

Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Counseling Center Newsletter



February, 2023

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All Students

Course Selection

Course selection for 2023-2024 opened on February 1! Course selection is open through February 13. Any level change requests should be discussed with the subject teacher. Level change forms can be found in the Counseling Center.

Grades 9, 10 and 11 attended presentations by the counselors explaining the process.

January 23 & 24: Juniors

January 30: Sophomores

January 31: Freshman

Please see our [course selection website](#) for more information including presentations, worksheets and course offerings.



State Testing

All students, 9th-11th grades, will take part in State Testing on **April 12, 2023** in school. Seniors will not be in attendance on this day. Juniors will take the SAT and Freshmen and Sophomores will take the PSAT.



Summer Driver's Ed.

Any student who will be 15 before May 5, 2023 is invited to sign up for summer school Driver's Education.

Dates: June 5- July 14, 2023. 7am-3pm

Registration: Limit of 30 students, based on first to register. Sign up via online [google form](#).

Cost: \$250

For further information email Mrs. McCance at denise.mccance@cusd200.org

[Learn more](#)



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

HBCU

The letters "HBCU" are an acronym for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. They are schools that were founded on the belief that every individual deserves access to a college or higher education in the early 1800s. Over 100 public and private schools have earned the HBCU designation from The US Department of Education. Today HBCUs serve students of all races.

[Learn More](#)



Fulfilling the Dream Conference

On **February 25**, 8:30am-12:00pm, Lewis University will host the annual "Fulfilling the Dream" Conference. This is an inspirational conference for African American high school students and families. This conference includes smaller workshops and group discussions which include a Black Student Union Panel, Career Success, and Financial Aid 101.

[Learn More](#)

Seniors- Class of 2023

Local Scholarship Information

The application is DUE on February 16th by 12:30pm (turn completed applications into the Counseling Office Secretaries). Applications turned in after 12:30pm will not be accepted. Additionally, below the Local Scholarship Links, you'll find over 20 scholarship search engines & each one details who may want to utilize each link.

[Learn More](#)

FAFSA Information

Graduation Requirement: All seniors must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Please complete the 2023-2024 Application.

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 CC Department Chair, Kelly Ehrhardt.

[Links to non-participation forms](#)

COD Workshops

Seniors and Junior grads who plan to attend College of DuPage are encouraged to attend monthly workshops where we will break down the steps to enrollment in easy to manage pieces.

Where: The Counseling Center Conference Room

When: Lunch periods on the below dates

February 15: Overview of placement tests/ download Chap App

March: COD field trip. TBD.

April 5: Making appointment with COD Advisor/ Accept FAFSA monies

May 3: Register for classes/ Choose Payment Plan

May 17: Upload IEP or 504 Plan to Access and Accommodations (for applicable students)

[Learn more about the steps to enrollment](#)



Wellness Series

Senior Class- April 27: students will be given the opportunity to learn about "Healthy Relationships" as they transition into post-secondary life during 7th period in the auditorium. School Psychologist Becky Gasaway and School Social Worker Jack Healy will be providing a detailed outline of core concepts of a healthy relationship such as safety, trust, support, communication, boundaries, and equality. The tools and information provided during this presentation are meant to equip our Seniors with the general awareness to successfully navigate new and developing relationships within larger and unfamiliar communities of individuals.



SOS Program

SOS (Signs of Suicide) is a universal program that teaches all students what to do if they are concerned about themselves or a friend.

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.

Juniors- Class of 2024

Junior Family College Night: Part 2

The WWS Counseling Department is hosting a Virtual College Panel on **Thursday, February 16th, from 6-7pm**. This panel will include Admission Representatives from various types of schools:

- The Ohio State
- Syracuse
- Purdue
- Bradley University



This will be a Q and A session about the college Admissions process, letters of recommendations, college essays etc. Please use this link to join:

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/99756448256?pwd=TkswMmUyRDFhTFM3OGhzZ24zUHLWdz09>

Illinois Regional College Fair

March 14, 2023 at North Central College: The Illinois Regional College Fair is a great way to learn about colleges and universities. Featuring approximately 200 in-state and out-of-state colleges and universities, IRCF offers something for all in North Central College's Residence Hall/Recreation Center.

[Learn More](#)

STUDENTS IN SECOND SEMESTER ONLY AP CLASSES

Exam Registration

2nd Semester-only AP classes (Gov, Microecon, Macroecon, Physics E&M, Comparative Gov) exam sign-up runs from **February 13-28**.

[Learn More](#)



National School Counseling Week

February 6-10

Happy National School Counseling Week to our 7 school counselors: Mrs. Ehrhardt, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Petring, Ms. Mieure, Mr. Kosky, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Pawlak! School Counselors work with all faculty, staff and families to promote academic, social/emotional and post-secondary success.

Counseling Mission

Our mission is to assist our students in achieving their academic goals, college and career plans, and to address their social/emotional needs.



Upcoming Events

January 31:	Last day for level changes and elective drops
February 1:	Course Selection Opens
February 1:	Course Selection Fair/Incoming Freshman Orientation
February 13:	Course Selection closes
February 13-28:	AP Exam Sign-up for 2nd Semester-only classes
February 16:	Virtual Junior Family College Panel 6-7pm
February 16:	Local Scholarship Applications Due by 12:30pm (Counseling Center)
February 20:	No School- Presidents' Day
March 3:	No School- Institute Day
March 14:	Illinois Regional College Fair at North Central College
March 16-17:	SOS for Seniors
April 12:	SAT Testing
April 27:	Senior Wellness Series

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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