

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS NEWSLETTER



September 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please click on the links for additional details:

- 9/1 Parent Leadership Series: [Harlan Cohen's 5 Simple Rules](#)
- 9/7 [Give Back Careers](#) Information Meeting from 6-7 pm at WAHS—Library
- 9/15 [Financial Aid Overview](#) Presentation (English) from 6-7 pm at WAHS—Library
- 9/15 [Financial Aid Overview](#) Presentation (Spanish) from 6-7 pm at WAHS—Library
- 9/19 [StriveScan 6X6 Virtual College Fair](#) From 2:00 pm—4:45 pm
- 9/20 [StriveScan 6X6 Virtual College Fair](#) From 5:00 pm—7:45 pm
- 9/29 [FSA ID Workshop](#) for seniors held in the College & Career Readiness Center (CCRC) during Lunch/ Study Hall periods

Career Cluster of the Month

Stay Tuned for Next Month's Featured Cluster!



Check out the recordings of last year's featured clusters!

Law and Public Safety Panel

<https://youtu.be/5v2Wapfwag4>

Arts, A/V Technology, and Communication

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzYKIJQSQeM>

Finance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qu5attS7pAU>

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H09baobdoU>

Architecture and Construction Panel



College and Career Readiness Center

CCRC Services

Please click on this [LINK](#) for services provided.

CCRC Hours

West Aurora High School College and Career Readiness Center

Sue Pender, College and Career Coordinator
(303) 505-6664
spender@sd129.org

Hours:
Monday-Friday—Periods 1, 2, 3, and 7 (Drop-in, No appointment needed)
Tuesday-Thursday—Periods 1, 2, 3, and 8 (By appointment) Appointment link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical>

Katie Johnson, Career Liaison
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Hours:
Monday-Friday—Periods 5, 6, and 7 (Drop-in, No appointment needed)
Tuesday-Thursday—Period 8 (By appointment)
Appointment link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical>

Open CCRC Hours: Students may drop in for support for college and career assistance Monday-Friday, during periods 6, 7, in addition to Ms. Pender and Ms. Johnson, Career Work from Home (Offsite Student Assistance Coordinator), and counselor interns will be available to answer questions. Stay tuned for important announcements regarding guest speakers, college pop ups, and special events through the CCRC.

Assessment News

The PSAT/NMSQT, will take place on Wednesday, October 13, during the regular school day, periods 1-5. PSAT/NMSQT is an **optional test** open to WAHS **juniors and sophomores**. This test can help prepare students for the SAT. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Once we are full, students will be put on a waitlist. **Registration is open** and will end once we are full or by September 10. The test fee is \$20 (fee waivers for those who qualify). Register online, only, at www.totalregistration.net/PSAT/140185. Email lmunsonrodriguez@sd129.org with questions.

Blackhawk Ready!

Get Involved!

- ⇒ A list of our **club offerings** can be found here: <https://westhigh.sd129.org/students/clubs-activities>
- ⇒ A list of our **athletic offerings** can be found here: <https://il.8to18.com/westaurora>

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Virtual College Events

[StriveScan 6X6 Virtual College Fair](#)

Naviance's *College Homepage* features many virtual events and programs. There are a variety of sessions from many colleges/universities across the nation under [College Events](#).

Check out IACAC 's (Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling) [Virtual College Exploration Program Recordings](#). There are over 375 sessions by colleges from 44 states and 13 countries.

College and Career Readiness Resources

Naviance Student: *What is Naviance?*
A comprehensive web-based tool for college, career & success planning.
***Every student in grades 6-12 has a Naviance account.**

[How to log in \(Click Here\)](#)

[How to Locate Scholarships \(Click Here\)](#)

[ISAC Student Portal](#) has everything you need to know about financial aid information, college & career planning, and scholarships!

COUNSELING CORNER!

Check-out the part-time job opportunities at the link below:

[Part-Time Job Opportunities](#)

The Counseling Department would like to offer a sincere welcome back to all of our students. We have missed you and are excited to have you all together again! Please take care of yourselves so you can be the best student you can be! A good night's sleep, eating healthy, and staying positive can do wonders in helping you be your best! We know you can do it! Have a great start to the school year and reach out if you need anything at all!