

## Counseling Office Winter 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!*

### APPLYING TO COLLEGES

Seniors should have their applications to the university(s) of their choice by Thanksgiving. Many colleges have moved up their priority deadline dates due to greater competition and enrollment caps. They will need to use their 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. Prodel.

### 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, and if an unofficial transcript is accepted by the post-secondary institution. Note: Final transcripts will not be available until mid-June. The front office will email details towards the end of the school year.

### FAFSA

**The 2024-25 FAFSA application will be available by December 31, 2023.**

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. Here is the [link](#) for the FAFSA website.

**Free assistance completing the FAFSA:** College Goal WI offers a great opportunity in our area to get help filling out the FAFSA for free. Click [here](#) for the link to their website. They will have in-person and virtual events in the area **(including Appleton and Green Bay)** starting in January [College Goal 2024 flyer](#). You will need to register to attend. **Don't miss out on this great opportunity!**

### COLLEGE / TECH / CAREER VISITS AND EVENTS

Click [here](#) to go to our website for college visit and event information including NWTC & FVTC open house, college fairs, and NWTC Career Coaching and Events.

## SCHOLARSHIPS / LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please turn in any paper scholarship applications to the Counseling Office a few days prior to the due date. They will be reviewed and mailed for you. **NOTE:** Plan ahead for applications that have a due date in mid-March as we have a spring break week this school year.

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 and tools 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 become active between February-May.

Please provide the Counseling Office with documentation of any scholarships you earned. We would like to acknowledge and honor all scholarship recipients.

## 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. Students can stop in the Counseling Office to meet with her or they may contact Carla directly at [carla.zellmer@nwtc.edu](mailto:carla.zellmer@nwtc.edu) or at 920-498-5489 to schedule an appointment.

### THE YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOL-BASED COACH IS AT WHS

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) has over 300 job openings in our area. YA's goal is to find interested students a position that matches their interests and provides them valuable experience towards their ultimate career goal. YA is also a great option to try out different jobs to help students decide what they enjoy doing for work. These are paid positions, and they can work during the school day if their schedule allows, or after school, evenings and weekend hours and still earn high school credits!

Students can contact Betsy Baier at [baier@wrightstown.k12.wi.us](mailto:baier@wrightstown.k12.wi.us) or stop by the Counseling Office.

## JUNIOR CONFERENCES

Junior Parents/Guardians, if you have not scheduled your son or daughter's junior conference please do so as soon as possible. **It is important that you schedule this appointment before the end of December.** These meetings are generally scheduled between 7:30am-3:30pm and we try to schedule during your student's study hall. These meetings last approximately 45 minutes.

To schedule, please contact our office. Our contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Here is the link to the A/B High School Calendar as it may help you when scheduling your son/daughter's Junior Conference during their study hall:

<https://www.wrightstown.k12.wi.us/high/2023-24-ab-school-calendar.cfm>

**This is a very important meeting and we would like to meet with each student and at least one parent/guardian.** In order to ensure that parents and students are fully aware of everything that is required of, and available to, students their senior year, we would like to meet with you and your student. We will discuss graduation requirements, credit check, class rank and GPA, University/Tech College Information, Financial Aid Information, Scholarship Opportunities, Employment Opportunities and Testing (ACT/SAT, Accuplacer).

## **2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER BEGINS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

Students should review their second semester schedule now and contact the Counseling Office if they have any questions.

## **SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES**

We will soon be meeting with students in grades 9-11 to explain class requirements, introduce new classes, and explained the scheduling process for the 2024-2025 academic year. Students will be given a course guide and course selection sheet.

Each student will be expected to meet with an advisor/homeroom teacher to select classes and obtain signatures from Math & Science teachers. A parent signature is also required.

Courses and the number of sections being offered are determined by the number of requests made by students. School staff, equipment, and supplies are based on the number of students requesting each course, so we would like students to choose courses wisely.

## **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>

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