

APRIL

2021

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * April 12th -16th – Spring Recess – No School
- * April 20th – Uconn virtual information session during PM Flex Block
- * April 27th & 28th – Make up testing for the SATs
- * April 29th – Virtual Career Fair – During Per. 3 9-10am
- * May 5nd – 28th – Advanced Placement Exams
- * May 6th – Regular registration deadline for June 5th SATs which will be at WLHS
- * May 7th – Regular registration deadline for June 12th ACTs – not given at WLHS

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Important standardized testing for students in grades 10-12

On Tuesday, April 27th a few students in Grade 11 will sit for state wide SAT make up testing day. The majority of our students took this exam on Wednesday, March 24th. This testing assists in gaining a stronger picture of all students and how well prepared they are for success in college and careers; the test measures students' abilities and benchmarks in Evidence-based Reading and Writing, and in Mathematics. For any questions, please contact Deb Ramirez at dramirez@wlps.org.

During the week of May 17th students in Grade 11 will sit for the Next Generation Science Standards exam. This is an online assessment designed to measure skills in reading comprehension, writing, mathematics, and real-world science questions that require students to demonstrate that they truly understand the content and provides us with benchmarks for graduation standards. If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Krasnecky at akrasnecky@wlps.org or Deb Ramirez at dramirez@wlps.org.

Starting on May 5-28th – students in Grades 10-12 enrolled in AP classes will take Advanced Placement Exams – The exam schedule is as follows:

- May 5th - Physics– 12pm – in person and paper
- May 6th – Computer Science A – 12pm – in person and paper
- May 11th – Seminar – 8am – in person and paper
- May 12th – English Language & Composition– 8am, Music Theory – 12pm – in person/paper
- May 14th – Biology – 8am – in person and paper
- May 17th – Computer Science Principles – 8am – in person and paper
- May 18th – English Literature & Composition – 12pm - digital
- May 19th – US History – 12pm - digital
- May 20th – Psychology – 4pm - digital
- May 21st – Spanish Language – 8am, Music Theory – 12pm – in person and paper
- May 24th – Calculus AB & Calculus BC – 8am – in person and paper
- May 25th – Chemistry – 8am, Statistics – 12pm – in person and paper
- May 28th – Human Geography – 12pm – digital

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Attention Seniors

Please make sure that you are reviewing your 3rd quarter report card, checking in with your teachers and checking in with your school counselor to make sure that you are on target for graduation in June!!!

School Counselors have all your information on the credits you have completed and those you still need to meet your graduation requirements. This information has been shared with you but it is important that you maintain accountability for your academics.

Additionally, if you DO NOT have 20 hours of community service you will not be eligible for graduation so please make sure to check on this information and make sure to submit your hours.

As May 1st approaches – those of you attending college next year – please let your counselors know where you will be attending so that we can send final transcripts

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

Course Recommendations & Selection

The school counselors have gone into each of the social studies classrooms for grades 9-11 and worked with all students both in person and remotely on their course selection for the 2021-2022 school year. School Counselors will continue to meet with any student who has not filled out their course selections.

Teachers submitted their recommendations for each of their students based on *daily performance in class, habits of scholarship, MAP testing benchmarks, rigor of courses, reading/writing ability, and content of courses*. The teacher's recommendation is developed with the best interest of the student in mind. Experience has shown that these recommendations accurately reflect student success.

Students were asked to select courses in each of the core subject areas and then to choose a number of elective courses in the event that a course does not run the student would have a back-up course. The Master Schedule will be built within the next few weeks and schedule conflicts will be reviewed and students contacted to make adjustments if necessary.

If you have a question or concern regarding a course recommendation, it is important to have a discussion with the student's teacher and if at that point there is a request to override the recommendation, paper work must be filled out and submitted to your school counselor.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Deborrah Ramirez – School Counseling Director at drmirez@wlp.org.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR GRADE 9-11 STUDENTS

*** Make sure you are holding yourself accountable for your academic programming from this point through your senior year of high school**

*** If you have not gotten yourself involved in a scholastic extracurricular activity, now is the time to do so! Having activities whether athletic, club-based, voluntary, employment or all of the above and being able to manage your academic schedule helps to enhance your high school resume for applications to post-secondary schools, trade schools, military, and employment.**

*** If you are struggling with an academic and/or personal conflict – DO NOT be afraid to ask for help! There are many people and resources available to you to assist you in your growth and development toward success! Make an appointment with your school counselor.**

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Make an appointment in the 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 for 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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“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow!”

Anthony J. D’Angelo

