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WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

- * March 2 – Read Across America Day
- * Week of March 6th – Students introduced to the 2023-2024 Program of Studies in their Raider Block
- * Week of March 6th - High School Teachers make course recommendations
- * Week of March 13th – High School Counselors go into Social Studies Classes for course selection
- * March 13th & 16th – PreAdministration For CT. School Day SATs – cafeteria
- * March 23rd – Ct School Day SATs – Gr. 11 Students only
- * March 29th – Early Dismissal for SLCs

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Course Selection and Scheduling for 2023-2024

Starting the **week of March 6th**, students will be given the link to view the Program of Studies for the new school year 2023-2024 during Raider Block. Students will also be provided with a Course Selection Worksheet where they will be able to touch base with their current teachers to discuss recommendations for the next school year; this form will require a parent and student signature. **During the week of March 6th** teachers will be loading their course recommendations for students for the new school year onto the students' Power School course selection page. **During the week of March 13th**, school counselors will assist students through their Social Studies classes with the course selection process. **Students going into grades 9-11 must select a minimum of 7 credits for their next school year and students going into grade 12 must have a minimum of 6 credits.** There will be options to choose additional electives so that in the event an elective doesn't run, the student's second choice can be factored into the schedule.

Students will choose courses from all of their **core academic subjects** and then from the elective areas. In many grades, the only course in these **core areas will be that which has been recommended.** If there is a question regarding the recommended course, **the student should still select that course, but then contact should be made to the student's teacher of that core area.**

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Attention Seniors

Just a reminder: It is important that you keep your school counselor updated on the colleges at which you have been accepted into so that we can mark it in Naviance. Also be sure to let Mrs. Zaine know so she can make an acceptance ticket for you to proudly display outside of guidance!!

If you have any questions or concerns regarding college admissions responses, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your concerns.

TIDBITS FROM OUR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 20th March 2023

This is a global event arranged by the United Nations annually on March 20. It serves to remind us that being happy is a human right and worth celebrating

Three ways you can celebrate the International Day of Happiness:

Be Social

Do something fun with your friends - make time to do something you really enjoy. Try not to hold onto stress by embracing a fun, collaborative activity

Get Informed

Stress and unhappiness can weigh heavily on us. Take some time to read up on positive well-being, mindfulness, and healthy mindset

Make a Happiness List

Make a list of the 5 things that make you most HAPPY! Look over your list and be sure to include at least one of the five in your life every day!

#InternationalDayOfHappiness



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR COLLEGE BOUND
SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS**

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is sponsoring virtual college fairs so that you are still provided with opportunities to meet with college representatives and hear about schools that you may be interested in despite the pandemic restraints of not being able to visit in person.

Students and parents can register for a virtual college fairs on either Sunday March 19th or Sunday April 23 by going to:
<https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs?ga=2.233728923.404004507.1677765792-1320730569.1677765792>
Make sure to click on the virtual tab. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Ramirez in guidance.

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Make an appointment with me in School Counseling Suite and let us help you discover what's next after you graduate from Windsor Locks!

If you need community service hours so that you meet the 20-hour requirement for graduation or you want additional hours to give your resume a boost and to gain eligibility for scholarships, see your counselors in the school counseling suite.

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“Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.”

Confucius

