

FEBRUARY

2016

WINDSOR LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTARIES



**Windsor Locks High School
Counseling Staff Members**

IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES

* February 9th – PSAT paper score reports handed out in Advisory

*February 9th – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 5pm

*February 15-19 – Mid Winter Break

*February 23rd – School Counselors to meet w/ seniors in Advisory to discuss Dollars for Scholars

*March 1st – AP Fair

*March 2nd – State wide SAT testing for all juniors – 7:30am

*March 2nd – CAPT Science testing for all sophomores and CAPT Practice Science for all freshmen – 7:30am

Important Events in the School Counseling Department

Junior College Planning

During the month of February and March, the Windsor Locks School Counselors will continue to meet with their juniors to begin the fine tuning of their post-secondary planning. Each of the school counselors will schedule individual meetings with their junior students and parents to develop an action plan for life after Windsor Locks High School.

Junior Students and their parents will focus on the following:

- Course credit status
- Courses needed for graduation
- Review of a Junior Planning College and Career Guide
- Review of Naviance and how to complete a college search
- Discussion of College tours, interviews, essays, and applications
- Discuss of teacher recommendations
- Developing a resume

Each school counselor will inform their junior students of importance of using the Naviance online programming as part of their college and career planning process.

The link to get onto Naviance is:

<https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=wlhs>

If you have any questions, please contact your student's school counselor

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Attention Seniors:

Now that semester 1 has ended and grades have closed, the school counseling department will send mid-year grades to those colleges to which students have applied.

If you have schools that you are still going to apply to, you need to make sure that your school counselor is aware of what you have submitted so that transcripts and official documents can be sent to the college/university.

Word of Caution: For those that have been accepted and knowing that the first semester has ended, **this is not the time to let senioritis sneak in!** Colleges and Universities do ask for final grades and there are times when a post-secondary institution will reverse an acceptance decision due to lack of academic effort in the second semester. **Please keep a strong work ethic moving forward!!**

IMPORTANT EVENTS CONTINUED

Dollars for Scholars

A COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED!

Windsor Locks Dollars for Scholars, a program of Scholarship America, is made up of volunteer community members and high school personnel whose mission is to encourage Windsor Locks students to further their education. Since 2001 they have supported this mission through scholarship awards and financial assistance, and by promoting activities within the Windsor Locks community that help students achieve their educational goals.

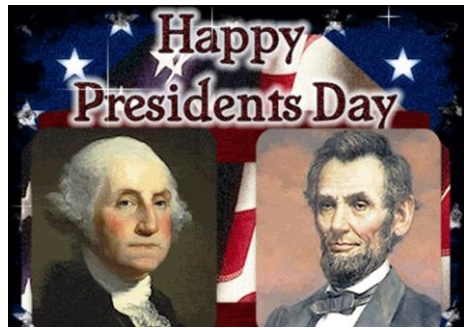
On Tuesday, February 23rd, the WLHS School Counselors, on behalf of the Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Committee will meet with the Class of 2016 to review the application process for Dollars for Scholars scholarships. This is a great opportunity for students to apply for scholarships that can assist in defraying the cost of college and career training funds. Approximately \$96,000 worth of scholarships were awarded to last year's graduating class. By taking the time to apply, members of the Class of 2016 increase their chances of receiving a financial award.

Please visit the Dollars for Scholars website at:

<http://windsorlocks.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?section=chapterWebsite&action=main&fwID=1901>



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AP Fair

As we approach the time when students will pick their classes for the next school year, teachers will begin the process of making recommendations.

Students who will be recommended for Advanced Placement courses for the 2016-2017 School Year will be invited to attend an AP Fair in the cafeteria on Tuesday, March 1st during Advisory.

At this fair, Advanced Placement course teachers from each discipline will be presenting information about the AP courses offered in their departments and students will gain an understanding of the expectations attached to this rigorous coursework. Advanced Placement courses allow students the opportunity to obtain college credit based on their performance in class and through taking the AP exam in May of 2017.

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Recruitment

Looking for opportunities for your future? Mrs. Nelson may have some good options for you. In the weeks ahead, Mrs. Nelson is looking to recruit students for the following early college programs:

- Goodwin College
- Asnuntuck Community College – Manufacturing Technology

Some prerequisites are required for these programs, please see Mrs. Nelson in the guidance suite for more information.

Mrs. Nelson, Transitions/Pathways Coordinator

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“That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well.”

Abraham Lincoln

