

NOVEMBER
2021

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor High School Counseling
Staff Members**

IMPORTANT DATES

- * November 2nd - No School –
Election Day/PD
Day
- * November 5th – ASVAB Test –
Gr. 10-12, 8am
- * November 6th – SATs @ WLHS
- * November 11th – Veteran's Day
No School
- * November 23rd – Virtual Junior
Parent Planning
Eve 6pm
- * November 24th – Early Release Day
- * November 25th & 26th –
Thanksgiving Break
- * Week of Nov. 29th – Junior
College/Career Planning w/
Juniors and their parent/guardian
and their school counselor

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Seniors and the College/Career Application Process

The Windsor Locks School Counselors continue to work with their seniors into November to finalize their plans moving forward after they graduate. This can be an overwhelming process for students and parent. The counselors encourage parental involvement in this process. If students and parents have questions or concerns it is best to be in contact with your school counselor to make sure everyone is on the same page with the senior plan. **Seniors should currently be finalizing their Common Application process and should be submitting their Common App for Early Action deadlines. Early Action deadlines are generally November 1, 15, December 1, and January 15.**

**** Please make sure that you have spoken with teachers about recommendations and alert your counselor as to when you have submitted your portion of the Common App. Counselors will be sending all documentation for colleges electronically through Naviance. If the student has not done their part on Naviance and Common App, documentation will not be sent until all is ready to go.**

Seniors who are looking to apply to 2 year colleges or technical schools, these can also be uploaded to Naviance and the school counselor can send information electronically to these institutions as well.

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Attention Juniors

On March 23, 2022 – all Grade 11 students in the state of Connecticut will take the CT School Day SATs as our statewide assessment for graduation. The cost for this test is covered by the Connecticut State Dept. of Education. This year the exam will be all digital and we will provide you with more information on that as we get closer to the date.

It is very important that Grade 11 students set up a College Board account so that they may gain access to practice SAT exams and work on questions to improve their skill levels in Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math.

School Counselors can provide students with information on how to set up an accounts so that students can learn test strategies and take scheduled practice exams prior to this spring SAT.

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

Seniors: Please make sure to maintain strong grades as colleges/universities/trade schools/employers will want mid-year transcripts to check that you have not slacked in your progress. **The school counseling staff will be providing you with information on Dollars for Scholars, which is our local scholarship board. Please be on the lookout for this information.**

Juniors: Just prior to the Thanksgiving break, the school counseling department will host its **Virtual Junior Parent Planning Meeting on Tuesday, November 23rd at 6pm, a link will be provided.** The school counselors will begin meeting with juniors and their parents to begin the college and career planning process starting week of November 29th. You will receive an invitation for this meeting.

Freshmen and sophomores: Students in grades 9 and 10 will continue to work either in their Advisory class or with their counselor in small groups during Flex Block working on different lessons such as a 4 year plan/Getting to Know You, Learning Style Inventory, Personality Inventory, and Career Interest Inventory





Attention to all Windsor Locks parents & students:

We know that life has been crazy over the past year and a half for so many!!! Despite all the craziness, at least we have students back in school and we are working our way into the second marking period and on to the second semester!!

Students continue to make adjustments to being back in person and with having to adhere to wearing masks and also keeping their cell phones out of sight during class. School counseling staff and teachers work daily to support and encourage your students to do their very best to meet with success.

As we all move into the holiday season please let us all be mindful of one another and all that we have been through and give thanks to one another for the positive experiences we have had despite the negative, to give thanks to those who have supported us through these tough times, to give thanks to those who love us and stick by us no matter what, and to give ourselves thanks for maintaining our strength to get through each and every day!!!

My staff and I wish you all the very best for the Holiday Season

pathways @ Windsor Locks

Make an appointment in Guidance and let us help you discover what is next after you graduate from Windsor Locks!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Virtual College Info Sessions and Tours are always helpful in deciding on colleges in which to apply. Students can go to college websites and search for “virtual visit” or “tours” to find out when colleges are offering opportunities for students to come learn about a particular college and their offerings.

Students can also inquire about our virtual college representative meetings through Naviance, please see Mrs. Zaine or Mrs. Ramirez for more information.

ASVAB:

The ASVAB exam will be held at Windsor Locks High School on November 5th from 8-11 am for grades 10-12 . Please let Mrs. Ramirez’s know if you are interested in sitting for this exam. This test is not just for students considering the military – it is a great way to find out about specific skills you may have that can assist you in your college and career readiness preparation

Interpretation of the exam will be sometime in January – date and time TBD

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“As we express our Gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them!”

John F. Kennedy