

School Counseling Department News
January 30, 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.

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

Junior Assembly, Thursday, January 19.

Sophomore Assembly, Friday, January 27.

Freshman Assembly, Thursday, February 3.

At these grade level assemblies, students will receive a copy of their Course Registration Form. Students will discuss courses with their teachers and then review with their parent/guardian. The Course Registration Form needs to be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the School Counseling Office prior to February 10th. The Program of Studies is available on our school website under the "What's New" tab. School counselors will be meeting with students individually throughout the process to review their course selections and answer questions as needed.

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

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.

Sample Schedule

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 grades 10, 11, and 12. 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

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.

Career Interest Profiler

The high school counselors are meeting with 10th grade students from January 23 to January 30, in order to 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 assist 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 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 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.

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.

CTHSS CT Aero Tech Open House

The Connecticut Aero Tech School for Aviation Maintenance Technicians will be having an Open House on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

This school's programs have been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, and students are taught by instructors holding over 70 years of experience. This two-year program is located at Brainard Airport in Hartford, CT. Tuition is \$6,576, Pell Grants are available for students, and there is a 100% guarantee for job placement following completion of the program.

For more information, please email Charles Hilton at charles.hilton@ct.gov.

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.