

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department February 2012

Selective Service Registration

A recent mailing from the Selective Service System's District of Massachusetts office requested that male students be informed of their responsibility to register for Selective Service. The letter states that, "By registering, the student maintains his eligibility for student loans, federally funded vocational training programs, and Civil Service employment opportunities." It explains, "By not registering, he is in violation of the law." The Guidance Department is alerting parents of male students 18 years of age or older, who may be applying for federally-sponsored financial aid programs, that the student must register for Selective Service. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) asks whether the student has registered with Selective Service. The student becomes ineligible for financial aid if he has not registered. A student may register for Selective Service online at: www.sss.gov.

Senior Parents

Winchester Scholarship Foundation Applications are available in the Guidance Department. Applications are due no later than May 15, 2012. Additional scholarship opportunities are available on Naviance.

Senior Mid-Year Grades

During the senior year, when a student requests that his/her transcript be sent to a college, the transcript of the first three years is sent to colleges. In February, after mid-year report cards have been issued, **a copy of the mid-year report is automatically sent to all colleges to which a senior has applied.** The mid-year report sent to the

colleges reflects **only the student's mid-year grades in each course.** Quarter grades, mid-year exam grades, and teacher comments are not included in the mid-year report. If a college requests to see the first quarter report card prior to mid-year reports, please see Mrs. Wilson in Guidance.

Sophomore Parents

An informative coffee for tenth grade parents was held in January. If you were unable to attend, please refer to the Guidance website for the information presented.

During the month of January and February, Guidance Counselors met with all tenth grade students. Students received their password for Naviance and completed the ***Do What You Are*** personality assessment. Using results from this assessment, students were then instructed on how to use the career exploration tools. Please review the results of these assessments on Naviance with your child as this is the first step in the postsecondary planning process.

Junior Parent Night

An informational meeting about the college selection process was held on January 31. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please refer to the guidance website for the information presented.

Guidance counselors met with all juniors during the week of January 23. Students received a yellow folder of information to help them begin their post secondary planning. If your student has misplaced their folder, a complete packet is available on the high school guidance website.