



COUNSELING SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Warren Central High School
November-December 2011

“Together Everyone Achieves More”

SAT/ACT TEST DATES

<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
Nov 5	*Dec 10
Dec 3	Feb 11
Jan 28	* April 14
Mar 10	June 9
*May 5	
June 2	



2011-2012 SCHEDULING

Scheduling of students for the 2011-2012 School year will be held in January and February. Students should be visiting the Media Center, CSC, and the Writing Labs to research career options that may be of interest to them at this time. To make an appropriate Course of Study Plan for next year, students must conduct this search themselves. Evaluate your strengths and weaknesses, look at your academic preparation, achievement, and career goals. Interest inventories are available at www.learnmoreindiana.org.

Talk with your parents, teachers, counselors, and persons who are in careers that are of interest to you.

SEMESTER 2 COURSE REQUESTS

Semester 2 Course Requests will be distributed to students through their Period 1 classes on Monday, November 21st. Students should check these requests very carefully to make sure they are enrolled in the correct classes for Semester 2, and remember no change of mind. All schedule corrections for Semester 2 must be completed by November 23rd.

CSC RESOURCE CENTER

Students are invited to stop by CSC before or after school to check out the Computer Information Center. ACT, SAT, and PSAT Prep, Career Searches, Interest and Career Inventories, On-Line scholarship/college applications, and numerous Web site listings are available for you to use. For your convenience, the Counseling Services Center is open daily from 7 am until 3:30 pm.

Counseling Services Staff Office Locations

WCHS Counseling Services Center

CSC Director

Mr. Jeff Massey 532-6225

Counselors

Students are assigned by last name

A-Bri	Mrs. Gretchen Brooks	532-6224
Bro-Dav	Mr. Craig Clark	869-4688
Daw-Go	Mrs. Laura Anderson	532-6228
Gr-Je	Ms. Deborah Cummings	532-6382
Ji-Ma	Mrs. Julie Markle	532-6491
Mc-Pen	Ms. Bre England	869-4689
Peo-Sh	Mr. Terry Woodburn	532-6158
Si-Wai	Mrs. Deb Washburn	869-4691
Waj-Z	Mrs. Susie Long	532-6222

Mrs. Christine Drummond - CSC Secretary
532-6296
Mrs. Dawn De St Jeor - Director's Secretary
532-6226
Mrs. Carol Sheely - Records Specialist
532-6327
Mrs. Laura Walters – Registrar
532-6204

CAREER CLUSTERS

All students are asked to identify a “Career Cluster” that is of interest to them. In the weeks ahead, you will hear over morning announcements information about Career Clusters. Cluster Teams will be giving you data regarding careers in the various clusters, job opportunities and career expectations.

Career Clusters Include:

- **BIT - Business and Information Technology** (Examples: accountant, bookkeeper, administrator, paralegal, secretary, banker, auditor, economist, stock broker, etc...)
- **CAC - Communication & Arts Careers** (Examples: artist, cartoonist, photographer, dancer, choreographer, fashion, film director, etc...)
- **EIT - Engineering & Industrial Technology** (Examples: welder, physicist, engineer, architect, pilot, chemist, mechanic, electrician, mason, CAD draftsman, astronomer, etc...)
- **HLS - Health & Life Sciences** (Examples: forester, doctor, nurse, therapist, crime scene investigator, veterinarian, trainer, geneticist, dentist, chemist, zoologist, etc....)
- **HGS - Human and Governmental Services** (Examples: flight attendant, corrections officer, armed services, urban planner, historian, economist, psychologist, etc....)

Don't Get Stung!!! BEWARE OF SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS!!!

www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/edcams/scholarship

There are over 150 scholarship scam services operating presently in the US. Beware of any service that offers you “free” dollars if you pay them a fee to find \$'s for you. Most everything they will find for you would happen automatically when you and your parents fill out the FAFSA form this year as a senior. Beware of phrases and promises like:

- The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.
- You can't get this information anywhere else.
- May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship for you?
- You've been selected by a “National Foundation” to receive a scholarship or you are a finalist in a contest you never entered.

For more information about “Scholarship Scams” contact the Federal Trade Commission @ <http://www.ftc.gov>. Talk with any Warren Central High School Counselor regarding services and scholarships available.



out: eCampusTours.com

Virtual tours, financial aid, on-line registration for campus visits & more.

Keep an eye on the Warren
Website for updated CSC Link
wchs.warren.k12.in.us

FRESHMEN

As this semester ends, you are beginning your high school transcript. The semester grades you earn, will be averaged together to determine your GPA (Grade Point Average). Class ranks are determined at the end of the semester using your accumulated GPA. Good attendance continues to be the key to academic success.

Throughout your freshman year you should be looking at careers you might want to consider. It is very important to academically plan your high school years to meet requirements for post secondary schooling or job entry. Here are a few websites that may assist you in your search.

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.eCampusTours.com

www.fastweb.com

<http://stats.bls.gov>

www.bls.gov/oco



SOPHOMORES

You should continue building a strong academic record this year. Many of the academic opportunities that will be open to you next year will be determined by your performance and attendance this semester and next. If you are planning on going to college after high school, you should be working toward maintaining a GPA that places you in the top quarter of your class. Attendance, academic preparation, and attitude will be used to evaluate your placement in some courses that you may want to select during your junior year. Applications and auditions are required for some upper level courses. Counselors will be scheduling you for your junior year in the next few months. Your sophomore grades will be very important in this process. Please spend some time in the weeks ahead researching your career options and goals through the CSC or the Media Center.

ATTENTION SENIORS

ECA – Beginning with the class of 2012, students are required to pass End-of-Course assessments in Algebra I and English 10 to satisfy the graduation test requirements.

JUNIORS

College bound juniors should have taken the PSAT in October. Your results will be back to you in mid-December. Juniors traditionally take the SAT or ACT test in the spring. If you would like to increase your chances of being assigned to Warren Central as your test site, please sign up **NOW** for the April (ACT) and/ or May (SAT). When counselors schedule you for next year's classes, you will receive more information on these tests. This year continues to be very important regarding your academic record. For those of you planning on attending college, this will be the last year of school that a university may see to determine your admission decision. Application to colleges is usually made in the fall of your senior year.

All juniors should spend time researching career pathways that you may want to pursue after graduation. Only with the best academic preparation can a student be successful in the years ahead.

Before graduation, a student in the class of 2012 must qualify on both portions of the GQE/ISTEP. Results from the December test should be delivered to WCHS in February. If you have not previously qualified, you will be notified of your status and given options for Essential Skills classes that will be offered. Please take advantage of these help sessions.

SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS & TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Any Senior who wants a college application sent out by Friday, is reminded to have the application turned into CSC by Tuesday of that week by 3:00 pm. **Watch your deadlines closely.** Do not wait until the day an application is due to turn it into CSC. Time needs to be allowed **(48 hours min.)** for recommendations and transcripts to be properly prepared.

FAFSA FINANCIAL AID MEETING INFORMATION

Thursday
February 2, 2012
WPAC
6:30 p.m.



FAFSA FORMS

FAFSA forms will be available on-line in January @ www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov.

This is the form that **must** be received by FAFSA on or before March 10, 2012 for a student to be eligible to receive state and federal financial assistance. Some private schools might also require the PROFILE and/or their own financial aid form. Check with the college that you are planning on attending. **Paper applications are not sent to students or schools, but will be available for downloading from the online site above. It is critical to the financial aid process for a student to complete this form on time.**

SCHOOL TO WORK FORMS

Any senior who is planning on participating in STW during semester 2 is reminded that a STW form and employment verification form must be turned in to your counselor by November 23rd. Forms will be available in the CSC beg Nov. 19th. Senior schedules will not be altered after that date to accommodate work release.

Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of all career exploration opportunities that are available to them. Colleges, military representatives and vocational schools are periodically visiting WCHS. If you wish to talk with any of these people, stop by CSC at least one day prior to the school's visit and pick up a pass. Military personnel are in the cafeteria daily to answer your questions. CSC and the Media Center offer many resources to assist you in your post-secondary search and planning. Use the months ahead wisely to prepare yourself for the choices and challenges that are ahead for you.

Participation in Graduation requires ECA Qualification and credit completion.

UPCOMING DATES:

Nov. 21-23	Semester 2 requests & schedule changes
Dec. 19-21	WCHS Final Exams
Dec. 21	1 st Semester Ends