

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS NEWSLETTER



January 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6th: Welcome Back!
- January 11th: Scholarship Workshop
CCRC—3-4:30 pm
- January 12th: SAT Boot Camp #1 (Wednesday's Session)
A216/A218—5-7 pm
- January 15th: SAT Boot Camp #1 (Saturday's Session)
A216/A218—9-11 am
- January 18th: College & Career Fair
Red/Vet Field Houses/Main Gym—9-11 am
- January 19th: SAT Boot Camp #2 (Wednesday's Session)
A216/A218—5-7 pm
- January 22nd: SAT Boot Camp #2 (Saturday's Session)
A216/A218—9-11 am
- January 26th: SAT Boot Camp #3 (Wednesday's Session)
A216/A218—5-7 pm
- January 29th: SAT Boot Camp #3 (Saturday's Session)
A216/A218—9-11 am

Career Exploration

[Career Planning with Naviance](#)

[Career Planning Reference Guide](#)

[ISBE Career Guide](#)

[Getting Started in an Apprenticeship Program](#)



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

Don Piro, College and Career Coordinator
(708) 955-4544
dp@westaurorahs.org

Hours:
Monday-Friday—Periods 4, 5, and 7 (Drop-in, No appointment needed)
Tuesday-Thursday—Periods 1, 2, 3, and 8 (By appointment) Appointment link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar?hl=en&ical=ccrc@westaurorahs.org>

Katie Johnson, Career Liaison
(708) 955-4762
kjohnson@westaurorahs.org

Hours:
Monday-Friday—Periods 4, 5, and 7 (Drop-in, No appointment needed)
Tuesday-Thursday—Period 8 (By appointment)
Appointment link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar?hl=en&ical=ccrc@westaurorahs.org>

Open CCRC Hours: Students may drop in for support for college and career assistance Monday-Friday, during periods 4, 5, and 7. In addition to Ms. Piro and Ms. Johnson, Career Work from GRC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission), and counselor interns will be available to answer questions. Stay tuned for important announcements regarding guest speakers, college rep visits, and special events through the CCRC.

Assessment News

ACCESS Testing for all EL's will begin in **late January**. Details will be shared with students after the winter break.

PSAT/SAT School Day Testing will be April 13 for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The SAT School Day Test is an Illinois graduation requirement for all juniors. Be sure to setup your online College Board account at www.collegeboard.org, so that you have access to your scores. See Mrs. Munson-Rodriguez in the Nexus for assistance.

Blackhawk Ready!

Our first **Blackhawk Ready Day** was successful! Students were engaged in learning about all of the opportunities we have here at West to prepare them to be college, career and life ready. Conversations and dialogue between staff and students were had all over the building between students about which courses to take, what they learned etc. We took a huge step forward in helping the students to become more informed in order to advocate for their own education and prepare for life after high school.

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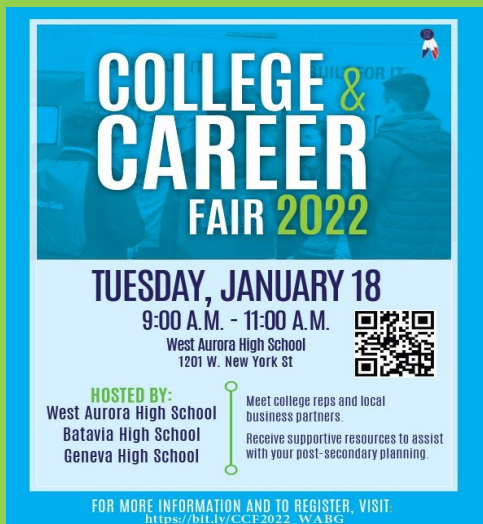


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Virtual and In-Person College and Career Events

College & Career Fair at West Aurora High School
[Register Here.](#)



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](#)

Welcome back, Blackhawks. The counseling department hopes you had a restful break and have spent time taking care of yourself and re-charging for 2nd semester. **Course selection begins this month** and postcards were mailed home with your appointment date and time. Have a great start to the semester!