

# WARWICK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## WVHS SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

*Quarter 3 February-April*

### Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



### ***HALFWAY HOME!***

It is hard to believe the school year is hitting the halfway mark! Two quarters down and two left to go! The start of the third quarter also begins the start of a new semester. A new semester means possibly new schedules for students. If your student has an issue with their schedule please have them come stop by the guidance office during a free period or unit lunch. If your student would like to add an elective they have until February 9th to do so. After that point students will not be able to add any new electives to their schedule for the second semester. Half year electives can be dropped after this date.

#### **Scheduling for 2024-25**

Teachers in grades 9-11 will be speaking with their students regarding course options and will make formal recommendations for students for the 2024-25 school year. Teacher recommendations are based upon student performance and work habits evidenced through the first half of the year. This recommendation can change if there is a decline or improvement in the student's performance in the second half of the year.

Recommendations from teachers are due by February 9th. Please have your student speak with their teachers about their placements for next year prior to that deadline.

February through April, counselors will be meeting with students to discuss course requests, review recommendations, formalize course requests, ensure graduation requirements are being met, and encourage students to appropriately challenge themselves. We encourage families to read through the full list of academic offerings available through the Program of Studies which is accessed on the district website under Instruction/ Curriculum. The 2024-2025 Program of Studies will be available to view in early February.



# Upcoming Guidance Events

## **CLASS PRESENTATIONS OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS FOR NEXT YEAR**

- JANUARY 29TH- FEBRUARY 2ND

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT**

- JANUARY 31ST (7:00PM-8:30PM IN THE AUDITORIUM)

## **OUBOCES CTECH VISIT**

- JANUARY 31ST---12PM-3PM (STUDENTS WILL TAKE A BUS TO OUBOCES DURING SCHOOL DAY AND TOUR THE TWO PROGRAMS THEY ARE INTERESTED IN)

## **WVHS CTECH VISIT**

- FEBRUARY 1ST--- DURING PERIOD 3 (9:40AM-10:40AM)

## **ELECTIVE FAIR**

- FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH (LOCATED IN THE MAIN LOBBY)

## **TEACHER PLACEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS DUE FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

- FEBRUARY 9TH

## **SCHEDULING PULLOUTS FOR 9TH & 10TH GRADERS**

- FEBRUARY 12TH-FEBRUARY 27TH (STUDENTS WILL BE PULLED OUT OF THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS)

## **JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS**

- MARCH 1ST-APRIL

## **ANNUAL REVIEWS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

- JANUARY 29TH- APRIL 30TH

## **SUNY ORANGE TOUR**

- MARCH 13TH

## **SPRING ASVAB EXAM ADMINISTERED (GRADES 10-12)**

- APRIL 5TH

## **SPRING COLLEGE FAIR & POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT**

- APRIL 11TH

## **CAREER FAIR**

- APRIL 17TH

## **STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES (MUST REGISTER BY DEADLINES)**

- SAT
  - MARCH 9TH (OUT OF DISTRICT)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2/27
  - MAY 4TH (@ WVHS)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 4/19
  - JUNE 1ST (OUT OF DISTRICT)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5/16
- ACT
  - APRIL 13TH (@ WVHS)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 3/8
  - JUNE 8TH (OUT OF DISTRICT)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5/3
  - JULY 13TH (OUT OF DISTRICT)---REGISTRATION DEADLINE 6/7

## **SPRING ASVAB RESULTS PRESENTATION**

- MAY 17TH (11:30AM-12:30PM IN COMPUTER LAB)

# Seniors

## FINANCIAL AID

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT BY NOW ALL COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS SHOULD HAVE FILED THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) AT [HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/H/APPLY-FOR-AID/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa). IF YOU LIST A NEW YORK COLLEGE ON YOUR FAFSA, YOU CAN LINK DIRECTLY TO THE NEW YORK STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP). FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TAP, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.HESC.NY.GOV](https://www.hesc.ny.gov) . **YOU SHOULD NOT PAY FOR HELP IN SEEKING OUT SCHOLARSHIPS, FILLING OUT THE FAFSA, OR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID.** THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE EITHER ONLINE OR BY CALLING THE FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION CENTER AT 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

SENIORS PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU APPLIED TO COLLEGES YOUR MID-YEAR GRADES WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL SCHOOLS THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED TO. THESE GRADES ARE THE LAST SET OF GRADES ADMISSIONS OFFICES WILL BE FACTORING IN TO MAKE THEIR DECISIONS.

PLEASE LET YOUR COUNSELOR KNOW WHEN YOU RECEIVE ANY ADMISSIONS DECISIONS (WHETHER IT IS AN ACCEPTANCE, DENIAL, OR DEFERRAL) FROM THE COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU APPLIED. PLEASE UPDATE NAVIANCE WITH ALL OF THOSE DECISIONS AS WELL. IF YOU HAVE DECIDED ON WHAT COLLEGE YOU WILL ATTEND UPDATE NAVIANCE BECAUSE YOU WILL NEED TO DO SO BY THE END OF THE YEAR!

**\*\*SENIOR STUDENTS SHOULD REGULARLY CHECK THEIR EMAILS FOR REMINDERS, UPDATES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.\*\***

THE 15 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE NEEDED FOR GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 IS DUE ON APRIL 12TH. IF YOUR STUDENT DOES NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED HOURS PLEASE HAVE THEM COMPLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ASVAB EXAM APRIL 4TH FOR ANY SENIORS INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

COUNSELORS WILL BE PRESENTING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS TO STUDENTS IN THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSROOMS.

COUNSELORS WILL ALSO BE HOLDING THE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT ON JANUARY 31ST BEGINNING AT 7PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [\*\*WVHS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT\*\*](#)

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT PLEASE ALSO REGISTER THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK: [\*\*2024 SCHOLARSHIP INFO NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM\*\*](#)

STUDENTS CAN NAVIGATE THEIR NAVIANCE ACCOUNTS TO SEARCH THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. STUDENTS CAN FILTER SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH NAVIANCE AND DETERMINE, WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR. STUDENTS CAN ALSO STOP INTO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR HARD COPIES OF SCHOLARSHIPS LOCATED ON THE SPIN RACKS.

# Juniors

## JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS

JUNIOR APPOINTMENTS ARE MEETINGS DESIGNED TO CONTINUE THE WORK COUNSELORS HAVE BEGUN WITH STUDENTS TOWARDS THEIR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING. IN THESE MEETINGS, WHICH CAN INCLUDE PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS, COUNSELORS WILL:

- REVIEW THE STUDENT'S ACADEMIC PROGRESS/PROFILE
- PROVIDE PLANNING SPECIFIC TO A STUDENT'S POST HIGH SCHOOL GOALS
  - FOR EXAMPLE: COLLEGE PROCESS, STANDARDIZED TESTING TIMELINE

CONFERENCES WITH ELEVENTH GRADERS AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ARE BEGINNING MARCH 1ST. IF YOU ARE A PARENT WHO PLANS TO ATTEND THE MEETING WITH YOUR STUDENT PLEASE SCHEDULE A MEETING TIME THAT WORKS WITH YOUR STUDENTS SCHEDULE AND YOUR OWN. YOU CAN BOOK A MEETING TIME THROUGH THE YOU CAN BOOK ME LINK IN THE COUNSELOR'S INFORMATION BELOW. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE AND SPEAK WITH SUPPORT STAFF TO SCHEDULE A PHONE OR GOOGLE MEET APPOINTMENT DURING SCHOOL HOURS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOCUS OF A JUNIOR MEETING DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE ON THE COLLEGE PROCESS, AS SOME STUDENTS AND FAMILIES MAY ALSO BE EXPLORING OPTIONS RELATED TO ENROLLING IN A TRADE PROGRAM, GOING INTO THE WORKFORCE, TAKING A GAP YEAR OR ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY.

## ASVAB

DO YOU HAVE A 11TH GRADER INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY? THE ASVAB EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 5TH. THE ASVAB HELPS THE DOD NOT JUST DETERMINE WHETHER YOU ARE A GOOD FIT TO JOIN THE SERVICE, BUT ALSO WHICH SERVICE BRANCH YOU MIGHT BE BEST FOR AND EVEN WHAT MILITARY JOBS YOU CAN HOLD AFTER YOU FINISH BASIC TRAINING OR BOOT CAMP. THE BETTER YOUR ASVAB SCORE, THE BROADER YOUR OPTIONS.



# Sophomores

## CTECH VISITS

WVHS AND OUBOCES CTECH OFFER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE MANY CAREER AND COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS, PROVIDING MANY STUDENTS WITH PRACTICAL, EMPLOYABLE SKILLS. 10TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WVHS/BOCES PROGRAMS OFFERED NEXT YEAR BY CTECH PROGRAM TOURS THAT WILL BE GIVEN BY THE WVHS/BOCES STAFF.

10TH GRADE CTECH ASSEMBLY WAS PRESENTED TO STUDENTS ON JANUARY 8TH  
OUBOCES CTECH VISIT- JANUARY 31ST  
WVHS CTECH VISIT- FEBRUARY 1ST (PERIOD 3 9:40AM-10:40AM)

TO PREVIEW CTECH OUBOCES OFFERS, GO TO:

**[BOCES CTECH PROGRAMS](#)**

TO PREVIEW CTECH COURSES WVHS HAS TO OFFER, GO TO:

**[WARWICK CTECH PROGRAMS](#)**

# Freshman

## FRESHMAN SEMINAR LESSONS

COUNSELORS ARE STILL PUSHING INTO FRESHMAN SCIENCE ADVISORY PERIODS TO PRESENT LESSONS. THE NEXT LESSONS COMING UP WILL BE AN INTRODUCTION TO NAVIANCE AND STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE DIGITAL 4-YEAR PLANS TO HELP PREPARE THEM FOR SCHEDULING SEASON QUICKLY APPROACHING.

## 2024-2025 SCHEDULING PROCESS

FRESHMAN WILL FILL OUT A GOOGLE FORM WITH ELECTIVE CHOICES FOR NEXT YEAR WHEN COUNSELORS COME TO PRESENT THEIR SCHEDULING LESSONS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR ELECTIVES THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AND THEN WHEN THEY MEET WITH THEIR COUNSELORS DURING SCHEDULING PULLOUTS CAN CONFIRM THESE ELECTIVES TO TAKE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSING THEIR CHOICES WITH THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS PRIOR TO THE PULL-OUT MEETINGS AS WELL.



# General Information

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUR STUDENT?

CHECK OUT TEENLIFE TO LEARN ABOUT HOW SUMMER PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE. TEENLIFE HAS INFORMATION ON 110 UNIQUE SUMMER PROGRAMS (ONLINE & IN-PERSON)

[TEENLIFE'S GUIDE TO SUMMER PROGRAMS 2024](#)

[SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES](#)

## POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT SURVEY

THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM THE PARENTS!

OUR POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND WE ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHICH PROGRAMS WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE TO OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY CAN BEST HELP US PLAN FOR, WHICH PROGRAMS TO RUN TO BENEFIT OUR FAMILIES. PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY THROUGH THE LINK BELOW.

[PHP PROGRAM PARENT SURVEY](#)



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