

Waubonsie Valley Counseling Department September 2019 Newsletter



Class of 2020 College Application Night 8/27

Waubonsie's Counseling Department will be hosting a Senior College Information and Application Night at 7pm on Tuesday, August 27th in the auditorium. Senior students and parents are both encouraged to attend. Information, procedures and tips will be discussed regarding the college application and transcript request process, The Common Application, FAFSA and Naviance tools.

Students who are unable to attend should plan on attending a mini information session on 8/28 or 8/29 during their lunch period in the College & Career Center.



Meet the House & Curriculum Night 9/5

Come meet your House prior to curriculum night on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with the staff who will be supporting your students over the course of their educational journey at Waubonsie Valley. Each House is made up of a dean, social worker, psychologist, two counselors and two secretaries. The evening will start with a brief introduction to each staff member's roles and responsibilities followed by an open house where families can ask questions.

Pride House: Last Names A-E. Located in the 1st floor atrium.

Tradition House: Last Names F-L. Located in the main office.

Spirit House: Last Names M-R. Located in the cafeteria hallway.

Warrior House: Last Names S-Z. Located in the 2nd floor atrium.

Curriculum Night at Waubonsie Valley High School will take place from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2019. Curriculum Night is a group orientation activity that provides an opportunity for parents and staff to work as partners and to promote success in the classroom. Parents follow their student’s schedule and attend brief class overviews where teachers will share insights to their course, curriculum, and expectations.

PSAT Registration for the Class of 2021 (Juniors)

Juniors interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16th must register online between Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 16th. The PSAT/NMSQT is open to all juniors. It is highly recommended for college-bound juniors who fall within the top tier of their class. The PSAT/NMSQT is the only qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program as well as a great practice opportunity for students who will take the SAT in the spring of their junior year.

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered during the school day on October 16th to students who have registered in advance. Students taking the PSAT/NMSQT will be excused from their morning classes, but will be expected to return to their afternoon classes following the exam. Students are responsible for any missed work.



The cost to register for the PSAT/NMSQT at Waubonsie Valley is \$23. Students can register online through their Push Coin account.

Freshman Parent Night 10/1

Over the course of first semester, counselors will be visiting with their freshman students ten times through Freshman Advisory. We understand that building connections with our freshmen and their families is an important step to success in high school. As such, Waubonsie Valley will be hosting a Freshman Parent Night on Tuesday, October, 1st at 7:00 pm in our school auditorium. Important information regarding transcripts, graduation requirements, honor/AP courses, final exams and resources available to help your student be success will be discussed. We will also be previewing the upcoming Career Connections program which is being implemented through Freshman Advisory. This is a great program that will help your student explore careers and help form connections to the classes they are taking here at Waubonsie. Time will also be built in for a question and answer session to help address any other questions or concerns you may have about freshman year or beyond. We look forward to partnering with you as your student navigates their first year of high school.

Senior College Application & Transcript Send Procedures:

Class of 2020, are you ready to apply to college? College applications and transcript requests will be processed by house staff beginning Friday, August 30, 2019. As you begin to complete your college applications, please be sure to follow the following procedures:

1. Complete college application online, through Common App, the college's online application or traditional paper copy. Student portion of the application should be completed before requesting transcripts.
2. Check the application for any pages that must be printed out or submitted to counselor or recommender. If recommendation letter is required, provide teacher/counselor with a minimum of two weeks' notice.
3. Complete the transcript release form, listing all schools you are applying to. Transcript release form can be found in the house, the Beat, or Waubonsie Valley website.
4. Request your transcript through Naviance in the "Schools I'm Applying To" tab. All requests must be updated in Naviance, including Common App schools. Student's default Naviance username is their full IPSD email address and their password is their single sign on password from the beginning of the school year.
5. Bring completed applications materials (transcript request form & student profile) to Mrs. Harris in the main office. Please provide counselors with two weeks to process your materials.
6. Request test scores directly from the testing company. ACT- actstudent.org or SAT- collegeboard.org. Colleges only consider scores official when received directly from ACT or SAT. Colleges will not accept test scores from Waubonsie Valley as official.

Transcript Request Tutorial: https://youtu.be/mV06XrtfH_U

Transcript Request Form - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByL-dPC3ROHaOGJEZ1Rfa1M3VUU/view>

Letter of Recommendation Request- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByL-dPC3ROHaREk1bnVCdj2Z2Hc/view>

Naviance - <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=wauvhs>

Common App - <http://www.commonapp.org/>

College Prep & Financial Aid Seminars at Your Local Library

Our friends at both the Aurora and Naperville Public Libraries will be hosting seminars on the financial aid process. Please visit their websites for additional information and event registration.

Aurora Public Library- <http://www.aurorapubliclibrary.org/> & <http://www.aurorapubliclibrary.org/wp-content/uploads/APL-Fall-2019.pdf>

ACT/SAT Practice Test: 9/7, 9/14, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/26

College Application & FAFSA Workshop- 10/28

Naperville Public Library- <https://www.naperville-lib.org/programs/events-teens>

Various Dates in September & October- Practice SAT, ACT, & PSAT



College Visits at Waubonsie Valley:

College visits start on September 4th at Waubonsie Valley. This fall over 100 colleges and universities will visit the College & Career Center, now located in cafeteria. The counseling staff encourages all upperclassmen to participate in at least one college visit this semester. Meeting with a college rep can be a great way to explore colleges, gather information, and make contact with the admissions representatives who will be reviewing your college applications.

Students are required to sign up for college visits 24 hours in advance using Naviance or the link off of the student splash page. For more information and a full list of upcoming college visits, please visit Naviance or the WaubonsieStudent.org.

Financial Aid Seminars- Save the Dates (9/24 & 10/21)

Waubonsie Valley will be hosting a Financial Aid Seminar on Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm in the auditorium. A guest presenter from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will walk families through the financial aid process, including information on the FAFSA, grants, loans, scholarships and work study program. WV counselors will share information on local scholarships.

On Monday, October 21st, ISAC will return to lead our families through a FAFSA Completion Workshop. Experienced ISAC representatives will walk families through the FAFSA line by line and help trouble shoot any issues that may arise. This workshop will be available in both English and Spanish.

Upcoming College Fairs

College fairs are a great way for students to meet with multiple colleges all at once. They provide students with an opportunity to compare colleges, explore options and get a sense of the opportunities available to them after high school. Seniors can benefit from meeting with the college reps who will be reviewing the applications while underclassmen can ask questions in a low pressure environment. This fall several local organizations and institutions will be hosting college fairs. Below is a list of upcoming college fairs:

October 7th– Waubonsee Community College. <https://www.waubonsee.edu/programs-courses/transfer-programs/transferring-credit-waubonsee/college-night>

October 24th- NACAC Visual & Performing Arts College Fair. <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/pva/chicago-performing-and-visual-arts-college-fair/>

October 5th – 100 Black Men of Chicago, College & Scholarship Fair. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/100-black-men-of-chicago-inc-17th-annual-college-scholarship-fair-students-registration-62931549960>

October 5th – NACAC College Fair at McCormick Place, Chicago. <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/chicago-national-college-fair/>

October 15th - College of DuPage. <http://cod.edu/>

October 16th- Joliet Junior College. <https://www.jjc.edu/>

Military Service Academy Night

Congressman Bill Foster will host a Military Service Academy Night on Saturday, September 19th at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook, IL. The event program begins with registration at 5:30pm and the program will last from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Students and families interested in learning more about West Point, the Merchant Marine Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy or the Coast Guard Academy are encouraged to attend.

Register to attend: <https://foster.house.gov/service>

ASVAB Testing At Waubonsie Valley (Sophomores-Seniors)

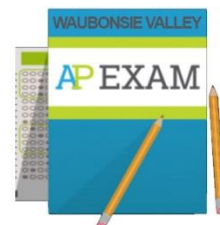
Waubonsie Valley will be offering the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program test on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million high school students, post-secondary students and military applicants. The test will be available to any sophomore, junior or senior student who may be interested.

If you are interested in taking the ASVAB please complete the linked permission slip and return it to your school counselor no later than Tuesday, October 15th. Seating for the ASVAB is limited to the first 25 students to sign up.

More information on the ASVAB can be found at <https://www.asvabprogram.com/>

Changes to AP Exam Ordering

Starting in the 2019-20 School Year, College Board is implementing changes to the AP Exam ordering process for students and schools. Students in District 204 will be required to sign up for their AP Exam by November 1st. More information will be given to students through their AP class. Information will also be posted to the main Waubonsie Valley website as exam ordering details are finalized.



Waubonsie Valley Counselors on Social Media

The counseling department will continue to provide important updates through the Waubonsie Valley website and newsletters such as this, but for daily updates and reminders please follow the counselors on social media.

www.Twitter.com/wvcounselors

www.Facebook.com/wvhsguidance



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Counselor Contact Information

Communication is key to a successful high school experience. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your student's counselor. Contact information is listed below.

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