

# The Guide



## A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department September 2010

### 2010-2011 Guidance Counselor Assignments

Listed below are the counselor assignments, by grade, for the 2010-11 school year. While every effort is made to keep the same counselor assignment throughout the four years of high school, occasionally changes must be made to insure an equitable distribution of students among the counselors. Please contact Sherri Lewis-Sholler, Director of Guidance, if you have any questions regarding your son or daughter's counselor assignment.

#### **Grade 12: Class of 2011**

A - Colton:	Mrs. Roberts
Conley - Farrell:	Ms. Lewis-Sholler
Fay - Graffeo:	Mrs. Smith
Greaves - Mullane:	Mrs. Raneri
Murray - Schmidt:	Mrs. Johnson
Schwalbert - Z:	Mr. Burke

#### **Grade 11: Class of 2012**

A - Cosgrove:	Mrs. Roberts
Covino - Gootkind:	Ms. Lewis-Sholler
Grassi - Huff:	Mrs. Smith
Hughes - M. Miller:	Mrs. Raneri
P. Miller - Seigel:	Mrs. Johnson
Silverman - Z:	Mr. Burke

#### **Grade 10: Class of 2013**

A - Cleary:	Mrs. Roberts
Clemson - Foley:	Ms. Lewis-Sholler
Franco - Holland:	Mrs. Smith
Hopp - Mel:	Mrs. Raneri
Mer - San:	Mrs. Johnson
Sav - Z:	Mr. Burke

#### **GRADE 09: Class of 2014**

A - Cung:	Mrs. Roberts
Currie - Gotham:	Ms. Lewis-Sholler
Gr - Kirk:	Mrs. Smith
Klein - Nvule:	Mrs. Raneri
O - Silva:	Mrs. Johnson
Sk - Z:	Mr. Burke

### Senior Parent College Workshops September 28 at 7 PM in the auditorium

The workshop is a follow-up to the Early College Planning Workshop offered in February 2010 that began the college search process. The senior parent workshop outlines the specifics of the college application process. Seniors are invited to accompany their parents to this informative evening presentation.

### Senior Parent Financial Aid Night October 5 at 7:00 pm

A representative from MEFA will be presenting information on financial aid for senior parents and students. This information session is designed to help plan and assist in the decision making process as students are completing their college applications. Seniors are invited to accompany their parents to this informative evening presentation.

### 2010 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 16

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 16. **This is the only date the test will be given at WHS.** The cost of the exam is \$25.00. Registration information will be posted by September 13.

Please note the **OFFICIAL** CollegeBoard PSAT is only given once a year.

**Why take the PSAT/NMSQT?** The PSAT is the qualifying test that students (usually juniors) must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded in 2011. Information about NMSC programs, entry requirements, and scholarships can be found in the 2010 PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin that will be provided to students when they register for the test. Other reasons sophomores and juniors may want to take the PSAT are:

- To get feedback about critical academic skills.
- To seek information from colleges.

For the latest information about the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

**NOTE:** Students with a documented disability who have an IEP or a 504 Plan that allows them extended time or other accommodations on school-based tests, who would like to apply for approval from the College Board to receive those accommodations on the PSAT, must complete the required SSD Form immediately, if they have not already done so. Please contact your guidance counselor for additional information. Without receipt of written approval from the College Board, students will not be allowed accommodations on the PSAT.

#### **SAT Fee Waiver Service**

During the 2010 – 2011 academic year, CollegeBoard will again offer a fee waiver service to assist students for whom the payment of fees for the SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests presents a serious barrier to testing and applying for college admission. To be eligible for a fee waiver, a student must apply through his/her guidance counselor and must meet financial eligibility guidelines such as participation in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program or household income eligibility guidelines which your guidance counselor will share with you. Only students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible for fee waivers. Eligible students may receive up to a total of four fee waivers (two for the SAT, two for Subject Tests). The fee waivers do not cover standby or late fees and may be used in online or mail-in registrations. Students who qualify for fee waivers may also qualify for up to four college application fee waivers. Parents who would like to learn more about fee waivers are encouraged to contact their child's guidance counselor.

#### **Fall College Fair Dates**

**NEACAC (New England Association for College Admission Counseling) College Fair:** Sunday, October 3, 2009 at Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, MA, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

#### **Fall College Representatives' Visits to the WHS Guidance Office**

*WHS guidance counselors believe it is an essential part of the college search process for senior and junior students to meet with college representatives.* In an effort to promote this contact between students and college admissions personnel, colleges have been invited to come to the Guidance Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. The number of colleges on these afternoons will be limited to three. Please check the list on Naviance for days and times colleges will visit WHS. These visits allow for a great deal of personal interaction between admissions personnel and students.

*Keep up with the latest information: Visit the WHS Guidance Website!*