

School Counseling Department News
January 17, 2017

COURSE REGISTRATION

Course Registration for the high school students will be taking place during the week of February 13. Middle School Registration information will be shared soon. The registration process will be completed in English classes by the School Counseling Department.

Junior course registration will be on Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14

Sophomore course registration will be on Wednesday and Thursday, February 15 and 16

Freshman course registration will be on Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17

To plan for the registration, school counselors will be holding grade level assemblies to go over the process and review specific details about the process.

Junior Assembly, Thursday, January 19

Sophomore Assembly, Wednesday, January 25

Freshman Assembly, Thursday, February 3

At these grade level assemblies, students will receive a copy of their Course Registration Form. Students will discuss with their teachers and then review with their parent. The Course Registration Form needs to be signed by a parent and returned to the School Counseling Office prior to February 10. The Program of Studies will soon be available on our school website. School counselors will also be meeting with students individually throughout the process to review their course selections and answering questions that may come up.

Teachers will be entering student recommendation levels in PowerSchool during the week of January 24. Parents are encouraged to view the recommendations and discuss course selections with their child prior to course registration. Parents and students are urged to consult with current teachers and individual counselors for further information and evaluation of course choices.

As students and parents go through the process of selecting courses for next year, please know that all students are required to carry a minimum of 6 classes per semester and 6 credits per year.

In order to help you plan for your schedules, we thought it would be helpful to offer a visual guide of what a typical schedule looks like for a student in tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade. It is important to note that many students have special circumstances that come into play during the scheduling process, so we invite you to use this information as a guide, not something that is set in stone. Please work with your school counselor to arrive at the schedule that makes the most sense for your individual circumstances.

Grade 10 --English, Math, Social Studies, Bio21, World Language, PE, Elective(s)

Grade 11-English, Math, US History, Science, Law and Civics, World Language, Elective(s)

Grade 12--English, Math, Electives

PSAT SCORES

The school counselors for the high school are meeting with the juniors this week to hand back their PSAT test booklet and PSAT scores. The school counselors went over the score report which includes scores, AP potential, SAT practice, and National Merit Scholarship. The school counselors also instructed students to utilize their College Board account as well as create a free Khan Academy account, both are free SAT practice tools available to students.

SAT PREP CLASSES

SAT Prep Classes will be offered to juniors in preparation for the upcoming SAT administration in April. The classes are offered free of charge to Wamogo students. Classes will run for six weeks on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Math Prep will take place on Monday evenings beginning February 27 for six weeks from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reading/Writing Prep classes will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning February 22 for six weeks from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Juniors can register for the classes in the School Counseling Office with Mrs. Hart. In addition, The College Board offers a free practice site at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Scholarships

Scholarships are being added regularly to our database in Naviance. In addition to the scholarships on Naviance, there are many other websites and resources available to all our students to access. Visit <http://www.college-scholarships.com> as an example of one of the many resources available. Scholarships come in all shapes and sizes. Students need to be proactive and devote time to researching the opportunities.

Parents of Seniors

The FAFSA deadline for Connecticut residents is February 15, 2017.

The FAFSA is required to apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, loans,

and work-study. The FAFSA is also used to apply for most state and college aid, in addition to some private financial aid. The earlier you submit the FAFSA, the better your chances of receiving financial aid. Login to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> to apply online.