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Inspiring World-Class Academic Achievement

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Principals' Message:

Hard to believe that we will be starting December soon as the holidays are just around the corner! Please encourage your student to be diligent in keeping up with their academics as credits and GPA will be now calculated at the semester. Grades can always be accessed online through Progress Book.

Seniors have been talking with counselors about their future college and career paths. Juniors should also be thinking about the preparations needed to be the most successful after high school. Please see your counselor if you have any questions about what is needed to be successful after high school.

All Juniors will be taking the ACT on March 20. End of course exams will be administered starting the second week of April. All 2017-2018 test dates can be found on our website <http://www.woostercityschools.org/hs/news-story/2017-2018-whs-assessment-calendar>. Information about Ohio's assessments can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing>.

All of us at Wooster High School want to wish you a happy holiday season. Have a wonderful break, as we will continue to partner with you to provide world-class academic achievement for all our students.

-Tyler Keener, Principal

Congratulations to Peter Savage (12) on being selected the November Recognized Board of Education Student of the Month. Melita Wiles and Connor Niro have been selected as The Daily Record Teens of the Month. WHS is proud of you!



Purple Star Award presented to WHS

The Wooster City School District has received a Purple Star Award from the Ohio Department of Education. This is the first year for the award, which recognizes school districts that are supportive of the community's veterans and military families. Wooster was one of only eight districts selected across Ohio.



An award ceremony was held at Wooster High School where State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Paolo A. DeMaria, presented the honor in person.

The full news story can be found on our website and the entire award ceremony can be found at <https://vimeo.com/242744408>.

Wayne County Schools Career Center

Wayne County Career Center representatives were at WHS in early October to speak with all sophomores about opportunities at the Career Center for the 2018-2019 school year. On Friday, November 17, students had the opportunity to investigate three chosen areas of study while visiting the school. Enrollment applications were distributed and need to be returned to the Guidance Office by **January 19, 2018**, if interested in attending for the 2018-2019 school year. Don't forget to also attend the WCSCC Open House on November 30, from 5:00-7:30pm

College Preparation

The guidance counselors have been scheduling interviews in order to direct each junior and senior down the right path based on future goals. Those considering furthering their education should keep in mind the following:

1. Visit college campuses and obtain application information.
2. Make appointments with the college admissions officer and the financial aid director. These individuals are the best sources of information.
3. Athletes pursuing Division I or II colleges should send in a completed NCAA student registration form online. Information can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org or at www.ncaa.org, click on Eligibility Center on the right. Transcripts for the NCAA can be requested in Naviance.
4. The ACT and/or SAT are a must. Visit www.actstudent.org or sat.collegeboard.org to register.
5. Continue to search for scholarships. Check the bulletin board in the guidance office and Naviance for local and national scholarships and college catalogs for individual scholarships at each college of interest. The Wayne County Community Foundation Scholarship booklet is an excellent resource for locating scholarships available to students. All local scholarships are posted on www.waynecountycommunityfoundation.org.
6. Consider job shadowing someone in the career of interest.
7. Juniors and seniors are allowed three excused absences to visit colleges. First, schedule the visit with the college, then provide a note from a parent at least three days in advance of the visit to Mrs. Timko, Attendance Secretary.

College Application Deadlines of JANUARY 1 MUST be completed in Naviance by noon on December 7.

Students need to apply, complete all necessary online paperwork, finish the Common Application (if required by college) and attach to Naviance, request transcripts & send recommendation letters by noon on **December 7**. Please do not ask for a recommendation letter in those last weeks prior to break; letters take time & teachers/counselors should be asked weeks ahead of this due date. All applications & recommendation letter requests submitted to Naviance after December 7 - January 2 risk not being processed until school resumes in January. The Guidance office and all counselors are out of the office from 12/22-1/2. Please pay attention to your college deadlines and be proactive.

College Alternatives

College may not be for everyone. Although many will tell you that the earning gap between a high school graduate and a college graduate is huge, that isn't always the norm. Each student, along with guidance from parents, can make the decision to postpone college or not attend at all, and still have a proud life making good money. Consider the following opportunities:

1. **Learn a trade.** This is great idea if you love to work with your hands. There are a lot of options that can lead to well-paying careers: mechanic, electrician, plumbing, welding, masonry, and more. Our Wayne County Career Center is a great place to consider and work toward one of these types of careers.
2. **Enlist in the military.** Starting wages for basic enlistment personnel may be low; however, most of your living expenses, insurance, food, and clothing are covered. Promotional opportunities and paid education are second to none. Valuable work experience can apply to civilian jobs once discharged.
3. **Volunteer.** While you are trying to find your place in the world, why not spend the time making a difference? Structured programs, such as Peace Corps or Americorps can offer great experiences. Many times, if you volunteer overseas, your housing and living expenses are covered by the organization. This will offer you an adventure you may never experience again.
4. **Get a job.** Look for jobs in retail or the service industry for the most opportunities. When starting out, you will likely be at minimum wage, but if you do well, you can typically rise through the ranks, perhaps moving from hourly employee to shift supervisor, then even management. It may also help you to identify what you truly enjoy doing.
5. **Entrepreneurship.** Do you have an idea? It might seem risky, but now may be easier than when you're older and have a family with obligations. Be prepared. Learn as much as you can, so as not to make too many mistakes. Consult with trusted individuals that can offer advice. Remember that Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and Richard Branson do not have college degrees.

2017-2018 Scholarship Guide

The Scholarship booklet compiled by the Wayne County Schools & Wayne County Community Foundation will be mailed to each senior over the Holiday break. The purpose of this booklet is to assist students & families in obtaining scholarships for higher education. The booklet provides information regarding over 100 scholarships. Should you have any questions, see your guidance counselor or contact the Wayne County Community Foundation at 330-262-3877.

Senior Class Meeting

Mark your calendar for Monday, January 8 2018, at 8:05am. The large class photo will be taken by Marty's Photography followed by a short class meeting regarding caps/gowns/invitation ordering. Order forms for the class photo will be mailed over break with complete listing of all-important senior dates for the remainder of the year. Transportation will be available for WCSCC students to school after photo.

Important Guidance Dates/Activities

DECEMBER

Wayne County Schools Career Center Open House

*November 30, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Class ring distribution

*December 7, during lunches

College Deadlines for 1/1/2018

*December 7 by noon

Exams-First Semester

*December 20 & 21

JANUARY

Senior Class Meeting/Photo

*January 8, 8:05am in gym

Cap/gown/invites Orders for graduation

*January 18 (A - L)

*January 25 (M - Z)

WCSCC Priority enrollment deadline

*January 19-Paperwork due

Procedure for Appointments

(Leaving during the school day)

Please follow the following procedure when a student needs to leave during the school day. A note from guardian/parent should be presented to the Attendance office before school begins on the day of an appointment. This note should contain the full name of the student, date, destination, time needed to leave for the appointment, approximate time of return, and parent signature. At that time, the student will be given a release slip to hand to teacher at correct time. The student MUST sign out prior to leaving & upon returning. Doctor slips should be requested and returned to attendance office. Following this procedure will help keep attendance phone lines open for emergencies & frustration that the phone line is consistently busy. For additional information, see page 10 in Student Handbook on the Wooster High School webpage.