



Wauwatosa West Counseling Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome to the Wauwatosa West Counseling Newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will inform you on what is happening in Counseling as well as important events going on throughout the school year.

2020-21 School Counselor Assignments:

Grade	Sara Weiler Ext. 3028	Megan Christensen Ext. 3025	Brian Hoffman Ext. 3027	Nick Becker Ext. 3026
9	A - D	E - K	L - R	S - Z
10	A - G	H - L	M - R	S - Z
11	A - F	G - K	L - R	S - Z
12	A - E	F - K	L - R	S - Z

HOW TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR:

USE THIS LINK tinyurl.com/WestSupport2020 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.

Your counselor will email you with an appointment time, scheduled on one of your virtual days. This QR code can also be used to access the sign up link.



COLLEGE FAIRS

Wisconsin Education Fairs

These fairs include 100+ colleges and will be in a virtual format for the 2020-21 year.

WAICU will have a virtual booth to assist students in finding information on majors, financial aid, and admission requirements at Wisconsin's private colleges. Individual WAICU colleges will also host their own booth.

Virtual Fairs will take place from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, September 16
- Wednesday, October 7
- Sunday, November 8

REGISTER for a virtual Wisconsin Education Fair!

WAICU Resources

WAICU has many online resources to assist students with their college search on WisconsinPrivateColleges.org. Information includes:

- *2020-21 Guide to Admissions & Financial Aid*
- Videos highlighting Wisconsin's private colleges

Student and Parent guides to virtual college visits

- Majors search tool

More resources will be added throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATE—Financial Aid Information Night

Financial aid information night for seniors, juniors and parents is scheduled for **September 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. (virtual event)** Please watch for more information coming out soon.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

UW-MILWAUKEE EARLY ADMISSION EVENT FOR WAUWATOSA WEST STUDENTS

The Wauwatosa West Counseling Office has made arrangements for seniors to have the opportunity to meet individually (virtually) with an admissions counselor from UWM on October 21st. There are several advantages to applying to UWM through this process:

1. The admission counselor will give the student an admission decision ON THE SPOT.
2. The student has the opportunity to talk to the admissions counselor directly about themselves, allowing the counselor to get to know them. This provides context for the admissions counselor that they can't get by only looking at a written application.
3. Tosa West will provide the transcript and ACT for the student, so the student will not have that additional expense.
4. The admitted student will receive housing and other information beginning that day, instead of having to wait for an admission decision.

Students should follow the directions on the attached sheet to sign up for this great opportunity. The application can be started now and submitted. The absolute deadline to register and have your application complete is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

HOW TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS AND ACT SCORES FOR COLLEGES

- Your application deadline is also the deadline for Counselors and Teachers to submit letters of recommendation and the school report.
- If you apply to colleges via the Coalition Application, Common Application, or Common Black Application, your School Counselor will need to complete a School Report. Please complete the Senior Profile form and return it to your counselor. This form is also available as a [google doc](#) if you would like to fill it in electronically.
- If you need to request an official transcript you must do this via www.parchment.com. Create an account using your HOME email address, and order transcripts to be sent to colleges through the parchment site
- If you need to submit an electronic transcript, you may obtain it through one of the following methods:
 1. When you set up your parchment account you can request to see a copy of your transcript.
 2. Email Mrs. Kraetz at kraetzjo@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us and ask her to email you a pdf of your transcript.
- ACT scores must be sent directly to schools through the ACT website www.act.org.

College Goal Wisconsin

College Goal Wisconsin is offering online help for students and their families filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Virtual FAFSA Workshops will take place at 6:00 p.m. on the following days:

- Wednesday, October 7
- Wednesday, October 14
- Wednesday, October 21
- Wednesday, October 28
- Wednesday, November 4
- Wednesday, November 11

To register and learn more, please visit CollegeGoalWI.org.

FAFSA

Filing the FAFSA is the most important thing seniors can do to get financial aid for college. Like last year, applications can be submitted starting October 1.

More FAFSA information and tips are available by visiting SallieMae.com/FAFSA.

Their Paying for College Resource is also available to help students and families figure out how they'll pay for college.

IMPORTANT COUNSELING DATES:

Coming Soon		Counseling Presentation for Seniors and Parents
September 22, 2020	6:30 p.m.	(Virtual) Financial Aid Information Night for Seniors, Juniors and Parents
October 17, 2020	8:00 a.m.	PSAT administration for registered juniors
October 21, 2020	all day	UWM Early Admission Day at West for registered seniors
December 12, 2020	8:00 a.m.	West is test site for ACT, register by Nov. 6
January 27, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Course Information Night
March 9, 2021	8:00 a.m.	ACT Plus Writing for Grade 11 only

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR AP EXAM REGISTRATION

Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the AP Program introduced new resources and processes designed to help students earn college credit and placement. This applies only to students enrolled in an AP course for the 2020-21 school year and includes sophomores taking AP Human Geography.

Here's what you and your student need to know:

1. AP exam sign up will take place in the classroom at the end of September. Teachers will help students set up accounts and register. AP exams will continue to be given in May.
2. Down payments (\$40 per test) are due by October 23, 2020.
3. Students will get personalized feedback through new digital tools that provide daily support for every AP classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using monthly personal progress checks.

To get ready for the coming school year, please encourage your student to sign up for a College Board account. All College Board programs are connected through one account, so if your student created one for the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, or College Board Opportunity Scholarships, they're all set. They'll just need to have their username and password available.

More detailed information coming soon.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY YOUNG SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Marquette University invites high school students to participate in our Clinical Laboratory Science Young Scholar Program. This program gives you the opportunity to work in a simulated clinical laboratory setting. By attending two Saturdays, completing the online module, and successfully passing all coursework, you will earn one college credit. Career options for clinical laboratory scientists are expanding. In fact, the number of job openings right now far exceeds the number of certified graduates entering the field nationwide.

Fee for Young Scholar Program - \$200

Get more information and apply [here](#).

NEWS FOR JUNIORS

PSAT—THIS YEAR ON A SATURDAY

The PSAT/NMSQT (or National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is a preliminary version of the SAT. Not only does the PSAT help prepare students to take the SAT or ACT, a great score on the PSAT can also open the door to National Merit Scholarships and other awards. The PSAT is administered at Wauwatosa West on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. The cost is \$17. Registration information is attached to this newsletter. Test quantities are limited and preference will be given to juniors in the order the registrations are received. The registration deadline is Friday, October 9, 2020, or when the maximum number of registrations has been received, whichever comes first.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING CONFERENCES

During the months of October, November, and December the Counseling Department will be conducting **Academic and Career Planning Conferences**. These conferences are designed for junior students and parents. Due to time constraints we ask that families honor the pre-scheduled time slot. This individual conference will last approximately 45-50 minutes and will include the following:

1. Review of schedule/credits.
2. Discussion of plans for after graduation (school, military, work, etc.).
3. Information on college admission tests (ACT & SAT).
4. Time for open discussion to answer questions.

Counselors will be providing more details on ACP conferences soon.



ACT test dates for 2020-2021

Register at www.act.org

Test date	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required	Photo Upload/ Standby Deadline
October 10, 2020	September 25, 2020	No late fees	October 2, 2020
October 17, 2020	September 25, 2020	No late fees	October 2, 2020
October 24, 2020	September 25, 2020	No late fees	October 2, 2020
October 25, 2020	September 25, 2020	No late fees	October 2, 2020
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7 - 20	December 4, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9 - 15	January 29, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26	April 9, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8 - 21	June 4, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25	July 9, 2021

2020 PSAT/NMSQT REGISTRATION FORM

(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____
 LAST **(please print)** FIRST

TEST DATE: **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020**

TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. (approximately)

LOCATION: WAUWATOSA WEST

COST: **\$17.00 –PAYABLE BY CASH/CHECK/REVTRAK**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL (A limited amount of fee waivers are available for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch based on the order of registration. See Mrs. Van Zeeland (formerly Ms. Streim) for fee waiver.)

BRING YOUR COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK FOR \$17.00 TO CAREER CENTER.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO JUNIORS IN THE ORDER

REGISTRATIONS ARE RECEIVED.

Date Check Received _____

WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL UWM EARLY ADMISSION DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

Seniors will have the opportunity to talk with a representative from the Department of Admissions and Recruitment during the school day. An admission decision will be made on the spot. Students will sign up for a 15-minute appointment to meet with an examiner virtually.

STUDENTS NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING STEPS BY **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020.**

THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE FROM UWM.

1. COMPLETE A UWM ONLINE APPLICATION THROUGH THE UW SYSTEM ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM. PAY THE \$50 FEE ONLINE OR GET A FEE WAIVER FROM MRS. KRAETZ (IF YOU RECEIVE FREE/REDUCED LUNCH.)
2. MAKE SURE YOUR ACT/SAT RESULTS ARE ON FILE AT WAUWATOSA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. ON THE APPLICATION YOU WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF STATING WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE THE ACT SCORE USED IN THE ADMISSION DECISION. YOUR ACT SCORE WILL BE GIVEN TO UWM EITHER WAY, HOWEVER, AS THEY ALSO USE IT FOR PLACEMENT TESTING.
3. YOUR TRANSCRIPT WILL BE PROVIDED TO UWM BY THE SCHOOL. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ORDER AN ADDITIONAL TRANSCRIPT THROUGH PARCHMENT FOR YOUR APPLICATION.
4. WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETED, SIGN UP FOR AN APPOINTMENT TIME USING THIS [LINK](#):