



WSHS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

We are so excited to be back for the 2025-2026 School Year! Please email your counselor if you need support or guidance as we transition back to school- We are here for you!

Schoology

All schedules are posted on School Tool's Parent Portal page on the HS website. From the Portal, you will be able to see the student's full year schedule, as well as directly email the teachers. If you do not have a Portal account, please email TRohl@walkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Also, the counselors will be posting important information on Schoology such as college fairs, senior information, etc. Be sure to check your Schoology feed for announcements!



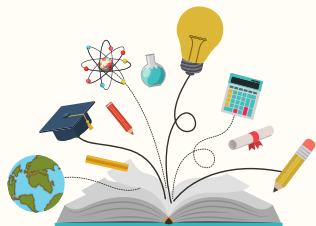
"BACK
TO
SCHOOL!"

CLASS OF 2026

The Counselors have started Senior Meetings. These meetings include transcript review, post-secondary plans, college application information, scholarship information and college visits (both in person and virtual)

College Process + FAFSA- Financial Aid Night

Do you want to learn more about the college process and financial aid? Come to our College Process + Financial Aid Night on November 4th from 6pm-8pm at the High School!



Free SUNY Application Week

SUNY Colleges are **FREE to apply to between October 20th and November 3rd**. You can apply to **up to 5 SUNY Campuses with no application fee!** This is a great opportunity to get applications in! A **QR Code** can be found at the end of the newsletter!

INSTANT ADMISSIONS

Walkkill Senior High School will host its Annual Instant Admissions Event this November! Instant Admissions is an event where students have the opportunity to meet with different college admissions representatives and receive an immediate admissions decision!

*** Applications MUST be submitted prior to this event! ***

This will take place November 4th, 5th, and 6th !

* COLLEGE VISITS *

The Counseling Dept. has booked many colleges/universities to meet with students in the high school. Juniors and Seniors are highly encouraged to join these College Visits. Check Naviance daily for updates on these visits!!!

Directions to Participate:

1. Log into your Chromebook and 365
2. On the top left hand corner, click the little folder and drop down to NAVIANCE
3. Use CLEVER as single sign on and no password is needed
4. Naviance Homepage
5. See "What's New"
6. Register to meet with college
7. Save the date on your calendar! If you have a class during the same time as your visit with the college, let your teacher know.

CLASS OF 2027: PSAT Information

The PSAT will be held:

- **Saturday, October 11th, 2025**
7:00am-11:30am
- **Payment will be \$20 (and brought to the counseling office)**

To practice for the PSAT, you can use:

- Khan Academy:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
- College Board Practice Tests
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/practice/practice-tests>

The PSAT/NMSQT is now being administered DIGITALLY. This NEW digital format will provide an overall easier testing experience for our students and prepare them for the digital SAT they may take in the future.

We have outlined required steps to become prepared for the test. We highly recommend students to follow this checklist (outlined below) and attend the readiness-check sessions.





PSAT Readiness Checklist



Bluebook Introduction / Digital Readiness Check

Registration Information

3 **Required** Steps Outlined Here:

1. **Students MUST create a College Board account.**

Link: [How do I create a College Board account?](#)

2. Students **MUST also register at the guidance office by Monday, October 6th, 2025.**

The **fee for this test is \$20.00.**

Payment should be made through a personal check, cash, or money order. Please make checks payable to WSHS, with "PSAT- your child's name" in the memo section and **return to the guidance office by 10/06/2025.**

3. **A Digital Readiness check must be completed prior to testing.** Please go to <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt> for more information.

Counselors will be available to help students create an account and introduce them to Bluebook on September 24th and 26th during lunch periods 4-8 during the digital readiness check. This is the program that is used to take the PSAT.

Terminology To Know!

Associate's Degree:

2 year school

Ex: SUNY Ulster, Orange, or Dutchess

Bachelor's Degree:

4 year school

Ex: SUNY New Paltz, Marist, Mount St. Mary

Master's Degree:

Usually a total of 6 years of school; 2 years after your bachelor's degree

Major/Minor:

Your concentration(s) of study during college

Early Decision:

A legally binding agreement that if you are accepted to that college, you must go and rescind all other applications

Early Action:

You apply to the colleges early (October) and find out if you are accepted early

CLASS OF 2028

Transcripts and GPA

It is NEVER too early to start looking at your transcripts and working on your GPA. Your transcript and GPA are important for:

- Improving your chances of getting into a college of your choice.
- Getting into AP (Advance Placement classes), ADV, and college level classes that will further boost your GPA.
- Getting a job after high school.
- Receiving scholarships.

If you want to know your GPA and/or get a copy of your transcript, reach out to your School Counselor!



CLASS OF 2029

Tips for our new class!

We know that starting high school can be a big (and sometimes overwhelming) transition, but we want you to feel welcome and prepared! Our tips will help you navigate your new school life!

- Never be afraid to reach out for help from a trusted adult in the building.
- Engage in your class discussions; this helps the teachers to get to know you and helps you to make the most out of your learning!
- Keep an eye out for any extracurricular activities!
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of your classes and all due dates.
- Keep your workspace clean
- Show up for ALL of your classes.
- Make memories and have fun!

APPLY TO SUNY FOR FREE

Oct. 20 - Nov. 3

Apply to up to **5 SUNY campuses**
with no application fee.



suny.edu/apply