

Counseling Office Fall Newsletter

This newsletter from the WHS Counseling Office contains pertinent information for this time of our school year. As you read through this newsletter, please note and share any questions that may arise as we are happy to help!

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS - WHS Student Volunteers Needed

Craft Sale Volunteers on Saturday, October 14th → The Craft Sale funds the Senior Grad Party and other student activities. We need your help! We have various shifts available in 2-3 hour increments between 6:00am and 4:00pm to help with the craft sale. The student sign-up sheet is located in the Counseling Office. Students can use these hours as community service hours on their resume, and college & scholarship applications.

Parents, we also need your assistance to pull off this big fundraising event. Please sign up to donate items and/or your time, so we can have another successful year:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AABAC28A64-20232>

More student volunteer opportunities may be found here: <https://volunteergb.org/> or <https://www.volunteerfoxcities.org/>

COLLEGE / TECH / CAREER VISITS AND EVENTS

Click [here](#) to go to our website for college visit and event information, etc.

Upcoming EVENTS include:

NWTC Open House: 9/27, 3:00-6:00pm / <https://www.nwtc.edu/events/2023/09/NWTC-Open-House>

FVTC Open House: 10/3, 3:00-7:00pm / <https://www.fvtc.edu/open-house>

NWTC Preview Day: 10/20, 10:00-11:30am / <https://www.nwtc.edu/events/2023/10/Campus-Preview-Day>

Upcoming CAMPUS REP VISITS at WHS:

College reps schedule informational meetings at WHS. Students can sign-up in the Counseling Office. Here is what is scheduled as of today:

Northern Michigan University: Tues, October 17 (1:00-2:00pm)

Michigan Tech: Wed, October 18 (during homerooms)

Ripon College: Monday, October 23 (during homerooms)

UW Platteville: Tues, October 24 (during homerooms)

APPLYING TO COLLEGES (4-year University or 2-year Technical College)

Seniors should have their applications to the university(s) of their choice completed by Thanksgiving. Many colleges have moved up their priority deadline dates due to greater competition and enrollment caps. November 1st is a common priority deadline. Be sure to use your personal email address when applying.

If your son/daughter has questions regarding a particular program or university, or if they are having difficulty deciding on his/her post high school plans, please encourage them to make an appointment with Mr. Olson or Mrs. Prodell.

Here is a great website to compare colleges: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>. It shows a very good cost comparison and is very easy to use.

FAFSA

The FAFSA application deadline will be moved back from October 1st to mid-December. We will reach out to all senior parents once we are updated on when the application will go live.

Here is the link to the website for the FAFSA if needed: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid and is the application students complete in order to determine their financial aid eligibility. It needs to be completed each academic year.

FREE ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THE FAFSA: College Goal WI offers a great opportunity in our area to get help filling out the FAFSA for free. They will have in-person and virtual events in the area **(including Appleton and Green Bay)** beginning in January 2024 and will list their event schedule on their website in October: <https://collegegoalwi.org/>. You will need to register to attend. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

SCHOLARSHIPS / LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Check your college/university's application deadlines for scholarships. Universities offer scholarships that are tied to your general application. They often have earlier deadlines in order to qualify for these scholarships.

We post scholarships (college & technical) on the WHS website as well as Scholarship Guidelines for the students to use as a helpful resource. Students need to check the scholarship listing frequently for updates. Click [here](#) to go to our website. Local scholarships are active between February-May.

You will also find tools for creating your resume and obtaining letters of recommendation on our website's scholarship page. We strongly suggest creating your resume now!

ACT

Wrightstown High School is a test site again this year for one of the national testing dates: December 9, 2023. The registration deadline is November 3, 2023 at [ACT.org](https://www.act.org).

Please check your school's admission requirements regarding the ACT. For many schools, an ACT score is not required for admissions this school year, but you may want to consider sending your ACT score if it is strong.

Note: The mandatory ACT test date for the Junior class is scheduled for March 13th. Detailed information will be sent to Junior parents in the future.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Students are responsible for sending their official transcripts through Parchment. Click [here](#) to go to our website for the link and for more details. Seniors have access to their unofficial transcript in Skyward (Portfolio/Attachments) to use when applying for scholarships, college visits, or if an unofficial transcript is accepted by the post-secondary institution.

DID YOU KNOW...

THE NWTc CAREER COACH IS AT WHS MOST TUESDAYS

NWTc rep, Carla Zellmer, is at WHS most Tuesdays from 8:00am-2:00pm for Career Coaching visits for interested students. You may stop in the Counseling Office to meet with her or you may contact Carla directly at carla.zellmer@nwtc.edu or at 920-498-5489 to schedule an appointment.

THE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL-BASED COACH IS AT WHS

Do you currently have a job or are looking for one? If you have a job, is it in a field that you want to pursue after high school? Youth Apprenticeship (YA) has over 300 job openings in our area. My goal is to find you, as students, a position that matches your interests and can provide you valuable experience towards your ultimate career goal. YA is also a great option to try out different jobs to help you decide what you enjoy doing for work. These are paid positions, and you can work during the school day if your schedule allows, or after school, evenings and weekend hours and still earn high school credits!

Please contact Betsy Baier at baier@wrightstown.k12.wi.us or stop by the Counseling Office.

JUNIOR CONFERENCES

Parents of juniors, an email was sent recently regarding junior conferences. If you haven't already contacted us to set up this 45-minute meeting that takes place during your student's study hall, please do so as soon as possible. It is important that you schedule this appointment before the end of December. You can email sklister@wrightstown.k12.wi.us or call 920-532-0525 X6109.

PSAT at WHS – Sophomores and Juniors – PSAT at WHS (optional)

The PSAT Exam will be offered at Wrightstown High School in October. An email will be sent to Sophomores/Juniors and their parents after we finalize details.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We will post job opportunities on our website when they become available to us: <https://www.wrightstown.k12.wi.us/high/opportunities.cfm>

SKYWARD

Parents, please be sure we have your current email address listed in Skyward. We communicate events, important dates, and reminders to you via your Skyward account and through the email address that is listed there. If you need to make any changes to your Skyward account, please contact the high school front office.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We use Google classroom to keep students up to date on important information including events, college rep visits, job opportunities, post high school planning, graduation, exam sign-ups, etc. There is no way we can stay on top of ALL deadlines and dates, so this is in no way meant to be your one stop shop as far as organization, just a tool to guide you along.

Aside from google classroom, you can also visit the Counseling Office webpage:

https://www.wrightstown.k12.wi.us/high/counseling_guidance_home.cfm

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