

WDHS Guidance Dept. Summer Newsletter for Seniors

Welcome to your senior year! We hope you are having a fantastic summer and are looking forward to your final year at WDHS! There are [a few important reminders](#) that we want to share with you about planning for your future before the craziness of September is upon us!

STUDENTS APPLYING TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Fall SAT / ACT Testing

- SATs will be given in October, November, and December here at WDHS. The October 5th test registration deadline is September 6th with a late registration deadline of Sept. 24th. Please plan to register early as this is an extremely popular test date and we have limited seats available here at WDHS. **Register on-line at www.collegeboard.com.**
- The ACT will be given at Rowan College South Jersey in Sept., October, and December. The Sept. 14th test date has a registration deadline of Aug. 16th. **Register on-line at www.actstudent.org.**
- **As you are registering for testing, please be sure to enter in any colleges to which you plan to apply so that your scores can be sent directly to them. If you do not do this now, you will have to pay to send your scores later ☺. Test scores cannot be sent by the high school.**

Recommendation Letters

- If you have not yet requested two or more letters of recommendation, please plan to do so very early in September as this is a key part of the application packet. **Seniors must the WDHS Letter of Recommendation Request form** when asking any teachers, counselors, etc. for letters. This form can be found in the Guidance Office or on Naviance in the Document Library. **No letters will be written by teachers or counselors without this form.**

Activity Resume

- If you have not already, you should create a list of all your high school activities, leadership roles, awards, employment/internship experiences, community involvement, etc.
- This information is often ask for on applications and having it ready ahead of time will help you complete your applications more efficiently. If you applied for NHS, you can use that format as your template and simply update it. Otherwise, you can find a sample in the *ABCs of College Planning* book that all students received last December during our college planning workshops.

Applications

- Please be ready to share with your guidance counselor the list of schools to which you plan to apply.
- You should work on completing your applications on your own and let us know if there are any questions you need help answering.
- As we discussed last spring in our college planning sessions, **you need to notify us through Naviance when you have submitted your applications on-line.** This is the only way that we will know that the rest of your records need to be sent. Counselors will hold a meeting during Homeroom in Sept. to remind students how to use Naviance to input this info.
- **Please be sure to complete your portions of the application at least two weeks prior to the due date so that counselors have sufficient time to complete their portion.**
- **Again, it is YOUR responsibility to send your test scores to the colleges. They are NOT included on your high school transcript.**
- We strongly encourage you to submit all applications by *early November*. With the increasing competitiveness of colleges and universities, the early bird gets the worm!

NCAA Clearinghouse

- **Potential Division I or II college athletes: please be sure to visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to register and to review the eligibility guidelines. Please be sure that your senior year schedule includes any remaining core courses that the NCAA requires. This is YOUR responsibility!!!** (If you have any questions about this, see your counselor right away in Sept.)

Keep A File!

- **Create a file for ALL your important college & scholarship-related paperwork.**
- **Make sure to save copies of your college acceptance letters as well as copies of any award letters for scholarships you receive. We will require this documentation later on if you wish to have your successes included in the district newsletter and graduation program.**

STUDENTS APPLYING TO ROWAN COLLEGE SOUTH JERSEY (FORMERLY RCGC)

- Please plan to participate in our **On-Site registration process** in which RCSJ admission representatives meet with students here at WDHS. RCSJ will conduct a large group presentation at WDHS in the fall. Students must sign up via Naviance or in the Guidance Office. Application information and step-by-step instructions will be discussed at that time.
- RCSJ's application process is very simple and straight-forward. **You will not need letters of recommendation or SAT/ACT test scores** unless you plan to apply to a competitive program such as Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, etc. However, **all students are advised to take the SAT or ACT at least once.** Doing so can possibly exempt you from having to take the community college placement test and thereby possibly avoid having to take remedial classes.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY

- The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Battery Test) will be given here at WDHS in November. Interested students can sign up in the guidance office.
- Representatives from various branches of the armed services will be available on site in the cafeteria during lunch periods throughout the school year. See Mr. Baillie for more information.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Students should speak to their guidance counselor to learn more about training programs in the area for various careers such as cosmetology, auto body repair, home health care aide, welding, electrician, paralegal, etc.

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE MEETINGS **with be scheduled for every senior during Sept. and Oct. Keep your eye out for a pass. Please attend! These meetings cannot be easily rescheduled!**

☺ *Mrs. Quindlen, Mrs. Canna, Mrs. Bonzella, and Mr. Baillie* ☺