



THE COUNSELING CONNECTION



NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2026

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Need an appointment with your school counselor?

Send your counselor an email or come down to the Counseling Center to schedule your appointment!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2026

William Floyd High School

October 17, 2026

PSAT @ WFHS

REGISTER FOR THE EXAM IN THE MAIN OFFICE.
THE COST IS \$15.00

FREE APPLICATIONS: OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

- ADELPHI, HOFSTRA, NYIT, PACE: 10/1 - 10/31
- MOLLOY UNIVERSITY: 10/1 - 11/16
- ITHACA COLLEGE: 10/1 - 11/30
- CUNY: 10/15 - 11/16
- SUNY: 10/19 - 11/2
- RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (RPI):
APPLY BY 12/1

November 7, 2026

SAT @ WFHS

REGISTER FOR THE EXAM ON
<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

*ASK YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU
QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER!

October 19 - November 2, 2026

COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK

Periods 3-8

SCHOOL COUNSELORS WILL BE PROVIDING
ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE COLLEGE
APPLICATIONS IN THE COUNSELING CENTER.

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN THE COUNSELING
CENTER TO PARTICIPATE.

November 12, 2026

ON-SITE ADMISSIONS

Counseling Center & South Lobby

MEET WITH AN ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE FROM
VARIOUS COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES.

YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH
ANY ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE.

*IF YOU QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION, YOU MAY BE
ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT!

- NOVEMBER 12TH - SOUTH LOBBY & COUNSELING
CENTER
- DEC 18TH NURSING SUFFOLK ONLY - LGI
- FEB 10TH SUFFOLK - COUNSELING CENTER/LGI



STAY IN THE LOOP, COLONIALS!



CONNECT WITH US ON STUDENT SQUARE

Download StudentSquare today from the App Store or Google Play to stay connected and organized all year long.

- Receive real-time announcements, track upcoming events,
- Message your teachers directly from your phone.

It's your all-in-one hub for school news, athletics, and updates so you never miss a beat!

1. Download the App

2. Sign In with Google: Tap "Sign in with Google" and enter your school email (@wfsd.k12.ny.us) and password.

3. Confirm & Set Up: Verify your profile — your classes and clubs will auto-sync. Then choose your alert preferences in settings.

Need Help? Contact the WFSd Tech Help Desk at (631) 874-1733 if you have trouble logging in.

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SAT

Upcoming SAT Dates:

- November 7th 2026
- December 5th 2026

To register for the SAT, visit:
www.collegeboard.org



ACT

Upcoming ACT Dates:

- October 17th 2026
- December 12th 2026
- February 27th 2027

To register for the ACT, visit:
www.act.org



**Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for fee waivers for both the SAT & ACT. See your counselor for more information!*

Free Test Prep:

www.KhanAcademy.org
www.CollegeBoard.org
www.kaptest.com

Google Classroom

Seniors: Join our Google Classroom!

Our Google Classroom has valuable information on the college application process as well as Naviance, Financial Aid, and numerous upcoming events such as, college visits, On-Site Admissions and College Application Week.

You can enter directly through Google Classroom using the Class Code: 52ynrx

or scan the QR Code below:

Information will also be sent on ParentSquare.

SENIORS - Be sure to be active on StudentSquare!



Be sure you are using your wfsd.k12.ny.us account

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SCHOOLINKS

SCHOOLINKS IS A MODERN COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLATFORM THAT ASSISTS STUDENTS WITH ALIGNING THEIR INTERESTS AND STRENGTHS WITH POSTSECONDARY GOALS.

SENIORS –

- MATCH YOUR SCHOOLINKS AND COMMON APP ACCOUNTS
- MANAGE APPLICATIONS & FINALIZE COLLEGE LISTS
- SEND LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS

BE SURE TO SCHEDULE YOUR SENIOR CONFERENCE

DID YOU KNOW – SCHOOLINKS FEATURES A "COLLEGE MATCH" GAME THAT USES YOUR ACTUAL GPA AND TEST SCORES. SENIORS CAN SWIPE RIGHT OR LEFT ON COLLEGES TO INSTANTLY COMPARE SCATTERGRAMS SHOWING THEIR PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE LIKELIHOOD BASED ON REAL ADMISSIONS DATA FROM PAST SENIORS AT THEIR OWN HIGH SCHOOL!

WHERE CAN I FIND SCHOOLINKS?

SCHOOLINKS CAN BE FOUND THROUGH CLASSLINK.

FAFSA

THE **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)** IS A FREE GOVERNMENT FORM USED TO DETERMINE A STUDENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER SCHOOL, INCLUDING FEDERAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, WORK-STUDY, AND LOANS.

THE 2027–28 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) FORM IS AVAILABLE.

THE 2027–28 FORM CAN BE FOUND BY VISITING THE FAFSA WEBSITE:

[HTTPS://STUDENTAID.GOV/H/APPLY-FOR-AID/FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE HELPFUL RESOURCES TO HELP WITH FAFSA IN THE SENIOR GOOGLE CLASSROOM!

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COLLEGE APPLICATION FAQ

YOU ASKED – WE ANSWERED

Q: What is the difference between Early Decision (ED) and Early Action (EA)?

A: The main difference lies in binding commitment:

- Early Decision (ED): Binding. If accepted, you **MUST** attend that college and withdraw all other applications. You may only apply to one school ED.
- Early Action (EA): Non-binding. You receive an early decision from the college but still have until May 1st to decide and compare offer letters.

Q: How do "Test-Optional" admissions policies work?

A: Test-optional means you choose whether or not to submit SAT or ACT scores with your application. If you choose not to submit scores, your application will be evaluated based on other factors like GPA, course rigor, essays, and recommendation letters without penalty.

- Send them: If your score lands in or above that middle range, submit it—it works in your favor.
- Skip them: If your score falls below that range, leave it off.



Have more questions?

- Schedule a senior conference appointment and we'll sit down 1-on-1 to review the college application process.
- Send us an email, message on Student Square or schedule a follow-up appointment for more support!

Clubs & Athletics

FALL 2026

ART CLUB
ART HONOR SOCIETY
BIBLE CLUB
BILLY FLOYD'S CLOSET
BOOK CLUB
BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY
BUSINESS SERVICE CLUB
CHAMBER CHOIR - ACABELLAS
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
CHAMBER PLAYERS
CHESS CLUB
COLONIAL ENTREPRENEURS
COSMETOLOGY CLUB
CTE (CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION) CLUB
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB
FILM CLUB
FITNESS CLUB
FLOYD TUTORING PROGRAM
FOREIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY
FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA
GOSPEL CHOIR
HEALTHCARE CLUB
HISPANIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE
INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY
JAZZ BAND
JAZZ ENSEMBLE

JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL
LITERARY MAGAZINE
MARCHING BAND
MEDICAL CLUB
MODEL UNITED NATIONS CLUB
MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY CLUB
NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE
NYS SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY
ROBOTICS
ROCKETTES
SCIENCE QUIZ BOWL
SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL
SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL
VOCAL ENSEMBLE SOUNDSATIONS
SOUND AND LIGHT
STEP SQUAD
STONY BROOK STEP
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TABLE TOP & GAMING CLUB
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CLUB
TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY
UNITY ALLIANCE (GSA)
YEARBOOK
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

UPCOMING WINTER SPORTS

BASKETBALL, CHEERLEADING, WRESTLING, TRACK, SWIMMING & BOWLING

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL ATHLETIC CALENDAR



TIPS FOR SUCCESS

BE YOUR BEST SELF



EXTRA HELP

AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS
EVERY MONDAY-THURSDAY

1:38pm-2:13pm



IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day of Q1 : 11/6

Last Day of Q2: 1/26



YES YOU CAN!

- SEEK HELP WHEN NEEDED
- STAY ORGANIZED
- STUDY
- GET INVOLVED
- TRY NEW THINGS
- DO YOUR BEST



TAKE CARE

Mental Health Support Resources

<https://www.wfsd.k12.ny.us/student-resources/mental-health-support-resources-students>

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Laura Nunziata- School Counselor

After starting out in the business world, 9/11 inspired Ms. Nunziata to change to a career where she could make a positive difference in people's lives. She went back to school to earn a Master's in School Counseling from LIU. She has been a counselor for 20 years and 13 of those years have been spent here, at William Floyd High School!

Favorite sports team: St. John's University Basketball

Favorite hobby: Visiting outdoor spots out east

Favorite place to vacation: Her dream vacation is Italy!

Favorite thing about being a counselor: Making connections with my students and watching them achieve their goals.

Favorite food: Pizza

Astrological sign: Aquarius

Favorite season: Fall



Mr. Timothy Lullo - English Teacher

After 26 years in education, Mr. Lullo believes that the most important key to success is keeping what truly matters at the forefront of everything you do. For him, nothing is more rewarding than building meaningful connections with students and watching them grow into their own success. He leans on his fellow colleagues and friends for support both inside and outside the classroom to keep everything afloat and balanced.

Favorite sports team: Yankees & Rangers

Favorite singer/band: The Grateful Dead

Favorite hobby: Fishing

Favorite place to vacation: Anywhere starting with "Saint"

Favorite food: Hot lobster roll and old bay fries



MEET THE EDITORS

Mrs. Lauren Gerstner

Thank you for reading The Counseling Connection! We hope you learned something new. This is my 6th year as a school counselor at William Floyd High School. My favorite part of being a school counselor is making connections with my students and watching them grow each year! The best part of my day is seeing my students and hearing about all the things they accomplish and are involved in.

Fun Fact: I have a 10 month old daughter named Avery!



Ms. Julia Scagluso

Hi everyone! This is my second school year at William Floyd High School, and I am so excited to be part of the Counseling Connection! One of my favorite parts of being a school counselor is building relationships with students, helping them recognize their strengths, and supporting them as they work towards their goals. I hope this newsletter helps you discover new opportunities, resources, and ways to get involved! Fun Fact: I grew up loving the performing arts. I danced for 12 years and was in chorus throughout high school!

