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WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELING OFFICE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 13:** BOCES Visitation Day for Sophomores
- **March 30:** Spring recess begins
- **April 7:** Local Scholarship deadline
- **April 10:** Quarter 3 ends
- **April 23:** WSHS College & Career Fair (*for students only*)
- **April 23:** Orange County Counselor Association College Fair from 6-8pm @ SUNY Orange (*for parents and students*)

***Please note: The BOCES Visitation field trip has been rescheduled for Friday, March 13.***

***Sophomore students will visit BOCES in the morning on this day.***

## COLLEGE FAIRS

TWO GREAT EVENTS!

The Wallkill Counseling Department will be hosting it's annual College & Career Fair on April 23!

This event is being held in-person for students only during the school day, from 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Over 50 colleges will be represented as well as military branches, union apprenticeship programs, technical schools and other career opportunities.

This event is focused on Juniors, but all grade levels are welcome to attend!



Orange County Counselor Association (OCCA) will also be hosting a College Fair on April 23!

This event will take place in the SUNY Orange Physical Education Building from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.

**Parents/guardians are welcome to attend!**

Meet with over 100 College Admissions Representatives!

## 4 year College Bound Students

- Students planning to apply to four-year colleges during their senior year should aim to be on track for the Advanced Regents Diploma.
- Generally, to earn the Advanced Regents Diploma, students need to complete Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, as well as three years of a foreign language.
- Please meet with your counselor for options.

## CLASS OF 2026

### Scholarships

Naviance is your go-to resource for finding local and national scholarships. To search for scholarships, log in to 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 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

**\*\*Deadline for local scholarships is April 7th at 3pm\*\***

**Midyear reports to colleges were sent out in mid-February**

## CLASS OF 2027

### Junior Meetings

Counselors have begun meeting one-on-one with every junior to discuss scheduling for next school year, post-secondary plans, and the college process.

Information covered during this meeting includes:

- Transcript review
- College application process
- Scholarships
- Letters of recommendation

***Parents/guardians are also invited to join this meeting via Zoom or in person.***

**If you have any questions or need further assistance, please reach out to your counselor.**

#### SAT PREP Classes:

**SAT Math:** Mondays in RM 216 - Ms. Barnes

**SAT English:** Wednesdays in RM104 - Ms. Werlau  
**2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

***For more information, please reach out to Ms. Barnes or Ms. Werlau on Schoology***



## DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT...



- **Began one-on-one meetings with every student in the junior class to prepare for the upcoming year. Each meeting includes a transcript review, course planning to ensure student success, discussions about post-secondary goals, and an overview of the college application process (including the Common App, Naviance, SATs, letters of recommendation, and scholarships)**
- **On February 12, Mr. Derisse, Mrs. Reid Apronti, Mrs. Marvulli, and Ms. Brouard hosted a parent-student Scholarship Information Night designed to provide families with valuable guidance on navigating the scholarship application process. This event offered an overview of available local, state, and national scholarship opportunities, important deadlines, and eligibility requirements.**

***(If you missed the workshop, the PowerPoint presentation is posted on the school website under the Counseling Department tab. Click "Financial Aid & Scholarship Info")***

- **On February 19, the Counseling Department hosted the Elective Expo, an event designed to help students explore a wide range of elective course options as they prepare to plan their schedules for the upcoming school year. During the expo, various departments showcased their programs, provided hands-on demonstrations, and answered questions about course content, expectations, and potential career pathways connected to each subject area.**



## CLASS OF 2028

### Sophomore Meetings:

This month, counselors will begin one-on-one meetings with sophomores to review transcripts, assist with course selection, and discuss Career and Technical Education opportunities at BOCES.

### BOCES Trip:

**Please note: The BOCES Visitation trip has been rescheduled for Friday, March 13. Sophomore students will visit BOCES in the morning on this day.**

There is a visitation day 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.



## CLASS OF 2029



### Freshman Meetings:

This month, counselors will begin one-on-one meetings with freshmen to discuss:

- How your first year has been going
- Scheduling for next year
- Graduation requirements
- Four-year academic planning
- NCAA

***If you have any questions for your counselor, this meeting is a great opportunity to ask them and get to know your counselor better.***



## PARENT PORTAL ON SCHOOLTOOL

*Tired of waiting for the mail?  
Progress reports mysteriously disappearing?*

**Sign up for Parent Portal on SchoolTool! The Wallkill Central School District now provides parents with the benefit of password-protected online access to their child's marking period grades, schedule, and attendance information.**

**The District is making this available in an effort to improve communications about your students progress to date.**

***Need additional support?***

**Contact WCS D regarding Parent Portal matters: [wcsdparent@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:wcsdparent@wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us)**

## ELECTIVE EXPO

