



WHS Counseling Department Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **Seniors:** Your school counselor will meet individually with you between August-October to discuss the path to graduation, post-secondary plans, and how to use Naviance to send required application materials to colleges/universities. If a recommendation letter is needed for a college application and/or scholarship, students are required to complete the Brag Sheet located on Schoology and share it with his/her counselor. As a courtesy, students should ask teachers and counselors for recommendation letters at least 3 weeks prior to the application deadline. **The FAFSA opens October 1, 2021.** Parents/guardians, you will receive a very detailed email from your child's counselor after the senior meeting is completed. There are links within the email to aid you in obtaining your FSA ID and links to complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is free to fill out and allows your child to be considered for different types of financial aid. Financial aid is often available on a first come, first served basis; complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!
- **Seniors,** College Application Time (CAT) will be held after school in the Counseling Suite from 3:45-4:30 on Wednesdays September 15-November 17th. This is the perfect opportunity to get one on one help with college applications.
- **Juniors and Seniors:** Georgia Student Finance Commission is offering several free webinars throughout the year. Topics include scholarship opportunities, completing the FAFSA, applying to college, and budgeting fundamentals. Click [here](#) to register for the webinars.
- **Sophomores:** School counselors visited World History courses on September 27, 2021 to discuss career aptitude and get students started on an inventory called YouScience. YouScience provides individualized career aptitude information to students upon completion of the inventory. Students will receive emailed results about 24 hours after submission. Students in **AP World History** will begin the inventory on October 6th. Students not enrolled in World History/AP World History will be called individually by his/her school counselor. Parents, please ask your child about their YouScience results!
- **Juniors:** The English department has invited school counselors to your English class on October 22nd to receive information about ACT/SAT.
- **9th-12th:** Small group counseling will start soon. Parent/guardian permission is required to participate in small groups. Contact Ms. Hubbard for more information. Groups offered at this time: **Grief/loss small group:** students who have experienced a loss or family change due to death, separation, divorce, deployment, incarceration, adoption. This is a 12 session small group. **Mental health and wellness:** healthy coping skills and living with anxiety. This is a 7 session small group.
- Interview and Career Preparedness:** this group is for 11th and 12th graders only. Focus on "soft skills" needed to thrive in a work environment, resume development, interview skills (college, scholarship, work).

→ **9th grade:** The signs of suicide lesson has been rescheduled for October 25 and 27 through Health and Personal Fitness classes.

CALENDAR & HELPFUL LINKS

CALENDAR

- October 11, 2021: Fall break - no school
- October 12, 2021: Fall break, no school for students; professional development for staff
- October 13, 2021: PSAT (9th, 10th, some 11th); ASVAB (remaining 11th); senior morning activities (12th)

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

- ACT/SAT test dates and registration: www.act.org & www.sat.org
- 17 programs of study for which FREE tuition is available: <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition/>
- Kaplan's free SAT and ACT study guide:
https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/free/sat-act-study-guide?utm_source=pc-advisor&utm_medium=offline&utm_term=003C000002HoBpjIAF&utm_content=email&utm_campaign=sat-act-study-guide#share

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