

Wheaton Warrenville South High School Counseling Center Newsletter



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Seniors- Class of 2024

Updated FAFSA Information

The redesigned FAFSA will be available by **December 31, 2023**. ***The FAFSA is implemented by the US Department of Education. We will do our best to communicate the changes to timelines as we learn about them.**

Completing the FAFSA is free and it gives families access to the largest source of financial aid to help pay for college or career school. Many colleges use a student's FAFSA to determine eligibility for school aid.

[Learn More](#)

[Financial Aid Night Presentation \(from 9/27/23\)](#)



FSA ID Information

What is an FSA ID?

An FSA ID is a username and password that is required to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education (ED) websites. Your FSA ID identifies you as someone who has the right to access your own personal information on ED websites such as the FAFSA®.

Why Create an FSA ID before the application opens?

Processing a new FSA ID can take up to 5 business days. By getting IDs now, students and their families will be ready to complete and submit the FAFSA® once it's available

Who needs an FSA ID?

Beginning with the 2024-25 FAFSA®, **all contributors (student and/or parent) must have their own FSA ID.**

How does someone get an FSA ID?

To create an FSA ID, please go to studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch.

GOT YOUR
FSA ID YET?



FSA ID Workshop

An ISAC representative will be available during all lunch periods in the commons to help Seniors create their FSA ID on **Tuesday, December 5.**

Seniors Bring your Chromebook and the following information:

- Personal Student Email address
- Valid Social Security Number
- Phone Number
- Home Address

FAFSA Completion Nights

Senior families in need of assistance with their FAFSA are invited to attend a FAFSA Completion Workshop on **January 10th or February 21st from 5:30-7:30pm at WWS**. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will have a representative available to help.

Local Scholarship Information

Seniors are encouraged to apply for Local Scholarships which are available to CUSD200 students. Follow this [link](#) for information about the scholarships and the separate 2023-2024 Local Scholarship Application.

The application is DUE by February 21, 2024 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](#)



College of DuPage Enrollment Workshops

The last COD Enrollment Workshop of the semester will be on **Wednesday, December 13**. Any Seniors who plan to attend COD in the Fall should come to the Counseling Center during the beginning of their lunch period on Dec. 13. We'll work on creating FAFSA ID's (Social Security number needed) or students may receive help on any part of the steps to the enrollment process.



Junior Class of 2025

Junior Class Presentations

Juniors will attend large group presentations from Counselors on **January 22 or 23** from their English classes. After learning more about post-secondary education and planning, Juniors will have individual conferences with their counselor starting in late January and ending before Spring Break. Juniors will get a detailed transcript outlining their necessary graduation requirements for Senior year in order to aid in course selection.



TCD (Technology Center of DuPage)

TCD is hosting its Winter Open House on **Thursday, January 18, 2024** from 6:30-8:30 pm. Any interested sophomore and junior families may attend to learn more about TCD and their programs. TCD applications will be available by January.

[Learn More](#)



All Students

Course Selection

9th-11th graders will be able to do course selection from **February 1-9, 2024**. Sophomores will attend a course selection presentation on **Monday, January 29th** and Freshmen will attend a course selection presentation on **Tuesday, January 30**.



SchoolLinks

SchoolLinks is our college and career exploration tool. All students can use the provided assessments to help with individualized career pathways planning. All students can also access their transcript from SchoolLinks ("School"> "Record Requests"> "Download Unofficial Transcript"). Please note that 9th graders don't currently have a transcript because final grades have not been submitted.

Parents/Guardians- you can have access to SchoolLinks as well! Please use the following links and directions to use your student's claim code and to create your own account.

[Student: How to Invite Your Guardian and Find Your Claim Code](#)

[Parent: How to Create an Account and Claim a Student](#)



SchoolLinks

All Students will follow the Final Exam Schedule December 20- 22 (lunch and study hall period attendance are optional)

1st Semester Schedule for Final / Summative Exam Days

DAY 1: Wednesday, December 20, 2023

PERIOD 1: 7:20 - 8:50 am

PASSING: 8:50 - 9:05

PERIOD 2: 9:05 - 10:35

PASSING: 10:35 - 10:50

PERIOD 4: 10:50 - 12:20 pm

DAY 2: Thursday, December 21, 2023

PERIOD 3: 7:20 - 8:50 am

PASSING: 8:50 - 9:05

PERIOD 7: 9:05 - 10:35

PASSING: 10:35 - 10:50

PERIOD 5: 10:50 - 12:20 pm

DAY 3: Friday, December 22, 2023

PERIOD 8: 7:20 - 8:50 am

PASSING: 8:50 - 9:05

PERIOD 6: 9:05 - 10:35

PASSING: 10:35 - 10:50

MAKE UP: 10:50 - 12:20 pm

STUDY TIPS



TAKE YOUR TIME

Plan ahead . Designate time for studying, free time and know when you'll have your exams

MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

Sleep 7-9 hours so you can be more awake and energized. Make healthy food choices to stay alert and feel better!

MAKE STUDY GUIDES

Begin preparing with study guides from your teacher or make your own!

STUDY IN GROUPS

Ask friends to quiz you on subjects that are difficult. If groups are a distraction- stick to solo studying.

50-10 RULE

For every 50 minutes you spend studying- spend 10 minutes clearing your mind. Relaxation or exercise are great for this!

Upcoming Events



December 5:	FSA ID Workshop for Seniors in the Commons (lunch periods)
December 13:	COD Steps to Enrollment Workshop (Seniors- lunch periods)
December 15:	Hubble Course Selection Presentation
December 18:	Second Semester Schedules Released
December 20-22:	Final Exam Schedule
December 22:	No TCD
January 8:	Teacher Work Day- no student attendance
January 9:	First day of Second Semester
January 10:	FAFSA Completion Night at WWS (5:30-7:30)
January 12:	Edison Course Selection Presentation
January 15:	No School- MLK Day
January 18:	TCD Open House (6:30-8:30)
January 22:	Junior Presentations (English Periods 5-8)
January 23:	Junior Presentations (English Periods 1-4)
January 24:	Junior Conferences Begin
January 29:	Sophomore Course Selection Presentations
January 30:	Freshman Course Selection Presentations
January 30:	Semester 2 Level Change Deadline
January 31:	8th Grade Night/Course Selection Fair 6:30pm
February 1-9:	Course Selection

Community Resources

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

*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

*New **Proveedores de Servicios de Asistencia para Alquiler - Condado de DuPage**
Utilice este [enlace](#)

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

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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