

# The Road to College

## A College Counseling Newsletter



Happy September! While we have only been back in school for a few weeks, it sure does feel like summer is a distant memory as we are once again fully entrenched in the rhythm and fast pace of college application season. Yet, I know I speak for the entire College Counseling team in saying that we hope you all enjoyed the summer months and found ways to recharge and reconnect with family and friends.

With September already flying by, it is only fitting to share the latest edition of The Road To College. For returning families, you may notice a slightly new design to the newsletter this year and for new families, we hope you enjoy this monthly publication which is meant to serve as a centralized point of communication with pertinent college counseling information for every class year.

As we look ahead to the next few months, our efforts in the office will primarily focus on supporting our seniors and PG students through final application preparation in anticipation of the mid-October and early November deadlines. We respectfully request that our junior and underclass students and families understand the busy nature of this important time for our seniors and PGs and to be in touch with the College Counseling Office only with pressing questions or concerns via email. Please know that we are eager to support all students and families in this process and that we will provide some great opportunities to engage more formally with the College Counseling team during Family Weekend in just a few weeks! On Saturday, October 7, 2023 we will offer both a College Counseling coffee and the chance for families to hear directly from two college admission deans during our College Counseling Keynote presentation. We look forward to sharing more details about the weekend's events soon.

For now, please read on for more class specific news and take special note of our new Scholarships/ Financial Aid and Standardized Testing Resource sections.

And, here's to a great fall!

Anna Barlow-Boesch  
Director of College Counseling

# CLASS NEWS



The next few months are busy, but remember, we are here to help you navigate this next phase of your process.

**Students** are meeting regularly with their college counselors and will continue to do so every two weeks for the duration of the fall.

**Families**, college counselors will be available for a fall-check in with you during the week of September 25, 2023. Please check your email for a message from your student's college counselor with the sign up genius listing the available times/dates. These meetings will be held via phone or RingCentral.

**College Admission Representatives** are visiting WRA this fall. To see the complete list of scheduled visits, please [log in to MaiaLearning](#) or [consult the College Rep Visit calendar](#). Students, keep in mind that the admission representatives who visit are likely the individuals who will read applications from WRA, so these are meetings you do not want to miss! Also, you must sign up to attend these visits in your MaiaLearning account.

**College Fair:** We will be hosting WRA's first [College Mini Fair](#) on September 28, 2023. With more than 20 colleges in attendance, this is an event not to be missed! The fair will take place beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Field House and all afternoon athletic and co-curricular events have been canceled to ensure that all students are free to attend. The fair will be open to seniors/PGs and juniors only from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

**Application Help Nights** are scheduled! Students, please join college counselors for additional application help and assistance on 9/21, 10/19, 10/25, and 10/30. All Application Help Nights will take place in the Wilson Reading Room, beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the Class of 2024 will also participate in our annual **College Application Boot Camp** during the morning of 10/13 (PSAT day) in the Ong Library. More details will follow!

**College Campus Visits:** As a reminder, students are allowed to miss classes to visit colleges. However, for these visits to be considered excused absences, students must stop in to the college counseling office and pick up a "College Visit Trip Slip" six days prior to departure. [See the Student Handbook](#) for the policy.



As you hopefully read in the [special Class of 2025 edition](#)

of [The Road To College](#) last month, this is an important year! Below, please find the most pertinent information we want you to keep in mind as we make our way through the first few months of the year.

**MaiaLearning:** MaiaLearning is a great resource to start exploring as you start your junior year. To access your account, just visit [maialearning.com](#) and click on the "single sign on" link. Once a window appears, all you have to do is type your email address (no need to fill in the CEEB code) and you should be able to log in. To learn more about how to navigate through Maia, please [visit this resource](#).

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Welcome to sophomore year! While you still have some time before your formal college counseling process begins, we want to make sure you and your families feel informed about what is on the horizon this year and the important steps you can take to best position yourself for the college search and application process. The sophomore year is one to spend focused on continuing to do your best in your academic classes, pursuing your interests/passions outside of the

class to the fullest and to begin engaging in some initial research into the many different types of colleges/universities that exist both within the US and abroad.

Recognizing that there is a growing interest for engagement with our office beginning earlier in the sophomore year, we will offer students and families new programming during Family Weekend and at other points later this fall and spring.

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Welcome to your first year at WRA! We are so glad you are here and hope you are settling into the new school year and your first experiences as high school students with joy and excitement. Ninth grade is all about establishing an important foundation, both academic and co-curricular, which you will build upon in subsequent years. We are very intentional in using this Road To College

newsletter as a means by which to share information to allow our ninth grade students and families to read as little OR as much as they would like. To put it a little more bluntly, if you are ready to begin learning about the college process, we hope you find this helpful; and, if you feel like you aren't quite ready for that, yet — no worries, there is plenty of time and a long road ahead of you!

Beginning next month, I will share what I like to call the "Freshman Tip of the Month," but for now, I extend my best wishes for a successful start to your WRA career — we can't wait to see what the next four years will bring for you!

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## Standardized Testing

[Suggested Test Prep Resources](#)

[ACT & SAT Testing Schedule](#)

[Fall TOEFL Transportation Dates](#)

## Financial Aid & Scholarships

[CCIS Financial Aid Night](#)

[Click here to join](#)  
passcode: H3svf8o7

[Federal Student Aid resources and webinars](#)

[9 Things to First-Time College Students Need to Know](#)

[7 Things High School Students Should Know about Student Loans](#)

## Upcoming Dates & Tips

[College Rep Visits](#) are occurring throughout the fall!

Sept. 28, 2023  
College Fair

October 7, 2023  
Family Weekend and SAT

October 13, 2023  
Digital PSAT

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