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WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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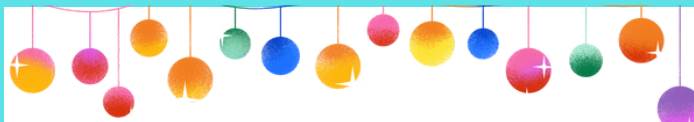
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HOMework ASSISTANCE LAB

Wallkill Senior High School continues to host Homework Assistance Lab, also known as Homework Club! If you are looking for extra help or want company while you get work done, Homework Club is the place for you!

When:

Monday - Thursday

Time:

Afterschool starting at 2:35 PM

***There is a late bus, if needed**

How to Sign-Up

Click [here](#) to access the sign-up link

***This can also be found on the main page of the WSHS website**

You can sign-up for a specific subject (English, Social Studies, Math, & Science).

Each are offered every day.



IMPORTANT DATES

- December 5th & 6th : Freshmen Naviance Lessons
- December 7th & 8th : Sophomore Naviance Lessons
- December 12th & 13th : Junior Naviance Lessons
- December 13th - High School Winter Concert
- December 15th - 5-Week Reports
- December 22nd - Winter Recess Begins
- January 2nd - School Re-opens
- January 17th & 18th : Senior Naviance Lessons

Happy Holidays! We hope you all have a wonderful winter break!

Sincerely,
The WSHS Counseling Dept.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER RECAP

October:

- We planned and administered the Digital PSAT to 60 students.
- We met with 238 freshmen to relay information about graduation requirements and extracurriculars.
 - These meetings consisted of counselor introductions, graduation requirements, and club/extracurricular information. Please ask your child about the materials that were given at this meeting for your reference.

November:

- Wallkill Senior High School hosted its annual Instant Admission event last month. See more information below on the success of the event!
- We held our annual Financial Aid, Scholarship, and College Process night for parents and guardians.
- We finished our college representative visits! We welcomed 59 representatives, and 86 students from the junior and senior class took advantage of these opportunities. See a full list of the schools that came below.
 - Also, we still have items from many of these visits (e.g., information about the schools).
 - If your student was unable to attend or are now interested in one of these schools, stop by guidance. Materials are first come, first serve (if they would like to take it with them).

NAVIANCE LESSONS

Naviance is a college and career readiness software utilized by WSHS. It provides students with college planning and career assessment tools.

December is Naviance Month! The counseling Department will be going into English classrooms this month to introduce Naviance and grade-specific tasks to be completed.

The counselors will be facilitating grade level appropriate assessments for all students. See below for more grade specific information.

We welcome you to ask your child to share the results of their assessments with you!

INSTANT ADMISSIONS

Wallkill Senior High School hosted its annual Instant Admission event on 11/13-11/15! Instant Admissions is an event where students have the opportunity to meet with different college admissions representatives and receive an immediate admission decision.

We had 31 schools that attended and 123 seniors who participated! Thank you to all the college admission representatives who dedicated their time to come and meet with our senior students.

Thank you to all students who participated, we are rooting for you in your college process! Congratulations to those who have received acceptances and we look forward to hearing about the many more that are coming!

CONGRATULATIONS



The man behind the magic of the event!
Shout out to Mr. Derisse, Ms. Brouard, Ms. Marvulli, and the entire guidance department for organizing this spectacular event!





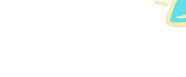
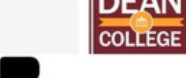
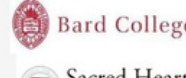
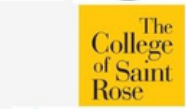
Wells College



Complete List of our 2023 College Representative Visits.

Thank you to all students who participated!

1. Mount Saint Mary College
2. University of Connecticut
3. Cedar Crest College
4. SUNY New Paltz
5. Merrimack College
6. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
7. Endicott College
8. Hobart William Smith Colleges
9. Clarkson University
10. Worcester Polytechnic Institute
11. SUNY College at Oswego
12. Princeton University
13. Wells College
14. Wilkes University
15. Iona University
16. Western New England University
17. St. John's University - NY
18. Emmanuel College
19. Alfred State College
20. Wagner College
21. University at Albany, SUNY
22. University of Rhode Island
23. SUNY at Fredonia
24. Suffolk University
25. St. Bonaventure University
26. University of Rochester
27. Manhattanville College
28. Binghamton University
29. Marist College
30. The College of Saint Rose
31. SUNY College at Geneseo
32. SUNY College at Potsdam
33. Orange County Community College
34. SUNY Oneonta
35. Pace University, Westchester Campus
36. SUNY College at Plattsburgh
37. Hofstra University
38. University at Buffalo
39. Landmark College
40. Keuka College
41. George Mason University
42. D'Youville University
43. SUNY College of Technology at Canton
44. Bard College
45. Sacred Heart University
46. College of Mount Saint Vincent
47. University of Scranton
48. Utica University
49. Dean College
50. SUNY at Purchase College
51. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
52. Saint Francis University
53. Lasell University
54. Dominican University New York
55. SUNY Brockport
56. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
57. Le Moyne College
58. Penn State - Main Campus
59. Lincoln Technical Institute - Lincoln



CLASS OF 2024

DON' T FORGET TO SAY...

“THANK YOU
SO MUCH”

TO YOUR RECOMMENDERS

It' s always good practice to HANDWRITE a thank you note to those who have helped you!

Your teachers, coaches, school counselors, and any other individual you may have asked who devoted their time to advocate for you by writing about your strengths to help you shine in your applications.

Say “Thank you!” for:

1. Their time and willingness to complete this on your behalf
2. For supporting your future endeavors
3. Any personal notes you may want to add in your appreciation (think about why you asked them in the first place)

Try to deliver these in person and add a personal touch - this all goes a long way in expressing genuine gratitude!



NAVIANCE LESSONS

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SPEAK WITH YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT THESE LESSONS AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE COMPLETING THEM. IF THEY ARE NOT COMPLETED, STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO COME TO AN ADDITIONAL LESSON WITH COUNSELORS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO GET THESE TASKS COMPLETED.

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Be mindful of college application deadlines!

Senior Naviance Lessons will involve a group discussion about college applications status and ensuring that students are familiar with the scholarship feature on Naviance. We will also help students with their resumes and answer any questions related to the college application process and post-secondary planning.

Dates: 1/17 (and 1/18 for SC)

Snow Date: 1/18

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Sophomore Naviance Lessons will involve assisting students in completing the "Career Interest Profiler", which is a career assessment based on Holland's Theory of Career Choice. This assessment will allow students to analyze their own interests and pairs them with potential career matches to explore. They will also do the "Game Plan" survey and work on resumes if time permits.

Counselors will also introduce BOCES Career Tech and the application process during this time.

The Career & Technical Center at Ulster BOCES offers dozens of high-tech training programs for high school juniors and seniors. The wide range of programs can help students gain valuable skills and can lead to in-demand jobs after graduation.

The counseling dept. will host a Career Tech interest and information meeting during our annual Elective Expo. In the meantime, if you're interested in exploring the what this program has to offer, check out their website here:

<https://www.ulsterboces.org/students-of-all-ages/career-education-for-high-school>

Dates: 12/7 (and 12/8 for SC)

Snow Date: 12/8

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Junior Naviance Lessons will involve classroom discussions that review Naviance and a college/post-secondary planning presentation.

For Naviance, students will complete the "Game Plan" (a series of questions designed to help develop a game plan for achieving goals for after graduation). Also the "Supermatch College Search" (a tool that helps students narrow down colleges based on criteria that matter to them, such as location, major, size, athletics, clubs, on campus housing, etc.)

Finally, counselors will work on resumes, discuss PSAT scores, and reintroduce the College Planning Guide.

Dates: 12/12 (and 12/13 for SC)

Snow Date: 12/13

CLASS OF 2027

Freshmen Naviance Lessons will involve introducing students to the Naviance platform - which is a career readiness software utilized by WSHS.

Counselors will guide students through the "AchieveWorks" task, which is an assessment that uses personality types to suggest career clusters that might be a good match for each student. Counselors will also help students begin to work on their resume, that will be updated throughout their time at WSHS.

Dates: 12/5 (and 12/6 for SC)

Snow Date: 12/6

