

Counseling Department News
February 13, 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 and facilitated 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.

Students were given a Course Registration Form that they were asked to complete with their parent/guardian. The form was to be signed by a parent and returned to the School Counseling Office prior to February 10. If you have not discussed the form with your child, we would appreciate you asking them about it. To assist in selecting courses, refer to The Program of Studies (available on Wamogo's website) for a complete listing of course offerings and descriptions. School counselors will be meeting with students individually throughout the process to review their course selections and answer questions as needed.

As students 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.

NCCC Instant Decision Day

Joanne Nardi, Admissions Director of Northwestern Connecticut Community College, will be in the Wamogo Counseling Office on Friday, February 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an Instant Decision Day session.

If you are planning to apply for admission to NCCC for the Fall of 2017, **and have not yet done so**, it is suggested that you attend this session.

You will need to bring the following with you:

- A charged chromebook or laptop
- A \$20.00 application fee
- Your Social Security number

Mrs. Hart will generate your official transcript and immunization record.

You must RSVP to Mrs. Hart in the Counseling Office by February 10.

Experience College Day at NCCC

NCCC is planning an "Experience College" event on Friday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Juniors who are beginning their college search and seniors that are strongly considering NCCC are encouraged to attend. Planned are eight workshops focusing on different careers and programs which are informative and fun! Registration and permission forms have been emailed to Juniors and Seniors and are available in the Counseling Office. Students must register by **February 21**.

UCONN Health Professions Career Day

UCONN Health will host its high school clinical career event on **Thursday, April 6, 2017**. This year's event, now titled **UCONN HEALTH DAY**, will offer students an opportunity to rotate through three pre-scheduled tracks on the topics of Research, Patient Care, and Education. Wamogo may register **eight** grade 10 & 11 students. Please see Mrs. Hart if you like to register for this event, for more info, and permission forms. First come, first serve!

Career Interest Profiler

The high school counselors will meet with 10th grade students and facilitate classroom lessons related to student interest and how to match these interests with future occupations, majors, and post-secondary institutions. During this lesson, 10th graders will complete a Career Interest Profiler in their Naviance portal, and counselors will assist them in discovering how the results can help them in exploring future vocations and planning their 11th and 12th grade course of study.

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 27th for six weeks from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Reading/Writing Prep classes will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning February 22nd for six weeks from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Juniors can register for the classes in the School Counseling Office with Mrs. Hart. In addition, The College Board offers free practice materials at <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

Scholarships

Scholarships are being added regularly to our database in Naviance. In addition to the scholarships in 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 these opportunities.

*** Note that the Regional School District #6 Scholarship Application will be available to Seniors in March and is due April 1. Students will be notified via their school email account.**

FAFSA Deadline

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.

Bristol Technical Education Center

Bristol Technical Education Center is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. BTEC has six career technologies: Automotive Technology, Culinary Arts, Electronics Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning/Refrigeration (HVAC/R), Precision Machining Technology, and Welding & Metal Fabrication.

All trades are one year certificate programs with the exception of HVAC/R which is a two year

certificate program.

Bristol TEC Students still remain a part of their sending schools allowing them to receive their academic credits and participate in extracurricular activities, while receiving 5 BTEC credits for their trade. Bristol TEC offers Work Based Learning (WBL) giving students the opportunity to gain real world experience while meeting employers' expectations. Students get paid while on WBL and it takes place during the school day. Students also participate in Production Work, from repairing an automobile to creating a five course meal served in our student run restaurant on campus, The Bistro. Students transition into the workforce or higher education.

Please reach out to your school counselor for additional information.

QuestBridge

Attention Juniors! QuestBridge is a non-profit program that links high-achieving, deserving students with educational and scholarship opportunities at leading U.S. colleges and universities. QuestBridge provides the College Prep Scholarship for high school juniors and the National College Match program for high school seniors. For more information visit questbridge.org or see your School Counselor.