WDHS Guidance Dept. Summer Newsletter for Seniors

Welcome to your SENIOR year!

We hope you are having a fantastic summer and are looking forward to your final year at WDHS!
For those of you who are anxious to get started with the college application process, here are

A Few Good Tips and Important Reminders

STUDENTS APPLYING TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Fall SAT Testing

- SATs will be given in September, October, November, and December here at WDHS. All dates and registration info can be found **on-line at www.collegeboard.com.**
- **Students interested in taking the ACT should go to www.act.org for registration info.**
- **Please check with the colleges to which you plan to apply to see what their current testing policy is. Many colleges & universities will remain test optional for the 2026-27 year.**
- **If you do register to take the SAT or ACT, please be sure to enter in the names of the colleges you will be applying to so that your scores can be sent directly to them. Otherwise, you will have to pay later on to have scores sent.**

Recommendation Letters

- If you have not yet requested two or more letters of recommendation, please plan to do so very early in September as this is a key part of your application packet. **Seniors must use the WDHS Letter of Recommendation Request form** when asking any teachers, counselors, etc. for letters. This form can be found through this link or in the Guidance Google Classroom. No letters will be written by teachers or counselors without this form.

Activity Resume

- If you have not already, you should create a list of all your high school activities, leadership roles, awards, employment/internship experiences, jobs, community involvement, etc. This information is often asked for on applications and having it ready ahead of time will help you complete your applications more efficiently.

College Applications

- Please be ready to share with your guidance counselor the list of colleges to which you plan to apply. This will be an important part of our first meeting in the fall.
- **If you are still identifying schools, feel free to use Big Future (bigfuture.collegeboard.org) as a great resource to aid in your search.**
- If you know where you are applying, you can begin completing your applications on your own and let us know if there are any questions you need help answering.
- **Many schools use the Common Application which can be found at www.commonapp.org.** Check to see whether any/all of the schools you plan to apply to use this application and then you can simplify how many separate apps you may need to complete. The common app is simple to use. Create an account and then start filling out each section of information. You also might want to start working on one of the essay topics as this is the part that typically takes the most time!
- As we discussed last year in our college planning lessons, **you will need to notify us when you have submitted your applications on-line.** We will be rolling out access to SCOIR, an online college and career readiness program. WE will be using this program in place of Naviance. More info to come in September!
- Please plan to complete your portions of the application ***at least two weeks prior to the due date so that counselors have sufficient time to complete their portion***.
- We strongly encourage you to submit all applications by ***early November***. With the increasing competitiveness of colleges and universities, the early bird gets the worm!

NCAA Clearinghouse

- **Potential Division I or II college athletes:** **Please be sure to visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to register and to review the eligibility guidelines. You MUST make sure that your senior year schedule includes any remaining core courses that the NCAA requires. This is YOUR responsibility!!!** (If you have any questions about this, see your counselor right away in Sept.)

Keep A File!

- **Create a file for ALL your important college & scholarship-related paperwork.**

STUDENTS APPLYING TO ROWAN COLLEGE SOUTH JERSEY

- Please plan to participate in our **On-Site application / registration process** in which RCSJ admission representatives meet with students here at WDHS. RCSJ will conduct a large group presentation at WDHS in the fall. Students must sign up via SCOIR or in the Guidance Office. Application information and step-by-step instructions will be discussed at that time.
- RCSJ's application process is very simple and straight-forward. **You will not need letters of recommendation or SAT/ACT test scores** unless you plan to apply to a competitive program such as Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, etc. However, **all students are advised to take the SAT or ACT at least once**. Doing so can possibly exempt you from having to take the community college placement test and thereby possibly avoid having to take remedial classes.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN THE MILITARY

- The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Battery Test) will be given here at WDHS in the late fall. Interested students can sign up in the guidance office.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CAREER TRAINING PROGRAMS

- Students should speak to their guidance counselor to learn more about training programs in the area for various careers such as cosmetology, auto body repair, home health care aide, welding, electrician, paralegal, etc.
- Career training program information can be found in Naviance as well in the Guidance Google Classroom.

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE MEETINGS will be scheduled with every senior during Sept. and early Oct. Keep your eye out for more information on this.

In the meantime, try not to stress too much and enjoy the rest of your summer!

☺ *Mrs. Quindlen, Mrs. Canna, Mrs. Bonzella, and Mr. McBride* ☺