

JANUARY

2022

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * January 7th – Alumni Day –
Auditorium during
Raider Block for Gr.12
- * January 7th – registration
deadline for February 12th
ACT exam not at WLHS
- * January 17th - Martin Luther King
Day No School
- * January 21st – 1st Semester Ends
- * January 24th – Semester 2 Begins
- * January 31st – Early release – PD
Day for teachers

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Welcome Back!!! We want to wish you all a very Happy New Year!! It has most definitely been very frustrating and challenging year and the school counseling staff recognizes the toll it has taken on students and their families. We wish for you all that 2022 is happy, healthy, and safe.

The end of the marking period for first semester is January 21st ; with the second semester beginning on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Some tips to consider when preparing for final assignments:

- **Prioritize** - use the study guides provided by your teachers.
- **Meaningful Organization** – group ideas into meaningful categories.
- **Visualization** - make a mental picture of what you are looking to present in your assignment.
- **Time Management** - make a calendar or schedule to manage your time wisely for putting final semester assignments together.
- ***Do Your BEST! Good Luck!!***

Attention Juniors and Junior Parents/Guardians:

School Counselors have been meeting with juniors and their parents/guardians since December to begin the process of planning for senior year and beyond. If you have not had your meeting or need to reschedule, make sure you are checking in with your student's school counselor to make sure to set a time to meet. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor directly.

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Attention Seniors:

Again, just a reminder to watch those college application deadlines. Many colleges use January 15th or February 1st as their application deadlines so seniors are encouraged to pay close attention to these dates and prepare their applications accordingly.

The Windsor Locks High School counseling office is happy to process senior transcript materials, but you must inform your school counselor so that we can send documents out to your colleges.

Make sure that teachers you have asked to write letters of recommendation have had enough time to complete your letter. You can check with your counselor to see that it has been uploaded to Naviance.

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) must be completed online by all seniors who are seeking financial aid for the 2022-2023 school year. This form determines eligibility for all federal monies. The family completes this form, indicating the colleges to be informed of the results. After it is processed, the student receives a Student Aid Report (SAR). This year the FAFSA was opened for submission online after October 1, 2021 at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Some private schools will also require the CSS Profile which can be found by going to <https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. This document is a bit more time consuming and detailed but will provide private school monies if eligible.

If you have any questions regarding the filing of the FAFSA or the CSS Profile, please feel free to contact your student's school counselor.

Students as Employees

The Connecticut Department of Labor requires all 16 and 17 year olds to obtain working papers in order to work within the state. A student must bring a promise of employment from their employer to the Main Office to obtain this necessary document. New working papers must be obtained for each new place of employment.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

State law requires that all Connecticut full-time or matriculating students provide proof of adequate immunization against measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and varicella (chickenpox).

- All incoming freshmen are required to show proof of two doses of the MMR. The doses should be separated by at least 28 days with dose number one being given on or after the first birthday.

- All incoming freshmen are required to show proof of two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. The doses should be separated by at least 28 days with dose number one being given after the first birthday.

- Parental or self-report of varicella disease is no longer considered acceptable evidence of immunity, as naturally occurring infection has declined dramatically and clinical illness has become more difficult to recognize.

In addition, seniors who plan to attend college within Connecticut and live in on-campus housing must be immunized against meningitis. Please make sure to check with your physician.

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* On January 7th – Alumni from the WLHS Class of 2020 and 2021 will speak in front of our current senior classes on their first year experience in college or trade school and reflect on how high school helped shape them for their future beyond high school and college.

The new semester will begin on Monday January 24, 2022

* Sophomores and Juniors - If you haven't completed the Career Interest Profiler on Naviance or a College Search on Naviance – make sure to do so to help navigate your college/career pathways.

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“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today!”

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