

A College Counseling Newsletter



Well, we made it! Summer is officially here. I know I speak for everyone in the College Counseling Office in wishing you and your family a wonderful few months of rest, relaxation, some fun in the sun and quality time with your loved ones. We also must offer congratulations to the Class of 2022 once again — it was a truly spectacular commencement weekend, and we wish you all the best as you venture forth in your next educational journey.

This will be the last edition of "The Road To College" until we resume in the fall. Until then, please read through these brief reminders, and remember that college counselors are available throughout the summer. Counselors can schedule in-person or virtual meetings during the months of June and August and will be accessible via email during the month of July. We look forward to hearing from you and hope you have a wonderful summer break!

For our recent graduates, final transcripts have been sent to the one college or university you will attend in the fall. If you are offered a spot off of a wait list or if your intended college of matriculation has changed since you last communicated with our office, please make sure to update your counselor and Mrs. Barry accordingly. If you have any questions, please be in touch.

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Class of 2023! Please keep an eye out for your Summer List and Reminders Letter which your college counselor will send to you by the end of June. Please take time to review this important document and be in touch with your counselor should you have any questions.

Students created a Common Application account during Learn to College this year and should use the summer to complete as much of the application as possible and continue work on the main <u>Common Application essay</u>. Note that the Common App will go offline in July before rolling over to the 2022-23 application. During this time, students will not be able to access their account but do not worry! Once the Common App "rolls over," students can log in and follow the prompts to ensure that their information will transfer over.

The standardized test schedule for the 2022-23 school year is available. Start thinking about your plans for testing in the fall and remember that summer is an excellent time to incorporate a regimen of standardized test prep. Rising seniors will typically take advantage of the summer months to prepare for the August and/or October SAT OR the September and/or October ACT, prior to early application deadlines in November. Options for test prep are posted on the Parent and Student portals.

Plan your summer college visits. All colleges will offer regularly scheduled campus tours and admission information sessions. You can expect that your campus tour will be led by a current student tour guide. Most tours will last anywhere from 1-2 hours. Information sessions are often conducted by admission representatives and will typically last 30 minutes-1 hour.

Over the summer we will be transitioning from Naviance Student to Maia Learning. This new platform provides students with an all-inclusive site for college and career planning. More information will be shared over the summer and training will occur once students return in August.



Formal and regular meetings with your college counselor will not begin until November, but please know that you can reach out to your counselor at any time with questions or concerns. We can't wait to begin working with you!

If you have time this summer, consider visiting a college or two! All colleges will offer regularly scheduled campus tours and admission information sessions. You can

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We are excited to introduce a new aid to assist in the college search and application process. We will be transitioning from Naviance Student to Maia Learning! This new platform provides students with an all-inclusive site for college and career planning. More information will be shared over the summer.



We hope you had a great first year at WRA!

If you have time this summer, consider including a college visit in your plans. While you are still several years away from applying, this is a great first step to explore different college environments.

Also consider whether there may be any new activities you may want to try in your sophomore year and if/how you can use your summer break to start exploring those to set you up for a successful second year of high school!

Upcoming Dates & Tips

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* MARK YOUR CALENDAR *

July 16 - ACT test date (not offered at WRA)

August 1 - Common Application rolls over to 2022-23 version

August 27 - SAT test date

()* READING RECOMMENDATIONS *

College Admission: Data, Transparency, and Match

College Admission: Who Knows What?

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TIPS *

We're available over the summer! Be in touch with your college counselor or email the office if you have questions.

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