

Wheaton Warrenville South High School Counseling Center Newsletter

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Welcome Back, Tigers!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! We are so excited to see everyone back in school and look forward to working with all of our students on their academic, social/emotional, and college and career goals!



WWS Counseling Center- School Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists and Administrative Assistants

CC Staff

The Counseling Center at WWSHS is home to school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists. Our social workers, counselors, and psychologists are available by appointment. You are assigned a counselor by last name. Alpha splits and contact information can be found on the last page and on our website.

How to Schedule An Appointment

Students meet with counselors, social workers, and psychologists in the Counseling Center offices. Appointments are encouraged during lunch, access, or study hall. If students must meet during class time, they are encouraged to notify their teacher ahead of time that they will miss class for an appointment in the Counseling Center. Students are responsible for all missing work and assignments. Appointments should not be made during a test in class!

Students can stop in the Counseling Center before or after school, during a passing period, or during lunch to schedule an appointment. They will be given a blue pass with their appointment time. At the time of their appointment, they will show their teacher their blue pass to be excused from class.

[Learn More](#)

Seniors- Class of 2025

Seniors will join their counselors for Senior Presentations on **August 21 & 22** out of their English classes. Seniors will receive a copy of their transcript outlining their remaining required credits toward graduation. Starting **August 29th** Seniors will meet with their counselors for individual senior conferences. Seniors are responsible for setting up their own conferences. [Check out our website for more information about college applications, Common App info, letters of rec, etc!](#)

 Senior Presentations 	
Wednesday, August 21 periods 5 to 8 Thursday, August 22, periods 1 to 4	
Mrs. Ehrhardt (A)	All Seniors will report to the Auditorium on the day that corresponds to their English class. Counselors will go over the same presentation for all Seniors. Senior Conferences (which are set up by the student) will have students working one-on-one with their counselor on their own unique post-secondary plans.
Mrs. Petting (B-Cro)	
Mr. Pawlak (Cru- Gon)	
Mrs. Johnson (Goo-Kr)	
Ms. Hernandez (Ku-Nie)	
Mr. Kosky (Nif- Sev)	
Mrs. Murphy (Sew-Z)	

Important Dates for Seniors:

August 21 and 22: Senior Presentations

August 23: SchoolLinks Presentation for Seniors (start of each lunch period)

August 23: FSA ID Workshop- led by ISAC representative during all lunch periods in the Commons

August 28: Curriculum Night- Parent Guide to the College Process 6:00-6:25 in the LLC

August 29: Senior Conferences begin

September 25: Financial Aid Night (Virtual- 6pm). Link will be emailed out.

October 15: College Fair at College of DuPage 6:00-8:00pm

November 1: A typical Early Action deadline for college applications

December: Tentative opening date for FAFSA (different than previous years of October 1)

December 4 & January 15: FAFSA Completion Night (In-person at South's library, 6-8pm)

Ongoing starting in September: College Rep Visits at South. Dates/Schools/Sign Up found [here](#)

Juniors- Class of 2026

Junior Testing Presentation: Counselors will present to Juniors out of their Access classes on **Wednesday, August 28**. This presentation will explain the differences between the SAT and ACT, when to test, which test to take, and the current college climate with testing requirements.

PSAT/NMSQT: The PSAT/NMSQT exam determines National Merit Scholars. Juniors who score in the top 1% nationally may earn scholarships to various colleges. This is an optional exam for Juniors only, but registration is required to participate. The PSAT/NMSQT exam will be held on **October 22nd**. Registration will open on Monday, August 19th and close on September 4th.

If you have any other questions, please contact Cindy Budzikowski, cynthia.budzikowski@cusd200.org.

Information and registration links were emailed on August 16.

Sophomores- Class of 2027

Sophomore Presentation: Counselors will present to Sophomores out of their Access classes on **Tuesday, August 27**. This presentation will help reacclimate students to high school by focusing on tips for starting out strong in the beginning of the school year, getting help when necessary and goal setting.

Freshmen- Class of 2028

Freshmen Presentation: Freshmen will meet with Counselors out of their Access classes on **Monday, August 26**. This presentation will help acclimate students to high school including information about the different staff members who can help, credits and course planning, and ways to get involved.

TCD Open House: Current Sophomores and Juniors

TCD is hosting an Open House on **Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 6:30-8:00pm**. Located at 301 S. Swift Road in Addison, IL. TCD (Technology Center of DuPage) offers multiple programs open to Juniors and Seniors who have demonstrated serious interest in a goal-oriented, workforce education. Many TCD programs provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit through College of DuPage's Dual Credit Program.

[Learn More](#)

Counseling Center Forms

Students can get help with the following forms in the Counseling Center:

- Work Permit Applications (SSC is the issuing office)
- Class drop forms (available for the first 15 days of the semester)
- Level Change Forms (available for the first 15 days of the semester)
- PE Exemption Forms (limited to specific extracurricular involvement)
- Driver's Ed. grade verification forms (provided by outside agencies and signed in the CC)
- Teacher Assistant Forms

Curriculum Night: All Grades

WWS school counselors will be hosting informational meetings from 6-6:25pm for all grade levels. Topics that will be covered are shown below.

Grade	Topics Covered	Location
Freshmen	Introduction to WWS school counselors, graduation requirements, SchoolLinks, social-emotional support resources, and general Counseling Center information.	Auditorium - Main Floor
Sophomores	Introduction to WWS school counselors, college and career research, SchoolLinks, Technology Center of Dupage (TCD), and general Counseling Center information.	Auditorium - North Balcony
Juniors	Introduction to college and career research, SAT/ACT information, SchoolLinks, NCAA, and general Counseling Center information.	Auditorium - South Balcony
Seniors	Parent Guide to the College Process: college research, college application overview, application deadlines, paying for college, how to support your student, and more.	LLC
Spanish Speaking Families	Overview of Counseling Center supports (academic, social-emotional, college/career) with translated handouts from each grade-level presentation.	A154

Counseling Center Website

Our [Counseling Center website](#) is updated frequently and contains helpful information in several areas. Please use it throughout the school year!

College	Military	Academic Resources
Common App SchoolLinks & College Apps Letters of Recommendation Transcripts COD College Athletics College Visits & Fairs Fee Waiver College Timeline SAT & ACT Resources Undocumented Students Scholarships and Financial Aid FAFSA	Army Navy Air Force Marines	AP Resources Course Selection Planning Presentations Newsletters TCD Course Change Policy Community Resources New Student Resources
	Career Planning	
	Trades and Apprenticeships	

Upcoming Events



August 14:	First day of school- welcome back!
August 21 & 22:	Senior presentations during English classes
August 23:	Senior SchoolLinks Presentation
August 23:	FSA ID Workshop for Seniors during lunch periods
August 26:	Freshmen Presentation during Access
August 27:	Sophomore Presentation during Access
August 28:	Junior SAT/ACT presentation during Access
August 28:	Curriculum Night- Pregame Informational Meetings with Counselors at 6:00pm
August 29:	Senior Conferences Begin
September 2:	Labor Day, No School
September 4 :	Last day for level changes and course changes (learn more)
September 19:	TCD Open House (6:30-8:00 pm)
September 23 & 25:	SOS for Juniors
September 25:	Financial Aid Night (Virtual- 6pm)
September 26:	FSA ID Workshop for Seniors during lunch periods
September 27:	Institute Day (TCD Attendance Optional)
October 1:	College Conversation Day
October 9:	AP Test Registration Begins
October 10 & 11:	Parent Teacher Conferences (no school Oct. 11)
October 14:	No School
October 15:	COD College Fair 6-8pm

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:

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

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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