

OCTOBER
2021

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor High School Counseling
Staff Members**

IMPORTANT DATES

- * October 1st – FAFSA applications open
- * October 5th – Parent Information Night 6pm - Virtual
- * October 8th – Deadline to register for Nov. 6th SATs @ WLHS
- * October 11th – No School
- * October 13th – PSATs Gr. 9-11 from 7:30-12pm
- * October 3rd, 14th, 24th, and Nov. 2nd – NACAC Virtual College Fairs
- * November 6th – SATs @ WLHS – 7:15am

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Seniors and their parents have been meeting virtually with their school counselor on post-secondary planning. School counselors will make sure that their students have their required credits for graduation, that they have a plan beyond high school, that they are working on completing their application material and are working on a college essay, that they have created accounts in Common App, and that they have completed tasks in Naviance. Seniors who need recommendation letters – **PLEASE make sure to fill out the BRAG SHEET on the Class of 2021 Google Classroom and return to your counselor.**

The school counselors will be working with Freshmen in small groups during Raider Block Flex periods to review graduation requirements, become familiar with Naviance, and complete a “4 Year Graduation Plan/Getting to Know You” activity.

Sophomores will be able to complete a Learning Style Inventory during Raider Block Flex periods. Completing this survey will be beneficial to the student and his/her counselor as academic plans are made for the junior and senior year and for post-secondary options.

Juniors and Seniors can meet with college admissions representatives that have scheduled virtual visits with our high school during Raider Block – See Mrs. Zaine in Guidance.

Students in all grade levels should make sure to frequently check their Class of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 Google Classrooms for important information from your school counselors, your class advisors, our Yearbook staff, and our administration!!

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PSATS IN OCTOBER

Attention Grades 9-11:

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered to all students in grades 9-11 beginning at 7:30am on Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

This exam helps students become familiar with the SAT and helps prepare them for their world beyond Windsor Locks High School by pinpointing college and career readiness skills. There is no fee for the test. More information regarding the logistics of this testing can be found on the Google Classrooms for each Class Year of Graduation. **Please ask that your student brings two number 2 pencils along with a calculator on that day. Students should go onto <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org> to set up an SAT account and also register with Khan academy which will provide a number of practice SAT exams and feedback to assist in taking the SAT exam in the spring of their junior year.**

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

NACAC Virtual College Fairs

Attention students in grades 9-12!!!

Connect with hundreds of colleges and universities at NACAC Virtual College Fairs in Fall 2021. High school students and families are welcome to attend for free. Sign up at virtualcollegefairs.org!

Find the college for you.

- Aug. 29: Signature Fair
- Sept. 12: Signature Fair
- Sept. 28: Northeastern US Fair
- Oct. 3: Signature Fair
- Oct. 14: Midwest US Fair
- Oct. 24: Signature Fair
- Nov. 2: Arts & STEM Fair
- Nov. 14: Signature Fair

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Important Study Tips

- 1) Set Study Goals – Identify what you want to achieve and how hard you will need to work to meet with success.
- 2) Make a Study Plan – Helps you to stay organized and makes the best use of your time.
- 3) Take Regular Study Breaks – Give yourself some break time to recover – it will help improve your focus.
- 4) Test Yourself – Give yourself regular quizzes to check your knowledge.
- 5) Find a Healthy Balance – eat well and get plenty of sleep.
- 6) Be Positive – Positive attitude is key.
- 7) Collaborate with Study Partners – Meet With others who can help you and motivate you and check your work
- 8) Turn Your Lesson Plans into Stories – Weave important details and facts into a story.
- 9) Maintain a Study Routine

pathways at Windsor Locks

Make an appointment with your school counselor in Guidance to help you discover what's next after you graduate from Windsor Locks!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

College Reps are meeting with students virtually. Mrs. Zaine has worked with many college representatives and has scheduled times for reps to provide virtual meetings for students during Raider Block. All the college reps are listed in Naviance under the “College” tab and you will need to register. Go to this website below to register for a visit:

<https://student.naviance.com/colleges/visits>

Once on this site, go to the “College” tab, then click on “College Visits” to register.

ASVAB:

The ASVAB exam will be held at Windsor Locks High School in November 5th. This is not just a military test, although it is used as a military career skills inventory. It is a great way for students to find out more about career skills they have. Students in grades 10-12 can take this test. There will be a sign-up sheet in Guidance – Listen for announcements or look in your Google Classroom for information.

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“A Well-educated mind will always have more questions than answers.”

Helen Keller

