

# W Wooster High School Guidance Dept.

Wooster City School District

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Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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## Principal's Message:

We are already in to the second month of the new calendar year and more than halfway through the third quarter. Seniors are making preparations for graduation and underclassmen are preparing their schedules for next year. Before we know it, spring will be here in full bloom.

As we move through the second semester, be reminded that students will be required to take their End-of-Course tests (or the equivalent) in 8<sup>th</sup> English Language Arts, English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, 8<sup>th</sup> Science, US History, and US Government. State End-of-Course assessments will begin on April 9 and run through May 15. AP testing will take place between May 7- May 18. Detailed test information can be found on our High School webpage under WHS Assessment Calendar.

Parents are valuable when it comes to supporting classroom assignments and encouraging students to stay on task. As a team, we can help our young people succeed in school and prepare for college and career readiness. If there are any questions about your student's progress, please call and talk to our counselors, teachers, and administrators as we look to partner with you to inspire world-class academic achievement.

Go Generals!

Tyler Keener, Principal

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## College Credit Plus

Administration and counselors met with a packed PAC full of students/parents to discuss possible pathways to prepare and be ready for college. A popular pathway for many students is the College Credit Plus pathway. This is for grades 7-12, to enroll in an Ohio public college to earn high school and college credit. Some courses may be available within the walls of WHS (Composition I, Composition II, US History, Biology, College Algebra, and Pre-Calculus) and others would be earned on college campuses. See your counselor for more information. College Credit Plus intent forms must be turned in by March 23rd for next year's classes. Those students taking classes at WHS for college/high school credit will need to take the ACT, apply to University of Akron-Wayne Campus & meet the necessary requirements. An orientation meeting will be held at Wayne College on May 22 for students enrolling in fall CCP courses. For those enrolling in spring CCP courses, orientation will be on December 14. See your counselor for more information or questions.

## Upcoming ACT Opportunities

**March 20, 2018-** All Juniors will take the ACT during the school day. This is FREE & a new state requirement, whether the student plans to attend a post-secondary institution or prepare for employment. WCSCC will return to WHS for the day to participate in this test. There will be a separate testing date for those with accommodations. The additional Writing portion will not be included.

**April 3, 2018-** This is an in-house test offered during the school day as well. Those interested in this ACT will bring check/cash/money order (\$46.00) to guidance in order to sign up. Registration will take place from 2/26 -3/20. There will be no accommodations and it will not include the additional Writing portion. Those students that intend to participate in College Credit Plus (CCP) for next school year should consider this date or the National test date. Only those that have taken the ACT will participate in the college orientation visit.

**April 14, 2018-** This is the National Test date. Those that choose to participate in the Saturday test will register and pay online (\$46.00) at [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org). Student may choose the additional Writing Option for this test.

## Scholarship Information

Scholarships are coming in daily. The only way to receive a scholarship is to apply. Go through the scholarship booklet received in the mail and circle scholarships of interest. We update & post WHS scholarships in the Naviance system and at [www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org).

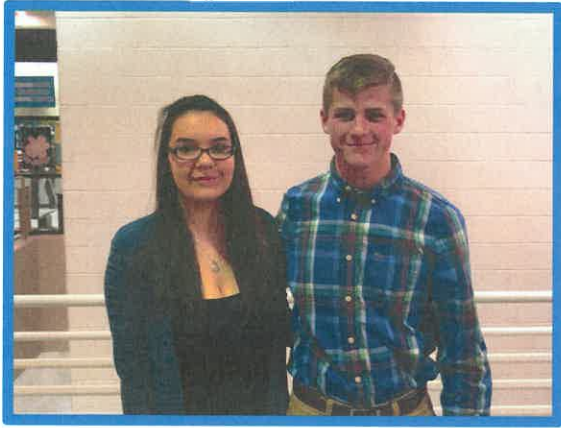
### *Tips for writing that scholarship essay/application*

1. Apply only if eligible, read carefully and follow instructions.
2. Be aware of all deadlines, try to submit at least five days prior to due date.
3. Submit a clean and neat application, preferably typed.
4. Submit a well-composed essay that makes an impression. Discuss your history and why those experiences have led you to apply for this scholarship.
5. Be honest. Stay positive.
6. Utilize the skills learned in English classes: organize, outline, stay on topic, use clear, concise language, edit, revise, proofread, proofread again, etc.
7. Attach additional sheet highlighting activities, awards, work experience, etc.
8. Seek assistance, if needed.
9. Give counselors/faculty/staff at least five days to compose a letter of recommendation, if needed.
10. Return application to counselor if required or mail application to the proper address with the required postage.

**\*\*Mark your calendar: Senior Scholarship/Academic Award Ceremony is Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 7:00pm.** All seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. This will award ceremony will honor both scholarship and academics for seniors only. No formal invitations will be sent.

## **Graduating Seniors:**

A questionnaire will be available, beginning April 3 for you to complete. Fill it out on your mobile device or pick up a copy in the guidance office. This questionnaire is **extremely important** for many reasons, so please fill it out promptly with as much information as possible. It lets us know what you are doing for **next fall**: going to college, working, traveling, etc. It tells us the scholarships you have earned. It will serve as a release for your final transcript to the college/university you are planning to attend. Lastly, the information reported in this questionnaire will also be used for the commencement program. Questionnaires must be completed by **May 4** for graduation purposes and program preparation.



Congratulations to January Recognized BOE students  
Lily (12) and Joey (9)

## **Registration for 2018-2019 Classes**

Scheduling information and class meetings will take place as follows:

Current Juniors- February 20

Current Sophomores- February 21

Current Freshman- February 22

Current Eighth- February 23

Once you receive your scheduling materials & class recommendations from teachers, meet with your counselor if you still have questions. Change of heart changes can be made on schedules until May 25.

## **Upward Bound**

Is your child thinking about going to college? Upward Bound is a program that helps eligible students get ready for college. The program provides academic advising, tutoring, college visits, test-preparation, and a 6-week summer program on a college campus. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education; therefore, there is no cost to students.

Upward Bound is recruiting now. Students in grades 9 or 10 who are interested in college are encouraged to apply.

To get more information and an application, call 330-287-1285 or pick up a brochure and preliminary application from Mrs. Goff in the Guidance Office.

## **Physical Education Waiver**

Any student that has participated in interscholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two (2) seasons will be exempted from participation in physical education, if so desired. Students **MUST** complete the entire season(s) in which they have elected to participate. Thus, a student who plays a combination of Wooster High School sports at any level—freshman, JV, or varsity or marching band or cheerleading for a total of two (2) seasons is exempt. In the case of an exemption, the student would be excused from physical education classes, but his/her total number of credits for graduation would not change, therefore, they would have to replace physical education with other academic electives or simply take physical education as an elective. The exemption would be noted on the student's transcript. In order to facilitate accurate scheduling and record keeping, we require each student to fill out an exemption form. Once both seasons are successfully completed, the student will obtain the verification signature form from the Athletic Director and/or Band Director. At that time, the form will be reviewed with the appropriate guidance counselor and the waiver will be reflected on the student's transcripts. Waiver forms are available in the guidance office or [ww.woostercityschools.org/hs](http://ww.woostercityschools.org/hs).



## Is it a Cold or the Flu?

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Yes
Headache	Rare	Prominent
Aches and Pains	Slight	Usual, often severe
Fatigue	Quite mild	Can last 2-3 weeks
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Mild to moderate hacking cough	Common, can become severe

The flu season is upon us. Getting the flu vaccine is the best way to prevent getting the flu. Frequent HANDWASHING, especially before eating, is also a great preventative measure. If your child exhibits the symptoms of the flu, please keep him/her home to prevent exposure to other students. They can return to school after being fever-free (without the use of medicine) for 24 hours.

Eating a healthy breakfast, drinking plenty of fluids, getting enough sleep at night (limiting screen time), and getting at least 60 minutes of activity a day can help your child's immune system be at its best.

### AP Information

Counselors visited classrooms last week and passed out registration forms regarding AP testing in early May. Registration begins on February 20- March 9. Each test is \$94.00. For those on free/reduced lunch or have a specific financial need, please see guidance. Please note that there is a required pre-administration meeting:

April 24	8:05am in the LGIR	1 test only
April 24	8:55am in the LGIR	Multiple tests
April 25	8:05am in the Meeting Room	End of Course US History Exam(4/24)

### Reminder for Important Senior Dates

#### **February 20- March 9 AP Test Registration**

February 26 – March 20	ACT registration for April 3 test
May 7- May 18	AP Testing
April 20	Verify Honors Diploma status <b>&amp; Award of Merit w/ counselor</b>
May 4	Senior Questionnaire Due
May 12	Prom
May 16& 17	Senior Exams
May 18	Breakfast <b>Give back day Graduation Meeting Give gowns &amp; other items</b>
May 22	Music Awards 7:00 pm
May 31	Senior Awards/ Scholarship <b>Presentation 7:00pm</b>
June 3	Commencement 2:00 pm <b>All graduates MUST report to gym by 12:15pm for graduation practice</b>

Please note that we will have graduation practice BEFORE graduation at 12:15pm, instead of the senior's last day. This, however, does not mean that the last day is not necessary. It is an official attendance day & is mandatory. Caps/gown units, tickets, coupons, & other items will be handed out after lunch. On Sunday, June 3, all graduates planning to attend and walk need to be in the gym at 12:15pm. Please be prompt.

All Seniors and their parents are invited to the Senior Awards & Scholarship Night. Students will wear their gowns, but no hats. Scholarships will be given, as well as honor cords, presidential & department awards, & recognition of other academic honors. It is a great night to support each's accomplishments. Students to line up at 6:30pm in the commons to march into the PAC.