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SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Wisconsin Dells High School

From the Counselors

We hope your final year of high school is off to a great start. Many of you have been busy narrowing down your post-secondary choices. If you have questions or need help, stop in and schedule an appointment to meet with your counselor. We can help you:

- Explore options
- Assess your strengths and weaknesses
- Sort through colleges and tech schools

Senior Meetings

Mrs. Cummings has been meeting with seniors whose last names begin with A-K, and Mrs. Leaf has been meeting with seniors whose last names begin with L-Z. Senior meetings are a time to go over your transcript and credits needed for graduation, entrance requirements for post-secondary institutions, explore college and career options, talk about scholarships and discuss financial aid. We look forward to meeting with you soon, if we have not already.

College & Military Representatives

Throughout the course of the year, various representatives from colleges, technical schools, and the armed services will visit our school. They will be set up at a booth outside the cafeteria during both lunches. Please stop by and ask questions of the representatives. They are a great resource to learn more about post-secondary options!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Most 4-year universities require the ACT or SAT, and many technical colleges require the ACCUPLACER test. Madison College (MATC) now accepts the ACT and does NOT require the ACCUPLACER test. Make sure to check the website of the school you plan on applying to, to determine which entrance exam you will need to take.

If you are unhappy with your ACT score, the **deadline to register for the December 14th test is November 8th.** If you have any questions, please stop in the Counseling Office or visit **act.org.**

WI Students Go 2 College Campaign

The counselors will be assisting seniors in exploring post-secondary options and preparing college applications, with the goal of having every senior complete at least one college application (technical, 2-year, or 4-year college). College application completion week will take place in ASP from October 21-24. Please plan to participate in this event if you have not yet completed a college application, or you have questions about a current application you are working on.

The ACT/ETS code for WDHS is 502 560
(Most college applications ask for this)

Important Dates for Seniors

- **Sept/Oct- Senior meetings with counselors (packet of information to be brought home after meeting**
    - credit check for graduation
    - senior plan
    - post-secondary planning
    - financial aid

  Many colleges accept applications through December or even later but you increase your chances of acceptance by turning in applications early. Seniors should check with their counselor or the college website as to specific application deadlines at different colleges.

- **October 7- Financial Aid Night (can apply as early as October 1).**
  We will host a Financial Aid Information Meeting on Monday October 7 at 6pm in the Band Room to help you get started. A representative from UW-Platteville/Baraboo/Sauk County will be our featured speaker and will cover the application process.

- **October 21- October 24th- Wisconsin Students Go 2 College Campaign**
  Counselors will be assisting students in completing college applications during ASP this week.

- **October-April Regional & National Scholarships become available**
    - Information on scholarships can be found through various sources. We recommend www.fastweb.com, which is free and very thorough. We will also start to compile a scholarship list as we become aware of scholarships. This list will be located on the senior bulletin board outside the Counseling Office, and will be shared monthly during ASP and via email.

- **December 14- ACT (deadline to sign up is November 8)**



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SCHOLARSHIPS

- AES Engineers Scholarship: www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm
    - Deadline to apply is October 6, 2019

- Americanism Programs & Scholarships through the American Legion: https://wilegion.org/page/content/programs/scholarships-and-awards

- Christian Connector Incorporated: www.christianconnector.com

- Coca-Cola Scholars: https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/
    - For students demonstrating leadership, commitment to community and academic achievement
    - Deadline to apply is October 31, 2019

- Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship: https://www.kohleducation.org/studentexcellence/
    - Based on academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement
    - Applications due by November 5, 2019

- Horatio Alger Scholarship: https://scholars.horatioalger.org/about-our-scholarship-programs/
    - For students who have shown integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity

- UW-Madison website offering a central resource where students and their parents can explore what scholarships are available at UW-Madison: wisc.academicworks.com

- Wisconsin Elk's Association: www.elks.org/enf/scholars
    - MVS scholarship deadline to apply is November 5, 2019
    - Legacy Awards application deadline is January 31, 2020
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- Sauk Columbia Society for Human Resource Management
    - Four $750 scholarships
    - See your counselor for more information
    - Deadline to apply is March 1, 2020

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