schools. The CSS Profile is an online application required by some private universities and scholarship programs to award institutional aid funds.

February 15 (2:15pm – 4:15pm, Quad and Media Center)

Specialty College and Career Fair- Students will be able to visit with community college and specialty college representatives (i.e. culinary art schools, trade schools, art, cosmetology etc.) Local employers will also be taking applications for jobs on site during the fair. **Please contact the College and Career Center Coordinator to sign-up for this event.**

Junior Programs

October 15 (9:00am)

PSAT-Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Sign up for the PSAT by paying \$30 during Registration, August 15th—August 18th, on your Registration form.

December 1 (8:30am-10:00am, Theater)

11th Grade Parent Workshop- This workshop will introduce families to a general overview of graduation and college requirements including information on college admission and placement testing, UC and CSU specific requirements, Private and Out of State University requirements, Community College information, researching and selecting “good fit” colleges and universities, and Career Pathways.

December 8

11th Grade Classroom Workshop –Students will be introduced to college admission information, college planning timelines, college and career planning tools, they will complete a Career Interest Inventory, and review their academic records. Attendance for all students will take place during US History classes.

February – May (Tutorial, Theater)

College 101 Informational Sessions- The counseling department will be offering optional college planning workshops to help students prepare for the senior year and beyond.

February 15 (2:15pm – 4:15pm, Quad and Media Center)

Specialty College and Career Fair- See description under “Senior Programs.”

May 24 (6:00pm-9:00pm, Staff Lounge)

Out of State College Fair & Understanding Financial Aid Workshop for 11th grade Parents and Students– This workshop will begin with basic financial aid information, the process to apply, deadlines, and an overview of the various types of financial aid. The workshop will conclude with an introduction to “RACC” Colleges. The Regional Admission Counselors of California (RACC) is composed of college admission professionals who represent colleges and universities outside the state of California and will be available to provide information on educational opportunities out of state to families. Breakout sessions providing additional information on “How to Write a College Essay”, “What are Colleges Looking for in Applications”, and “SAT/ACT Prep” will also occur at this informative event.

Sophomore Programs

October 15 (9:00am)

Practice ACT. Sign up for the Practice ACT by paying \$20 during Registration, August 15th- August 18th, on your Registration form.

October 26 (8:30am-10:00am, WHS Theater)

10th Grade Parent Workshop-Topics to include high school graduation, college and career planning.

October through June

High School Planning Conference- Academic, college, and career planning conferences for parents/students. An individual academic high school plan will be created. (Parents will be notified of date and time by mail from counseling, approximately 2 weeks prior to the appointment date.)

Freshman Programs

March 1 (8:30am-10:00am, WHS Theater)

9th Grade Parent Workshop-Topics to include detailed information regarding high school graduation, college, and career planning.

February 15 (2:15pm – 4:15pm, Quad and Media Center)

Specialty College and Career Fair for Students- See description under “Senior” workshops.

February 23

9th Grade Student Workshops - Topics to include career guidance and transcript review. Attendance for all students will occur in English classes.

Additional Programs and Services

College Representative Visits- Junior and Senior students will be able to visit with representatives from colleges and universities throughout the year. Notification of visiting campuses will be available through Naviance, in the College and Career Center, and on the counseling website via the College & Career Newsletter.

Project Success- Students involved in Project Success will be provided with opportunities to participate in a variety of activities including: individual and small group counseling, peer leadership, community service, informal mentoring, and other activities, based on student need. These activities are designed to improve students’ self-esteem, healthy behaviors, attendance, organizational and social skills. For more information, please contact the Project Success Counselor.

Career Lunches (Dates: 9/8, 10/13, 11/17, 1/12, 2/2, 3/9, 4/13, 5/18), During Lunch/Media Center-Students have the opportunity to interact on a monthly basis with industry representatives from a variety of occupational areas.

Wellness Wednesdays (Dates: 9/14, 10/19, 11/16, 12/7, 1/11, 2/8, 3/22, 4/26), During Lunch- Students have the opportunity to learn about mental health and wellness through these interactive workshops hosted by our Wellness Coordinator. Topics include physical, social, emotional, intellectual, environmental, and financial wellness. For more information, please contact the Wellness Coordinator.

After School Tutoring Center- The tutoring center is open September 12 through June 1, Monday through Thursday from 3:15-5:15 (with the exception of holidays and minimum days). Academic support is provided by peer and teacher tutors in all subject areas.

September 7 (6:00pm-6:30pm, Theater)

Back to School Night, WHS Counseling Informational Panel- Join WHS Counselors, prior to Back to School Night, to learn about WHS Counseling Programs & Services. Recommended for *New to IUSD* families but open to all WHS families!

California Scholarship Federation

September 15 (Lunch, Theater)

Fall Membership Meeting- For 10th-12th grade students only- Learn about the CSF requirements and the application process. Applications Due September 19th, 20th, and 21st. No Exceptions.

February 9 (Lunch, Large Gym)

Spring Membership Meeting- For 9th-12th grade students- Learn about the CSF requirements and the application process. Applications Due February 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th. No Exceptions.

*For questions concerning CSF, contact Natalie Greely or Camera Kem in counseling

November 9 and March 15 (Lunch, Media Center)

Job Training Skills Workshop- Students, looking for a job? Don't know where to begin? The WHS Counseling Department, in collaboration with ROP, and the City of Irvine Youth Employment Services will be offering this workshop to address topics such as: Resume Writing tips and using the resume tool in Naviance, tips and tricks for completing a job application, a review of sample job applications, how to exhibit professionalism before, during, and after the interview, critical skills necessary to maintain a job, and how to obtain a work permit. For more information, please contact the ROP Coordinator.

November 10 (Lunch, Main Quad)

Military Day-Military reps from the six branches of service (Air Force, Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, National Guard) will be on campus during lunch in the quad to talk with students about opportunities for education, career training, and more. The military staff will have interactive games and activities to share with students. For more information, please contact the College and Career Center Coordinator.

April 12 (Lunch, Theater)

Summer School Workshop-This workshop will inform students about the summer school registration process and course options.

April 18 through April 21

On-Site Registration-Counselors will be available to students during tutorial and lunch to address individual scheduling questions for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. All courses must be submitted online (Parent Portal) by Sunday, April 23.

April 19 (6:00pm-7:30pm, Large Gym)

AP/Honors Night-In an effort to help WHS families make the most informed decision about course selection for the coming school year, the WHS Counseling Department in collaboration with each academic department will be hosting an AP/Honors Information Night. Topics to be discussed will include the benefits of pursuing AP and honors courses, AP/Honors course offerings at WHS, expectations for AP/Honors classes, making informed course selections, and a student panel. Counselors and teachers will also be available to address questions.

As a reminder, WHS counselors are here to help you with

- College Planning
- Academic Questions/Concerns
- Social/Emotional Support
- Referrals and Resources

For new and updated information regarding Counseling programs and resources, please visit:

<http://whscounseling.weebly.com/>

Counseling Office Phone Number: (949) 936-7816