



Senior Newsletter

Western Prince William County College Night

College Planning Workshops

Attention Seniors: Confused by the whole college planning process. Mr. Lawrence will conduct College Planning 101: A Guide to the College Planning Process in the Career Center. If you would like to sign-up for these workshops, please do so in the Guidance Office. Sign-up early. Space is limited.

The Western Prince William County College Night program will be held this year at Osbourn High School. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. Several college and university representatives will be on hand to answer your questions. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this informative event.



College Night will be held at Osbourn High School

COLLEGE REPS VISIT THE CAREER CENTER

Date	College	Time
9-25	Virginia Commonwealth University	9:00 a.m.
9-29	Christopher Newport University	8:30 a.m.
	Salem College	9:30 a.m.
	Coastal Carolina University	10:00 a.m.
	Ferrum College	10:30 a.m.
	West Virginia Institute of Technology	11:30 a.m.
	Randolph Macon College	12:00 a.m.
	University of Virginia, Wise Campus	1:00 p.m.
9-30	Mary Baldwin College	10:30 a.m.
	West Virginia University	11:00 a.m.
10-7	East Carolina University	11:00 a.m.
	Old Dominion University	11:30 a.m.
	James Madison University	11:30 a.m.
10-13	Randolph Macon Woman's College	10:30 a.m.
	Catawba College	12:00 p.m.
	Roanoke College	1:00 p.m.
10-22	Lynchburg College	11:00 a.m.
10-28	Mary Washington College	11:00 a.m.
10-30	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	11:00 a.m.
11-13	Radford University	9:00 a.m.

SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE

The scholarship database is now available in the guidance office. If you want all the latest information on local and national scholarships, please pick-up a copy. Remember if you need money for college, then you need to apply for scholarships.

SAT TEST DATES

STONEWALL JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

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Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 11, 2003	SAT I & SAT II	Sept. 9, 2003	Sept. 13, 2003
November 1, 2003	SAT I & SAT II	Sept. 26, 2003	Oct. 8, 2003
December 6, 2003	SAT I & SAT II	Oct. 30, 2003	Nov. 12, 2003
January 24, 2004	SAT I & SAT II	Dec. 22, 2003	Dec 31, 2003
March 27, 2004	SAT I only	Feb. 20, 2004	Mar. 4, 2004
May 1, 2004	SAT I & SAT II	Mar. 25, 2004	Apr. 7, 2004
June 5, 2004	SAT I & SAT II	April 29, 2004	May 12, 2004

ACT TEST DATES

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Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 25, 2003	Sept. 19, 2003	Oct. 3, 2003
December 13, 2003	Nov. 7, 2003	Nov. 20, 2003
February 7, 2004	Jan. 2, 2004	Jan. 16, 2004
April 3, 2004	Feb. 27, 2004	Mar. 12, 2004
June 12, 2004	May 7, 2004	May 21, 2004

TIPS ON SURVIVING YOUR SENIOR YEAR AND THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Surviving your senior year and the college admissions process can be tough, so you've got to be on top of your game if you want to come away unscathed. Here are a few tips to help you get, and stay, organized throughout the college admissions season:

Tip #1: Develop an Organizational System

Sounds corny, we know, but the key to a (relatively) stress-free senior year is to stay on top of all the details. To do this, you need to be good about keeping those details in order.

Some folks like to set up a filing system (you can buy a plastic box for hanging files at your local office supply store) with a file for each school they are considering. Others like to use folders. Still others like to keep everything virtual and keep everything organized electronically (not a bad idea in this electronic age). Whatever you do, just remember: it has to be clear and logical and, most importantly, it has to work for you.

Tip #2: Get a Calendar

Seriously. Even if you already have a calendar, you might want to consider getting another one that is just for the college admissions process. You'll use this to keep track of official application deadlines as well as those deadlines you set yourself. What do we mean by self-imposed deadlines? That's the next tip.

Of course, a calendar is only helpful if you USE IT. By that we mean, make sure to check your calendar regularly (daily is great, weekly is acceptable). It's not going to help you stay organized if you fill it up with all sorts of stuff and then forget about it.

Tip #3: Set Deadlines

Once you have a calendar, you need to fill it up with deadlines - both official (the ones you can't change) and unofficial (these are the ones that are self-imposed). Start with the official deadlines, such as the absolutely last day you can register for the October 11 SAT

(September 13) and the application deadlines for the schools to which you plan to apply.

Next, set your own deadlines. If Harvard's application deadline is January 1, great-but when do you want to mail it in? Is your family going to Florida from December 20 to January 3? You're probably not going to want to finish your application on the beach, so maybe your target date for submitting Harvard's application is December 1st. Whatever you decide, note it on your calendar. An extra tip: Give yourself a buffer so if you do miss a self-imposed deadline, it's not the end of the world.

Tip #4: Meet with the Career Counselor

Meet with your career counselor to discuss your college plans and obtain information on colleges, applications, scholarships and financial aid.