Senior Notes...

To-Do List

1. **UPDATE AND FINALIZE YOUR WHS TEACHER RECOMMENDATION/ACTIVITY SURVEY** - Without this finalized, your teachers will not write your letters of recommendation.

2. **CREATE YOUR COMMON APP ACCOUNT ASAP!**
   All students must create a Common Application account ASAP. It's quick, it's easy!
   Login at: *commonapp.org*

3. **REGISTER FOR ANY LAST SATs/ACTs ASAP.**
   **** See reverse for a complete schedule of all college tests. ****

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4. **COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES** – Be aware of all of your college application deadlines. *For **EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS**, see your counselor immediately to discuss your plan.*

5. **COLLEGE ESSAY** – Reminder, work with your English teacher to put final revisions together.

6. **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS** – Consult your **WHS COLLEGE GUIDE**. Reminder to read over information and follow process. A **SENIOR PACKET** will be distributed at your senior conference with your counselor. When you apply, **BE SURE** to submit a **College Application Communication Form** to your counselor (and additionally indicate in Naviance the schools you applied to).

7. **COLLEGE PLANS** - Add the schools you are applying to *"Colleges I'm Applying To"* in Naviance.

8. **SUNY AND CUNY APPLICATIONS** – Available online. You are strongly encouraged to use the Common App where applicable for SUNY and CUNY schools.

9. **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** – You should begin exploring scholarships as soon as your college applications are complete. Counselors will push into your English classes in January but feel free to start searching with them anytime. You will submit all college scholarship information (even if it is not your college of choice) through the Naviance *"Graduation Survey"* in May. Information provided will be used for the Awards Dinner and Graduation Programs.

10. **VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN** – These are announced after the first semester.
    We do not rank. We calculate percentile ranking. See your counselor.

11. **SENIOR EXPERIENCE** – The Senior Experience offers our 12th grade students an outstanding opportunity to explore their career interests in real world settings. During the last quarter of senior year, students are encouraged to seek out an internship experience that they will attend in place of their daily school schedule. In addition to the internship, they also choose a school-based mentor that they meet with weekly to discuss their progress. The Senior Experience culminates in a final presentation and project about their internship.

An invitation will be mailed to you for your individual Senior Conference.

COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAM FOR 2025 – 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Registration for **SAT I** and **ACT** are done online at collegeboard.com or act.org
2. Consult websites for the nearest test location.
3. Westlake High School's SCHOOL CODE is: **3 3 5 5 6 3**.

+ Different tests are required by different colleges; in addition, specific tests may be more beneficial to certain students than others. For assistance in determining what test to take please contact your counselor.

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT)

2025- 2026 TESTING DATES

September	**6**	**2025**
October	**18**	**2025**
December	**13**	**2025**
February	**14**	**2026**
April	**11**	**2026**
June	**13**	**2026**
July	**11**	**2026**

EXPLANATION OF TESTS: (+)

ACT – American College Test for juniors & seniors.

PSAT I – Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test for sophomores and juniors.

SAT I – Scholastic Assessment Test for juniors & seniors.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

2025 – 2026 TESTING DATES

August	**23**	**2025**
September	**13**	**2025**
October	**4**	**2025**
November	**8**	**2025**
December	**6**	**2025**
March	**14**	**2026**
May	**2**	**2026**
June	**6**	**2026**

ADDITIONAL TESTING INFORMATION

PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
Testing date is **Saturday, October 11, 2025,** here at Westlake High School.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMINATIONS: ***May 4-8 and 11-15, 2026***

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL) – *See your Counselor.*
These tests are administered at National Sylvan Testing Centers and can be taken at any time during the year. This is a computer-based testing program. Information bulletins are available in the Guidance Office or online at www.ets.org/toefl.

ALL IDENTIFIED JUNIORS & SENIORS: *The SAT and ACT with special accommodations are available at Westlake. See your Counselor and Resource Room Teacher for details.*