

FEBRUARY

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WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * February 1-Dollars for Scholars
Virtual Information Session –
5:30pm – Media Center
- * February 6th -10th – National School
Counselor Week
- * February 15th –Meeting w/ 8th
graders and Middle School
Counselors – Transition to HS
- * February 20st & 21st – Presidents’
Day and vacation day
No School
- * February – date to be determined –
Program of Studies will be available

UP COMING:

- * March 23rd - CT School Day SATs
Required for all juniors

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

The Second Semester of the school year has started!! For students in all grades 9-12, we cannot stress enough the importance for making sure you are taking full advantage of your regular class time, Raider Block/Flex time, and afterschool time, to complete the curricular work in each of your classes, therefore meeting the standards necessary to become fully educated in that subject and achieve credit and success. An important reminder about credits needed to achieve the next level in grade status:

- **You need 6 credits to move on to Gr. 10**
- **You need 12 credits to move on to Gr. 11**
- **You need 18 credits to move on to Gr. 12**

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your teachers and email your school counselor.

Coming next month – March 23rd– all members of the junior class state-wide will be taking the Ct. School Day SATs. The SAT for the School Day will be digital and will require you to bring your laptops to school fully charged. In the coming weeks we will be setting up a pre-administration and practice session to get you prepared and ready to take the exam.

To assist with preparation for this exam and future SATs– students should be able to review their PSAT scores found on their College Board Accounts as well as practice math and reading skills. Please encourage your student to go onto their College Board accounts to review their PSATs and work on math and evidence-based reading and writing questions!

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Attention Seniors:

Now that First Semester has ended and grades have closed, the school counseling department will send mid-year grades to those colleges to which students have applied.

If you have schools that you are still going to apply to, **you need to make sure that your school counselor is aware of what you have submitted so that transcripts and official documents can be sent to the college/university.**

****Word of Caution: For those that have been accepted and knowing that the first semester has ended, this is not the time to let "senioritis" sneak in! Colleges and Universities do ask for final grades and there are times when a post-secondary institution will reverse an acceptance decision due to lack of academic effort in the second semester. Please keep a strong work ethic moving forward!!**

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

Dollars for Scholars

A COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED!

Windsor Locks Dollars for Scholars, a program of Scholarship America, is made up of volunteer community members and high school personnel whose mission is to encourage Windsor Locks students to further their education. Since 2001 they have supported this mission through scholarship awards and financial assistance, and by promoting activities within the Windsor Locks community that help students achieve their educational goals.

Senior students should be working on and completing their Dollars for Scholars applications in order to be eligible for scholarships that can assist in defraying the cost of college and career training funds. **Seniors will also be scheduled for Flex time with their counselors to complete the scholarship application.** There are **over 135** scholarships with **over \$100,000** worth of scholarships awarded annually. By taking the time to apply, members of the Class of 2023 increase their chances of receiving a financial award. Touch base with your school counselor if you have questions. Please visit the Dollars for Scholars website at:

<https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin>

****Please See or Email Your School Counselor for Assistance**

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FIND YOUR...



As we close the First Semester it's important to STOP and take a moment to ask ourselves what went well and what needs improvement from the last 90 days!

So many of us have stressors that we have been facing we do not need to let it define us. We all have positive things to focus on and areas in need of improvement or change that we can adjust.

We all need to push through the adversity and find our GRIT!! Your school counselors are here for you if you need help with this – Make time for self-care and Don't Give Up On YOU!!

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Make an appointment with your School Counselor to work out what's next after you graduate from Windsor Locks!

Seniors need to make sure that your community service hours have met the 20-hour requirement for graduation, if you are unsure, please see your school counselor. Additional hours of community service can give your resume a boost and to gain eligibility for scholarships, see

All other grades, don't wait until your senior year to begin working on your community service hours – any volunteer services you complete can be counted as hours. If you have questions please reach out to your school counselors for assistance!

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“We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

