



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



Hello Warrior families! We have officially made it through semester 1 of the 2018-2019 school year!!! The second half of the year will move just as quickly, please make sure you check the school's website, are signed up for your child's grade level REMIND, and stay in touch with teachers and the counselors to have the most up-to-date information. We hope everyone has a wonderful 2nd semester.

Julie Taylor (A-D) [Cohort 2019 Remind](#)  
Melissa Simashkevich (E-K) [Cohort 2020 Remind](#)  
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## Mark Your Calendar!

- Community Scholarships Due: **January 11**
- No School: **Jan. 21, Feb. 8 & 18**
- One (1) Hour Release: **Jan. 31 & Mar. 14**
- Students receive Scheduling Sheets: **Jan. 23**
- Academic Info Night & Activity Fair: **January 30**
- Getting Ahead of the Game: **Feb. 6 @ 6:30pm (10th and 11th graders)**
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: **February 6 & 7**
- Last Day of the 3rd Quarter: **March 8**
- Spring Break: **March 25 - 29**
- CCP Intent to Participate Forms Due: **April 5**

\* Check North's announcements posted on the website to see when the evening activities start

## 2nd Nine Weeks Updates

- Westerville North, along with the support of the Social Studies department hosted their 2nd annual Veterans Day Assembly.
- Challenge Day was held on November 14th. We had a total of 100 students who collaborated and worked together to build unity and find ways among their peers to support one another.
- Sophomores, who had signed up, completed a field trip to the Delaware and Columbus Area Career Centers to look at future pathways and the many programs the career centers have to offer our students.
- The counselors continue to hold Workshop Wednesday's where seniors can 'walk-in' to receive help with college applications, Naviance, and any other support needed in the college application process.
- Many students completed Ohio State Test's (OST), which is one way a student can meet the pathways for graduation beyond the 20 credit requirement.
- Westerville North once again collected for Caring and Sharing, an organization helping Westerville families, and collected a total of \$10,001. With this, we provided gifts for 100 Westerville students.

*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.*



## Looking Head

- Scheduling will kick off in the month of January. Students should start having conversations with teachers and parents about their 2019-2020 courses. Students should make sure they know what they are signing up for and the prerequisites for each of the courses. Students will need a minimum of 5 classes no matter if they are an athlete or not. Students should also make sure they are meeting graduation requirements with the courses they select to take. Here are the [Ohio Graduation Requirements](#) based on student cohort. Once we leave for summer vacation no schedule changes will be made. Here is a [link](#) for acceptable schedule changes.
- Cohort 2019: Community Scholarships will be due **JANUARY 11th** no later than 3pm. Students can access the community scholarships through the [Westerville City Schools District](#) website..
- Cohort 2020: The entire class of 2020 will be taking the SAT for free on March 6th. You can have your scores sent to 5 colleges for free. Start thinking of where you might want to apply to college. Students have access to their PSAT scores through CollegeBoard and should utilize Khan Academy to prepare for the upcoming SAT test.
- The counselors will be meeting with every Junior and Sophomore student in the coming months to review their PSAT scores from when they tested in October. Students will also learn how to utilize CollegeBoard's Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a tutorial that tailors the content to help students based on their PSAT and SAT scores.
- The CollegeSmith's will be hosting a 2-day SAT workshop for any student who is interested. To register for the workshop please follow the steps to register that can be found on their [flier](#). The deadline to register and pay the fee is February 1st. Seats are on a first come first served basis.
- Anyone interested in taking CCP courses for the 19-20 school year must submit an Intent to Participate form no later than April 5th. This is a state mandated requirement; any form that is submitted after this date will need to go through the appeal process. To obtain the Intent to Participate form, please watch this [video](#). CCP has many deadlines, make sure you stay informed on the requirements in order to participate in this opportunity. See your counselor as soon as possible if you have any questions.

## Mental Health

With the winter months upon us, the winter blues can become prevalent. It is important to know your resources. Here is a [link](#) to resources for suicide prevention, teen violence, child abuse/neglect, exc. If you or someone you know is in immediate danger you should always call 9-1-1 right away.

Students and families are able to access the Westerville Area Resource Ministry ([W.A.R.M](#)) should you need food or clothing.