

SEPTEMBER

2021

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * September 2nd – First Day of School
- * September 3rd – Deadline to register for Oct. 2nd SATs @ WLHS
- * September 8th - Senior lesson on Common App and Naviance
- * September 10th – Virtual Freshmen Parent Breakfast – 7am
- * Week of September 13th – Begin Senior Post-Secondary Planning Meetings
- * September 14th – Virtual Senior Parent Planning Night – 6pm
- * September 28th – Virtual College Funding/Financial Aid Workshop 6pm
- * October 5th – Parent Info Night/Open House – 6pm

Important Upcoming Events in the School Counseling Department

The Windsor Locks HS counselors will be delivering a number of comprehensive virtual information sessions to both students and parents in the first few weeks of school:

- Senior Class Common Application/Naviance & Post-Secondary Planning Lesson
- Virtual Senior Parent Meeting
- Virtual Freshmen Parent Breakfast
- Senior Individual Planning Meetings
- Raider Block Activities

Seniors will be working with their counselor to make sure that they are on target for graduation, that they have a plan beyond high school, that they have begun working on a college essay, that they have created accounts in Common App, and that they have completed tasks in Naviance.

All other grade levels will be working with both their Raider Block Advisor and their School Counselor in small groups and individually focusing on standards of a Vision of a Graduate, building positive relationships, mindfulness, and developing a strong self-concept.

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5 THINGS TO DO IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

1. Join a club or activity, **even if it is virtual! This helps you meet new people!**
2. **Befriend your school counselor.**
Your counselor has practical advice for getting the most out of high school.
3. **Create a consistent plan for strong Habits of Scholarship.**
Come prepared to class, develop consistent habits of work, and behave appropriately in class.
4. **Relax!** The most successful and happy students can exhibit balance between focused work and non-academic activities.
5. **Attend high school events. Even if this means virtually!** This provides extra-curricular mental stimulation to help you stay

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

SATs

Seniors: This is a very important time of year for you! You will be meeting with your school counselor to plan for college and/or career options. WLHS is a test center for the October 2nd, November 6th, and December 4th Saturday SATs. If you have questions please check in with Mrs. Ramirez for more information. To sign up for Saturday SATs go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>

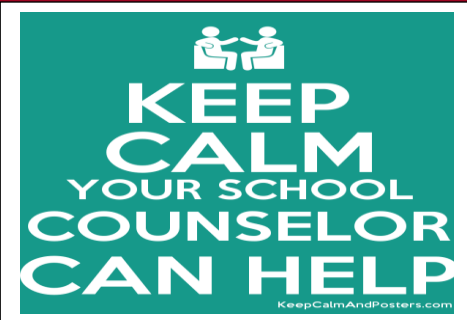
Naviance

Seniors will be using the Naviance on-line program in order to link their Common App accounts so that their college applications will be sent via Naviance. More information regarding this will be given out at the senior meetings with school counselors.

Students in all grades will use Naviance in their Student Success Planning by working on academic goals, personal learning styles and career exploration. Go to <https://student.naviance.com/wlhs>



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Welcome Back Everyone!

The Windsor Locks High School Counseling Department is excited to begin working with all of you in the 2021-2022 school year

Every school year brings with it excitement, anxiety, happiness, frustrations, confidence, fear or just all of the above, especially with this pandemic! Your school counselors are here for you whether you need assistance academically, personally, or focusing on your next steps beyond the high school.

We work collaboratively with your teachers, administrators, and most importantly your parents in order to foster positive outcomes for your futures.

We hope you are ready to come back and work with us toward **YOUR SUCCESS!!**

Pathways @ WLHS

Most colleges and universities now have virtual information sessions and tours – students of all grades, especially seniors, can sign up for virtual sessions by going to the actual college websites or going to:

<https://www.nacacfairs.org/virtual/>
<https://www.uti.edu/virtual-tours>

For information on military recruiting, go to:
<https://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state/CT>
<https://recruiting.army.mil/>
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“Learning is a treasure that follows its owner everywhere”

Chinese Proverb