

Dear Class of 2020,

Happy New Year from the WHS School Counseling Office!

We have a number of important dates throughout the spring semester that we want you to mark in your cell phones, calendar apps, or “old fashioned” paper version.

1. Please contact our office at 859-2437 or by emailing Barbara Theobald at btheobald@aos92.org to schedule an appointment with your student. We wish to schedule an appointment for parents/guardians to meet with your student and his or her counselor to plan for senior year. This appointment will take about 45 minutes as we will review graduation requirements and courses for senior year. We will cover details about applying for college, the military or work after high school. We can also explain financial aid and where to find scholarships. We do have evening appointments available during midterm exam week for parents who are busy during the school day.

2. Course Registration time: February 6th

We will hold an assembly during Focus Time on February 6th and we will need completed registration forms turned in to your **homeroom teacher by February 13th.**

3. Scholarship Opportunity for Juniors February 15th (EMBARC formerly EC4ME)

The Community College System (MCC) is accepting applications for students interested in attending a Maine Community College. Application forms are available in the Guidance Office. They must be returned to us by **February 15th.** All students will receive extra advising and support as well as free applications to the Community Colleges of their choice. At the end of senior year, five Winslow High School seniors will receive \$2,000 scholarships to attend an MCC. Also two seniors will receive a scholarship to take a class at KVCC with free books, tuition and fees. Any student interested in attending a Maine Community College (MCC) should apply by **February 15th.**

4. Mandatory SAT on Tuesday, April 9th: The State of Maine is requiring that all juniors take the SAT. This is an official SAT that can be used for college admission purposes. Every student who has taken the PSAT can link their College Board accounts with a Khan Academy account for an individualized study plan tailored to their strengths and weaknesses. Students will receive their scores approximately 3-4 weeks later via their College Board account. Remember, **students DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER OR PAY FOR THIS ASSESSMENT.** Fees are covered and we will register all students for this SAT.

5. Mandatory Science Augmentation test, date TBD, within the April 2-12th window. The State of Maine requires all juniors to take a science assessment. This test is usually about 2 hours long and will be given before spring break.

5. AP exams, May 6-17th Students who are taking AP (Advanced Placement) classes will take AP exams on specific days during the AP testing window. The dates for each exam are very strict, and fees for taking the exam are due no later than **February 8th**. Detailed information will be included in another mailing.

6. College Admission Fair, Augusta Civic Center, May 23rd, Blocks 1 & 2: All area high schools attend the College Admission Fair at the Augusta Civic Center on May 23rd. Typically, over 100 colleges and universities throughout the Northeast will be on hand to talk about college programs, admission prerequisites, and other factors students need to know when they apply to college.

As you can tell, it will be a busy spring for juniors! Next September, we will begin the year by meeting seniors individually to help them shape their postsecondary plan. We want every student to graduate with a plan including meaningful employment, military service, and/or college. Please take a moment to contact our office and schedule an appointment so we can get started on these conversations. We are eager to support you and your family through this exciting and important process.

To Recap:

Schedule an appointment soon by calling Ms. Theobald at **859-2437** or email her at btheobald@aos92.org. Appointments can be scheduled for 7AM-3PM on school days or between 3PM-7PM during midterm exam week or on Wednesday evenings.

Students with last names A-La meet with Mr. McNeil
Students with last names Le-Z meet with Ms. Marin