

The Guide



A Monthly Newsletter from the WHS Guidance Department June 2010

Summer Mailing to the Class of 2011

A mailing will be sent to next year's seniors in July that will include an unofficial transcript with the student's grade point average (GPA) based upon six semesters. It will also include a list of important dates and deadlines. Juniors who have not yet established a **Naviance** account should do so as soon as possible so they may have access to the college planning tools that this web-based service offers. In addition, parents and students should complete the *Parent Brag Sheet* and *Counselor Form* on **Naviance** no later than June 23.

Rising seniors are encouraged to begin working on their Common Applications which will be available on line beginning August 1st.

Final Transcripts for Seniors

The Guidance Department's annual **Graduation Survey** conducted on **Naviance**, asked seniors to indicate to which college or post-secondary institution they wanted their final transcript sent. The Guidance Department is aware that plans do change. A number of seniors have paid a deposit to one college to hold a space for next fall, but have chosen to remain on a waiting list at a second college. Graduates are asked to notify the Guidance Office **immediately** if they wish to change the college to which their final transcript will be sent. Final transcripts are sent to colleges by the end of June.

An unofficial copy of senior transcripts will be sent home at the end June.

Gentle Reminder: Seniors who have not yet paid their transcript fees, should make payment as soon as possible.

Transcripts to Private Schools

During the course of the academic year, some underclassmen have requested that their transcripts be sent to other high schools to which they are applying. When an underclassman has made a final decision to leave Winchester High School to attend another secondary institution, he/she must notify the Guidance Department, provide the name and address of the school, and

request that a final transcript be sent to the receiving school. Without a written request, signed by a parent, neither the transcript nor any other records will be sent.

Space Still Available on College Campuses

Current seniors or past graduates who may have postponed the college application process for a variety of reasons should know that it's not too late to apply to college for next fall. The National Association for College Admission Counseling's web site allows prospective applicants to use the **Space Availability Survey** to find colleges and universities throughout the U.S. that still have spaces available for qualified students in their Fall 2010 freshman and/or transfer classes. Many colleges and universities still have openings for next September. In Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts Lowell is among some of the colleges that still have openings for freshmen. Survey results may be viewed at: www.nacacnet.org.

Summer School Information

The Guidance Office has been receiving information from summer school programs that Winchester High School students have attended in past years. Summer schools that have notified the Guidance Department of their schedules and programs are:

- **Northeast Metro Tech**

Dates: Session 1: July 12 – July 23

Session 2: July 26 – August 6

Time: 7:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Address: 100 Hemlock Road, Wakefield, MA

Tuition: 42 hour course is \$270;

84 hour course is \$540.

Registration: May be made by mail, fax, online or in person. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first class.

Contact by phone: 781-246-0810 ext. 1640

FAX: 781-246-2976.

Website: www.neadulthood.com.

- **Belmont Hill Summer School**

Dates: June 28 – August 6

Three-week intensive programs: June 28 – July 16; or July 19 – August 6

Six Week Program: June 28 – August 6

Place: Belmont Hill School

350 Prospect St., Belmont, MA 02478

Tuition: Varies, depending upon sessions: \$560-\$1100

Registration: Now through **June 7** (requires \$100 non-refundable deposit). Full payment must accompany all registrations received after **June 7**. Phone: (617) 993-5215

Registration available online at:

<http://www.belmonthill.org>

- **Minuteman Summer School**

Dates: July 6 - July 30

8:20 – 11:30 AM; 12:00 – 3:10 PM.

Place: Minuteman Technical High School

758 Marrett Rd., Lexington, MA 02421

Tuition: varies by course. Contact summer school office: (888) 441-5749 Online registrations at www.minuteman.org.

REMINDER: Students who need summer remedial work to receive credit for a course they have failed during the year must receive **prior written approval** before enrolling in any summer school course. Approval forms are available in the Guidance Office. **Any student considering summer school, whether for remediation or for enrichment**, should refer to the **Summer School Policy** in the Course of Studies booklet.

Courses for 2010-2011

Course verification sheets will be sent home at the end of June. Please review courses carefully. Please notify Sherri Lewis-Sholler or Jerry Chapman of any necessary changes as soon as possible.

Summer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities and enrichment programs are a key way for high school and college students to gain experience and try out career paths. Please refer to the WHS Guidance Website, Naviance, and www.teenlife.com for information on summer opportunities.

Attention Class of 2011 and Class of 2012 **Fall College Representatives' Visits to the** **WHS Guidance Office**

WHS guidance counselors believe it is an essential part of the college search process for students to meet with college representatives. In an effort to promote this contact between students and college admissions personnel, colleges have been invited to come to the Guidance Office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. The number of colleges on these afternoons will be limited to

four. Please check the list on Naviance for days and times colleges will visit WHS. These visits allow for a great deal of personal interaction between admissions personnel and students.

2010 PSAT Date is Saturday, October 16

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered at WHS on Saturday, October 16. **This is the only date the official PSAT test is given at WHS.** Students will register at WHS beginning late September.

Why take the PSAT/NMSQT? The PSAT is the qualifying test that students (usually juniors) must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) competitions for college scholarships that will be awarded in 2011. For the latest information about the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com.

Gentle Reminder

Guidance Counselors are out of the office beginning June 29th and return at the start of the new school year. If you need assistance during the summer, please contact the main office.

**The Guidance Department
wishes a safe, enjoyable and
restful summer to all!!**