

Wheaton Warrenville South High School Counseling Center Newsletter



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Spotlight on: School Psychologists

Our Counseling Center is home to 3 School Psychologists, 3 Social Workers, 7 Counselors, 2 Secretaries and 1 Registrar. While we work together as a team to help our students, each role brings something unique to our school. Our School Psychologists are **Mr. John Smetana, Mrs. Becky Gasaway and Mrs. Juli Gutsch.**



All children and youth can face problems from time to time related to learning; social relationships; making difficult decisions; or managing emotions such as feeling depressed, anxious, worried, or isolated



School psychologists help students, families, educators, and members of the community understand and resolve both long-term, chronic problems and short-term issues that students may face. They are a highly skilled and ready resource in the effort to ensure that all children and youth thrive in school, at home, and in life.



School psychologists provide direct support and interventions to students; consult with teachers, families, and other school-employed mental health professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers) to improve support strategies; work with school administrators to improve school-wide practices and policies; and collaborate with community providers to coordinate needed services.

AP Students

AP Exam Registration

Registration for AP Exams is October 10 through October 28 at 2:30 p.m. Please find additional information here: [AP Exam Registration and Payment Information](#)

Advanced Placement Exams



Seniors- Class of 2023

FAFSA Information

Graduation Requirement: All seniors must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA opens **OCTOBER 1st, 2022. Please complete the 2023-2024 Application.**



[Learn more about the documents you need to fill out the FAFSA](#)

Students can opt out of this requirement by completing the linked waiver and emailing (Kelly.Ehrhardt@cusd200.org) or dropping off in-person to the Counseling Center Department Chair, Kelly Ehrhardt.

[Links to non-participation forms](#)

FAFSA Completion Workshop

Need help filling out the FAFSA or have specific FAFSA questions?:

We will be hosting FAFSA Completion Night **October 19th** - 5-7pm in the school library

College of DuPage Enrollment Workshops

Seniors who plan on attending College of DuPage next year can work through the enrollment process throughout the semester to stay on track. Come to the Counseling Center at the beginning of lunch periods for these sessions:

October 5: COD Application (bring social security number and GPA)

October 12: Creating Student FAFSA ID (students must know their social security number)

November 16: Inside COD Portal and COD Email

December 14: Sending SAT Scores



Seniors and Juniors

College Fairs

College Fairs are a great way for students and guardians to learn about college options and to build relationships with college representatives.

[Chicago National College Fair](#): **October 1, 2022**

[Illinois Regional College Fair at COD](#): **October 11, 2022**

New** [The College Scholarship Fair](#) hosted by 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. is the largest College Scholarship Fair targeting African American and Latino students in the Midwest. The event is taking place **Saturday, October 15, 2022** at the UIC Forum from 9am-2pm.



New** [The Options Fair](#) will be held at Downers Grove South, **Monday, October 17th from 6-8pm.**

The fair targets any student receiving 504 accommodations and/or IEP services.

There will be a lot of great resources (60 vendors: colleges, college experience, certificate, and adult agencies) and speakers.

New** [Choices Fair](#) will be held at Evanston High School on **Tuesday, October 18.** Choices is a post secondary planning night for students with learning differences who are college bound. 6-8:30 pm

Freshmen, Juniors and Seniors

SOS Program Information:

SOS (Signs of Suicide) is a universal program that teaches all students what to do if they are concerned about themselves or a friend. This presentation involves a Counseling Center lead informational presentation including age-appropriate videos teaching our students to "ACT" *Acknowledge Care Tell* when someone we know needs support.

Sept 29: TCD students

Oct 13, 14: Freshmen

Sep 12-16: Sophomore suicide training in Health class

Jan 12, 13: Juniors

Mar 16,17: Seniors

Students will split by alpha and will sit through the SOS presentation during periods 1, 2, or 3.

Following the presentation, Counseling Center staff will meet with any students identified as at-risk.



Freshmen

Career Pathways Exploration

Freshmen students will start career exploration using Naviance through their World Civ/AP Human Geo classes the week of October 3-7. Students will be able to identify career clusters they are a good fit with and be able to explore these clusters in detail.



October 17: Freshmen will attend a presentation with their counselor during Access to further learn about different college and career pathways and resources.

October 19: Freshman conferences will begin. Students are encouraged to sign up in the Counseling Center for a Freshman Conference with their counselor starting October 19. Conferences will conclude in December. Freshman Conferences are a time to create 4-year plans that support the student's college and career pathway interests.

Prospective TCD Students:

[Explore Day Field Trip Form](#)

Attention all Sophomores and Juniors, come on out to Explore Day on November 3rd. Spend half a day at Technology Center of DuPage and discover your passion in Career and Technical Trades. Experience the benefits of a career in Auto Technology, Construction, Cosmetology, Nursing or 14 other programs to choose from. See your school counselor to sign up today!

Deadline for Registration is Friday, October 14th.



College Representative Visits at South

Students can sign up to meet with college representatives through their Naviance account. **Registration is required to secure an appointment and pass.**

10/3/22 - 8:15 AM - Hofstra University	10/3/22 - 9:05 AM - U of Wisc - La Crosse	10/4/22 - 8:15 AM - Indiana University-Indianapolis	10/4/22 - 9:05 AM - Indiana University-Bloomington
10/4/22 - 12:40 PM - Northwestern University	10/5/22 - 8:50 AM - Samford University	10/5/22 - 9:35 AM - Dominican University	10/5/22 - 12:50 PM - Providence College
10/6/22 - 8:15 AM - University of Iowa	10/6/22 - 9:05 AM - Saint John's University	10/6/22 - 12:40 PM - Knox College	10/7/22 - 8:15 AM - University of Utah
10/7/22 - 9:05 AM - University of Pittsburgh	10/7/22 - 12:40 PM - Marquette University	10/11/22 - 8:15 AM - Purdue University Northwest	10/11/22 - 9:35 AM - University of Minnesota
10/11/22 - 12:40 PM - Suffolk University	10/12/22 - 8:50 AM - Oklahoma State University	10/12/22 - 9:35 AM - Nova Southeastern	10/12/22 - 12:50 PM - Vanderbilt University
10/13/22 - 8:15 AM - St. Olaf College	10/13/22 - 9:05 AM - Syracuse University	10/13/22 - 12:40 PM - University of Chicago	10/14/22 - 8:15 AM - U of Wisconsin -Whitewater
10/14/22 - 9:05 AM - University of Maryland	10/14/22 - 12:40 PM - Trinity Christian College	10/17/22 - 8:15 AM - Spring Arbor University	10/17/22 - 9:05 AM - Baylor University
10/17/22 - 12:40 PM - Roosevelt University	10/18/22 - 8:15 AM - Millikin University	10/18/22 - 9:05 AM - Biola University	10/18/22 - 12:40 PM - Oberlin College
10/19/22 - 8:50 AM - U of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	10/19/22 - 9:35 AM - California Baptist	10/19/22 - 12:50 PM - University of Cincinnati	10/20/22 - 8:15 AM - DePauw University
10/20/22 - 9:05 AM - Arizona State University	10/20/22 - 12:40 PM - Elmhurst University	10/21/22 - 9:05 AM - North Carolina State U	10/21/22 - 12:40 PM - Western Michigan

10/24/22 - 8:15 AM - Providence College	10/24/22 - 9:05 AM - Bradley University	10/24/22 - 12:40 PM - Bucknell University	10/25/22 - 9:05 AM - Saint Norbert College
10/25/22 - 12:40 PM - Concordia University	10/26/22 - 8:50 AM - Monmouth College	10/26/22 - 9:35 AM - Ohio State	10/26/22 - 12:50 PM - Northern Michigan
10/27/22 - 8:15 AM - Ball State	10/27/22 - 9:05 AM - Illinois Wesleyan	10/27/22 - 12:40 PM - Loyola University	10/31/22 - 8:15 AM - Western Illinois
10/31/22 - 12:40 PM - National Louis University			

All Students

Resource Help

Resource help is now available to all students needing academic support. Students are encouraged to go to the following locations during their Access time to get help:

Department:	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
ENGLISH	G177	G176	G281
MATH	I253	I254	S147
PE/ HEALTH/ Dr.Ed	Team Room	Team Room	Team Room
SCIENCE	S232	S232	S232
SOCIAL STUDIES	S140	S140	S140
WORLD LANG	H113	H115	H117

Upcoming Events



October 1:	FAFSA Opens - First day to apply for financial aid
October 1:	Chicago National College Fair
October 10:	AP Exam Registration opens
October 11:	College Fair at COD
October 12:	PSAT/NMSQT (For Juniors who registered for this test)
October 13-14:	SOS presentations for Freshmen
October 14:	Deadline to register for the TCD Explore Day Field Trip
October 15:	100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc.'s College Scholarship Fair
October 17:	Options College Fair
October 17:	Freshmen Presentations through Access
October 19:	FAFSA Completion Night (In-person at South's library, 5-7pm)
October 19:	Start of Freshmen Conferences
October 28:	AP Exam Registration closes at 2:30pm
November 1:	Common Early Action Deadline for Colleges
November 3:	TCD Explore Day Field Trip for registered students ONLY
Ongoing:	College Rep Visits

Community Resources

There might be times that your student or family needs resources not provided by the school. Our community has many resources available to access:

Mental Health Issues:

[Wheaton Youth Outreach](#) 630-682-1910

[Warrenville Youth and Family Services](#) 630-393-7057

[DuPage County Health Department- Behavioral Health](#) 630-682-7400

[360 Youth Services](#) 630-717-9408

*New: [Referral GPS](#): An anonymous, easy to use, secure website to find local Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment resources.

*New: **988** is now the number to dial for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Suicide Prevention:

[Crisis Line through Dupage County](#) 630-627-1700

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) 800-273-8255

Substance Abuse:

[Gateway Foundation](#) 630-966-7400

[Rosecrance](#) 815-387-5615

[Linden Oaks](#) 630-305-5027

[Central DuPage Hospital](#) 630-933-1600

Healthcare:

[DuPage Community Clinic](#) 630-682-7400

[VNA \(medical clinics\)](#) 630-892-4355

Financial Needs:

[DuPage County Human Services](#) 630-407-6500

[DuPage Pads](#) 630-862-3846

[People's Resource Center](#) 630-682-5402

Visit our [Community Resources Page](#) for more resources and providers. As always, please contact a member of the Counseling Center if you have questions or concerns.

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