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WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 12:** Scholarship Parent Workshop from 6:30-7:30pm (more info to come)
- **February 12:** Parent & Student C-Tech and New Visions Information Night (more info to come)
- **February 16 & 17:** No School
- **February 19:** Elective Expo (Auditorium lobby)
- **March 3:** BOCES Career Tech/New Visions visitation day. (PERMISSION SLIPS ARE MANDATORY)
- **March 6:** 5-Week marking period ends
- **March 30:** Spring Recess begins
- **April 7:** Local scholarship deadline
- **April 23:** WSHS College & Career Fair (Students only)
- **April 23:** Orange County Counselor Association College Fair from 6-8pm @ SUNY Orange (Parents & Students)

ELECTIVE EXPO

On February 19, the Counseling Office is hosting the Elective Expo in the Auditorium Lobby. Students will visit the expo during their Social Studies class.

During the Expo, students can visit different tables to learn more about elective course offerings.

Electives offered include Music, Art, Psychology, Technology, Career Tech at BOCES, Coding, and Creative Writing ADV.

When students meet with their school counselor for their academic planning meeting, they will finalize their course selections for next school year.

HOMEWORK LAB SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Math: Andryshak - RM. 210

ELA: Lugo - RM. 111

Science: Ellis/Ferraiolo - RM. 226

Social Studies: Lapolla - RM. 108

WEDNESDAY

Math: Donahue - RM. 216

ELA: Destefano - RM. 109

Science: Malgieri/Andolino - RM. 211

Social Studies: Lapolla - RM. 108

TUESDAY

Math: Tuttle/ Barnes - RM. 215

ELA: Chun - RM. 127

Science: Taylor/Ramos - RM. 220

Social Studies: Perry - RM. 108

THURSDAY

Math: Tierney - RM. 209

ELA: Williams - RM. 201

Science: Winrow - RM. 221

Social Studies: Perry - RM. 108

CLASS OF 2026

Scholarships: In January, counselors presented a lesson on the Scholarship Search in senior English classes. Naviance is your resource to find both local and national scholarships. To search for scholarships, log into your Naviance account and follow these steps:

Local Scholarships

- Click on the "Colleges" tab at the top right of the home page
- Find "Scholarships and Money"
- Next, find "Scholarship Search" and click on it
- Here you will find both Local and Regional Scholarships

National Scholarships

- Click on the "Colleges" tab at the top right of the home page
- Find "Scholarships and Money"
- Next, find "National Scholarship Search" and click on it
- Fill out the questions so they can narrow down the search for you and click enter
- Additionally, students can search for national scholarship opportunities using online platforms such as Google, Fastweb, and the College Board

Reminder: reputable scholarships **will not** ask for your social security number or credit card info

Mid-year reports will be sent to colleges in mid-February.

CLASS OF 2027

Junior Meetings: Counselors will be meeting individually with junior students to discuss scheduling for next school year, post-secondary plans, and the college process. Topics will include:

- Transcript review
- College application process
- Scholarships
- Letters of recommendation
- SAT/ACT

Parents are invited to join this meeting. If you would like a zoom invitation, please email Ms. Brouard at DBrouard@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us or Mrs. Marvulli at AMarvulli@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Last month counselors visited classrooms to discuss the PSAT and college planning process

SAT PREP CLASSES

MATH – MONDAYS in RM. 216 from 2:30-4:00 PM with Ms. Barnes

ENGLISH – WEDNESDAYS in RM. 104 from 2:30-4:00 PM with Ms. Werlau)

Be sure to sign up in advance with Ms. Barnes or Ms. Werlau on Schoology!

DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS, THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT...

- Went into classrooms in grades 9-12 to introduce Naviance, a college and career readiness software utilized by WSHS, and counselors facilitated grade-level appropriate assessments for all students.
 - **9th graders** completed the Achieveworks Personality inventory which suggests career clusters based on personality type
 - **10th graders** completed the Career Interest Profiler, an assessment which allows students to analyze their own interests and then pairs the results with potential career matches and provides support with resume writing.
 - **11th graders** completed the SuperMatch College Search, which narrows down potential college choices using criteria that matters to the student (location, major, size of the school, admission GPA, Athletics, On Campus housing, etc).
 - **12th graders** updated their college application status indicators and went through the local and national scholarship search.

CLASS OF 2028

Career Tech at Ulster BOCES:

The Career & Technical Center at Ulster BOCES offers dozens of high-tech training programs for high school juniors and seniors. The wide range of programs help students gain valuable skills and can lead to in-demand jobs after graduation.

There is a Parent & Student Information Night on **February 16th** for anyone looking to get more information about the Career & Technical Center programs at BOCES.

(More information to come)

There is a visitation day scheduled for March 3rd, where all prospective sophomores can attend the BOCES campus and visit two programs of their choice.

After your child attends the trip, they will be given a QR code where they **submit their program interest by Tuesday, March 24.**

CLASS OF 2029

Counselor Meetings:

Soon you will be meeting with your school counselor to talk about:

- How your first year has been going
- Electives scheduling
- Graduation requirements
- 4-year academic planning
- Post-secondary opportunities



National School Counseling Week



- **National School Counseling Week, sponsored by American School Counseling Association, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve academic success and plan for a career.**
- **The NSCW is celebrated from February 2nd-6th this year.**
- **The Wallkill Senior High School Counseling Department is proud to celebrate this week with our school community!**

Ulster BOCES Career & Technical Center

- **Parent & Student Information night:** February 12th 6pm-8pm (Snow day: February 19th)
- **Student Visitation Trip:** March 3rd (Permission slips required)

See your school counselor to attend

WHERE: Ulster BOCES Career & Technical Center 319 Broadway, Port Ewen, NY 12466

For more information visit ulsterboces.org

Find "Students Of All Ages" Find and click "CTE Course Descriptions"

Here you will find more information about Career & Technical Education

