

MARCH
2021

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * Week of March 1 – Read Across
America Spirit week
- * March 15th – PD Day – No School
for Students
- * Week of March 15th - High School &
Middle School Teachers make course
recommendations
- * March 18th – 2021-2022 Program of
Studies to be reviewed
with students in Raider
Block
- * Week of March 22nd – High School
Counselors go into
Social Studies Classes
for course selection
- * March 24th – Ct School Day SATs –
Gr. 11 Students only

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Course Selection and Scheduling for 2021-2022

During the month of March, students will be given instruction on how to login into their Power School accounts in order to select their courses for the new school year 2021-2022. Teachers will be loading their course recommendations for students for the new school year onto the students' course selection page. **Students going into grades 9-11 must select a minimum of 7 credits for their next school year and students going into grade 12 must have a minimum of 6 credits.** There will be options to choose additional electives so that in the event an elective doesn't run, the student's second choice can be factored into the schedule.

Students will choose courses from all of their **core academic subjects** and then from the elective areas. In many grades, the only course in these **core areas will be that which has been recommended.** If there is a question regarding the recommended course, **the student should still select that course, but then contact should be made to the student's teacher of that core area.** If a course is to be overridden, students must involve the **core teacher, the department coordinator of that core area, their school counselor and paperwork must be submitted for the override.**

Students should remember that college admissions requirements do not always match graduation requirements, and students should take the most rigorous coursework available while still maintaining good grades, **strong Habits of Scholarship,** and a well-balanced academic, personal, and social life.

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Attention Seniors

Just a reminder that even if you have applied for scholarships through Dollars for Scholars, you can also look at the scholarship available on our Google Classroom or Naviance. We update scholarships as they come into the guidance office and several are worth some significant monetary awards.

It is important that you keep your school counselor updated on the colleges at which you have been accepted into so that we can mark it in Naviance. Also be sure to let Mrs. Zaine know so she can make an acceptance ticket for you to proudly display outside of guidance!!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding college admissions responses, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your concerns.

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

Juniors: Things to Think About

- Am I giving my best to all my course work?
- Am I taking courses that lead to my post high school plans?
- With which teachers have I established a strong rapport? (Potential college or job letters of recommendation).
- Which talents or strengths might I want to further develop through my courses or post high school plans?
- Which activities will I highlight on my college/job application?
- Have I reviewed my senior course schedule with both my parents and my school counselor?

Sophomores: Things to Think About

- In which subjects have I excelled? Am I mastering the standards?
- Am I taking courses that lead to my post high school plans?
- Am I giving my best to all my courses?
- Of my unique talents and strengths, which would I most like to develop?
- Am I involved in at least one extra-curricular activity or community service? Have you begun working on 20 hours of community service?
- What potential career/post high school option have I considered?

Freshmen: Things to Think About

- Am I Mastering the Standards in my courses?
- Am I taking courses that lead to my post high school plans?
- In which courses am I particularly strong?
- In what areas do I need to build more skills?



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR COLLEGE BOUND
SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS**

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is sponsoring virtual college fairs so that you are still provided with opportunities to meet with college representatives and hear about schools that you may be interested in despite the pandemic restraints of not being able to visit in person.

Students and parents can register for a number of college fairs by going to:
<https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>

On March 7th there will be STEM fair and then March 21st there will be a fair with over 600 colleges!

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Ramirez in guidance.

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Make an appointment with me in School Counseling Suite and let us help you discover what's next after you graduate from Windsor Locks!

If you are in need of community service hours so that you meet the 20-hour requirement for graduation or you want additional hours to give your resume a boost and to gain eligibility for scholarships, see your counselors in the school counseling suite.

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“Learning is a Treasure that will Follow its Owner EVERYWHERE!”

Chinese Proverb

