



# WCS School Counselor Newsletter: Westerville North High School Edition Fall 2018



Hello Warrior families! This newsletter is to highlight some of the wonderful things that our students are taking part in at Westerville North. It will focus on information pertaining to each particular grade level, highlight mental health as well as upcoming dates. Please check the Westerville North home page frequently for the most up-to-date information on what is happening at the school. Please feel free to contact your child's counselor should you have any questions or concerns.

Here's to a successful 2nd quarter,  
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## Mark Your Calendar!

- College Application Days: **October 29, 30 & 31**
- Fall Break: **November 21, 22 & 23**
- Ohio State Testing (OST): **December 3-7**
- College Credit Plus Meeting: **December 4**
- Community Scholarship Meeting: **December 11**
- 1st Semester Finals: **December 17 & 18**
- 1st Semester Finals (Make-up Day): **December 19**
- 2nd Semester Start: **January 3**

Access the WCS District 18-19 Calendar [here](#).

## Class of 2019

### What Can my Student be Doing to Prepare for Life After High School?

*Naviance* is a college planning and career assessment tool. All of the students have an account and to log-on they use their Student ID and the password given to them. The students have been given tutorials on how to use *Naviance* and there are workshops on Wednesdays all day for any student to come down to Pupil Services during their free periods (lunches, before/after school, study hall). Here is a [tutorial](#) students can access to review the process of requesting a transcript and/or recommendation letters through Naviance.

College is not for everyone. There is other opportunities after high school that does not involve college. Military recruiters from the various branches come during the lunch periods throughout the month to talk to students who may be interested in serving.

There are adult education programs students can attend upon graduating from high school that will qualify them with a trade skill (i.e., welding, Emergency Medical Technician, RAMTEC, just to name a few).

As a reminder, all four counselors are in the Pupil Service Resource Room every Wednesday to assist students with college application, Naviance, as well as to answer any questions students might have with their future.

*WCS Secondary School Counseling Department*

*Our vision is to inspire and empower Westerville students with the academic, career, and social/emotional skills and knowledge to be active and contributing members of their society.*



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**Class of 2020**

**What about the Juniors?**

Junior year is a critical year for many reasons!!!! Juniors completed the PSAT on October 10 which will tie into the upcoming SAT (March 6). The state of Ohio pays for each Junior to take the SAT or ACT one time. Westerville City Schools have chosen to administer the SAT for this school year. Through the students CollegeBoard account, they can access Khan Academy, a resource for students to build on content areas and complete practice tests which all align with the SAT.

**Class of 2021**

Careers, Careers, Careers!!!! The Sophomores attended an information meeting presented by the Columbus and Delaware Area Career Centers. Students, if they signed up, will get to go on a field trip to the career centers to look at their programs.

Did you know?

Many of the programs that are offered at the career center participate in College Credit Plus (CCP) where students earn college credit.

**Class of 2022**

Freshman year is an adjustment period but not any less important as the other three years. Make sure you work with your teachers to establish good study skill habits, organizational skills, and how to advocate for yourself.

The foundation you build now as a freshman will pave the way for success in the coming years of high school.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

Mental health is prevalent in society and our community. Establishing healthy coping skills is necessary. Students should work with their school counselor and teachers to implement coping skills when it is needed.

Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and Miami University have partnered for Project AWARE Ohio. [Click here](#) for information on the Collaborations between School and Home when it comes to Mental Health Diagnoses.