CLASS OF 2014

Senior Class Meeting

Fall 2013

School Counseling Center

- **School Counselors:**
  - Mr. Doherty, Director of School Counseling (M—R)
  - Mrs. Busack and Mrs. Vondersaar (A and all students with IEPs)
  - Mrs. Larrison (B—E)
  - Mrs. Ulsas (F—L)
  - Mrs. Johnston (S—Z and all EL students)

- Mrs. Huston, School Counseling Secretary
- Mrs. Hanson, Registrar

Get to Know Colleges: It's All About the "Fit"

- **College Visits**
  - Students are allowed two excused college visit days
  - Set up appointment with the Office of Admission prior to your visit.
  - Take a tour, sit in a class, meet students and professors.
    - Examples: "Discover IU Days" & "Purdue Fall Preview Days"
  - College Visit Form available at Information Desk. Complete and turn in to attendance two days prior to visit
- **Shamrock College Rep Day**
  - October 2nd during 3rd Period
  - Sign up in Naviance
- **College Admission Presentations at WHS**
  - Dates to follow
  - Sign up in Naviance

Get to Know Colleges: It's All About the "Fit"

- **Classroom meetings to further discuss college and scholarship application process**
  - Week of August 19th
- **Individual college advising meetings with your School Counselor**
  - Throughout the end of August and into September
- **College Admission Presentations at WHS**
  - Butler, Lehigh University, University of Notre Dame, Washington University and University of Chicago
  - Indiana, Purdue and IUPUI

What's Coming Up

- **Indiana University Preview**
  - Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.
  - Sheraton Hotel at Keystone at the Crossing
  - Register at http://admit.indiana.edu/road/previews.shtml

- **Preview Purdue**
  - Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m.
  - The Monon Center in Carmel, IN
  - Register at: http://www.admissions.purdue.edu/previewpurdue/index.php

What's Coming Up

- **Washington University in St. Louis Indianapolis Preview**
  - Sunday, Aug. 25th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone at the Crossing
- **Exploring College Options with Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn & Stanford**
  - Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 7:30 p.m.
  - Indianapolis Marriott East
  - Register at www.exploringcollegeoptions.org
- **Indianapolis National College Fair**
  - Tuesday, October 1st from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and 6:00—8:00 p.m.
  - Indiana Convention Center in Downtown Indianapolis
  - Over 150 colleges and universities in attendance
  - http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Indianapolis.aspx

What's Coming Up

- **Student Services Transition Fair**
  - Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - Noblesville High School
- **Hamilton County College Fair**
  - Thursday, October 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - Hamilton Southeastern High School
- **Christian Colleges Fair**
  - Wednesday, Oct. 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - Heritage Christian School
  - mybluepintstory.com

College Application Process

- **Refer to your *Westfield College Application Book*, pages: 5 – 9 for college application roles and responsibilities**
- **Complete Applications Online**
- **Meet all deadlines for Admission and Scholarships – they are not optional!**
- **If required for admission, request Letters of Recommendation from Teachers or Counselors**
  - Complete:
    - Counselor and Teacher Recommendation Sheet
    - Student Information Sheet
  - Ask for recommendation at least two weeks in advance
- **Request Transcripts to be delivered to all Colleges to which you are applying**
  - **Your Senior Schedule is listed on your Transcript**

Naviance and College Applications

Common App or Online App through College Website?

Application Deadlines

RockNet | Pandora Radio - Liste... | Docufide: Education's ... | Yahoo! Mail | IOA | IN.gov: Education & T... | My LVIS | Free Calorie Counter, ... | Naviance

Westfield High School | Logged in as: Cathi L BarkerTest (log out) | Manage my account

family connection

home | courses | colleges | careers | about me | my planner

search for colleges: Go

MORE SEARCH OPTIONS >>

my colleges
- colleges I'm thinking about
- colleges I'm applying to
- college visits

college research
- SuperMatch™ college search
- college match
- college compare
- college lookup
- college search
- college resources
- college maps
- scattergrams
- acceptance history
- enrichment programs

colleges I'm thinking about

+ add to this list | compare me

College	Delivery type	Added By	My Interest	Application Deadlines† Early Decision	Early Action	Priority	Regular Decision	Actions CONTACT	GRAPH	WWW
Anderson Univ		student	N/A	-	-	5/1	8/1			
Ball State Univ		student	Low	-	-	3/1	5/1			
Cornell Univ	CA	student	N/A	11/1	-	-	1/2			
Univ of Evansville	CA	student	Medium	-	12/3	-	2/1			
U of Notre Dame	CA	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	12/31			
Stanford Univ	CA	student	N/A	-	11/1	-	1/1			

Update Interest | Move to Application List | Remove from List

†College information is provided by the colleges themselves. Costs, dates, policies, and programs are subject to change, so please confirm important facts with college admission personnel.

Requesting Transcripts

- Request Transcripts to be Sent to Colleges Electronically through Parchment

Link to Parchment on the Naviance Homepage

Reminder: Be sure to list yourself as Class of 2014 (*NOT 2013!*) when registering for Parchment!

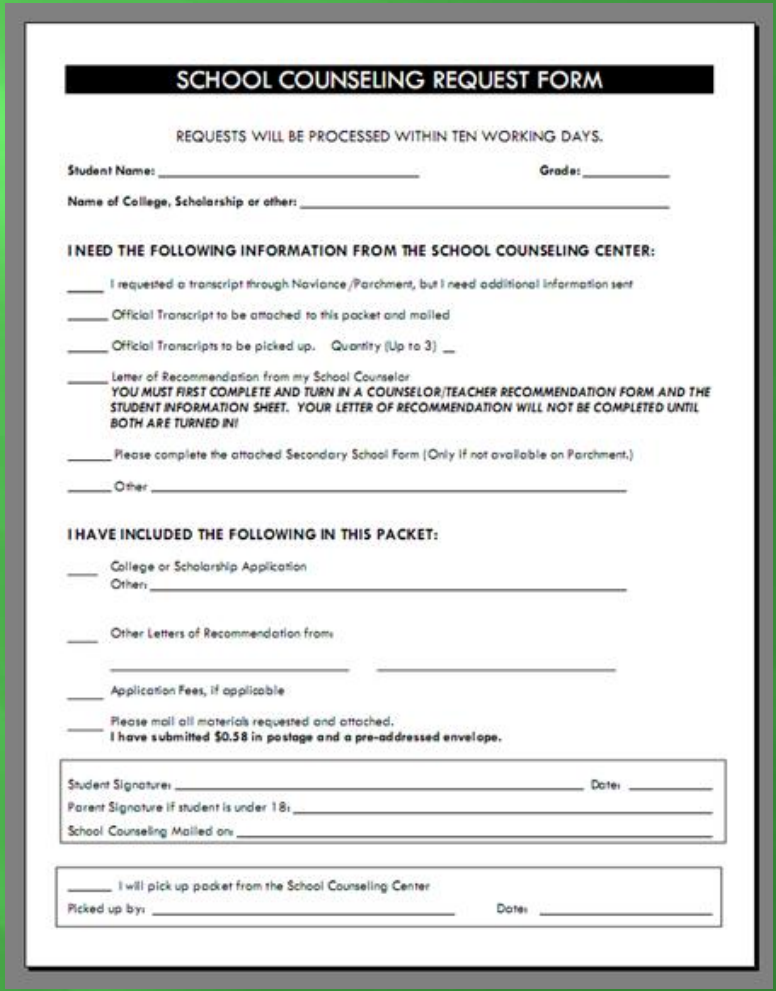
Tip: *Always* use your full, legal name when applying for admission and scholarships.

Counselor Forms

- **Counselor Forms or Secondary School Reports are completed by your counselor on Parchment**
  - Automatically created when you request transcript
- **No need to bring in paper Counselor Form**
- **The Counselor Form is NOT a letter of recommendation**
  - If a college or university requires a letter of recommendation from a counselor, complete:
    1. The Counseling Request Form
    2. Counselor and Teacher Recommendation Sheet
    3. The Student Information Sheet

School Counseling Request Form

- Use this form to request letters of recommendation and transcripts for scholarships



SCHOOL COUNSELING REQUEST FORM

REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS.

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Name of College, Scholarship or other: _____

I NEED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING CENTER:

____ I requested a transcript through Naviance/Parchment, but I need additional information sent

____ Official Transcript to be attached to this packet and mailed

____ Official Transcripts to be picked up. Quantity (Up to 3) __

____ Letter of Recommendation from my School Counselor
YOU MUST FIRST COMPLETE AND TURN IN A COUNSELOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM AND THE STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET. YOUR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL BOTH ARE TURNED IN!

____ Please complete the attached Secondary School Form (Only if not available on Parchment.)

____ Other _____

I HAVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING IN THIS PACKET:

____ College or Scholarship Application
Other: _____

____ Other Letters of Recommendation from:

_____ _____

____ Application Fees, if applicable

____ Please mail all materials requested and attached.
I have submitted $0.58 in postage and a pre-addressed envelope.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent Signature if student is under 18: _____
School Counseling Mailed on: _____

____ I will pick up packet from the School Counseling Center
Picked up by: _____ Date: _____

- Complete this and turn in along with Counselor/Teacher Recommendation Form and Student Information Sheet

- All of these forms can be found in the Counseling Center and on our website

Find these forms at www.whscounselingcenter.com

College Entrance Tests

- **Send your SAT and ACT scores directly to all of the colleges to which you are applying**
  - SAT and ACT scores are not included on transcripts
  - Score Policies for specific colleges and universities:

  http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/sat-score-use-practices-list.pdf
- **If you need to take or retake the SAT or ACT, schedule them for early this Fall**
- **SAT School Day on October 16th—there are spaces available. Sign up in the Counseling Center.**
  - **$53 and includes the Official SAT Online Course (normally a $70 course)**

College Entrance Tests

- **The College Board and ACT websites offer free online test preparation—take advantage of it!**
  - **My College QuickStart—link on Naviance**

- **Selective colleges may require Subject Tests**
  - Visit: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search to see if your college recommends or requires Subject Tests

- **Students who are on Free/Reduced Lunch can take one free SAT and ACT per school year. See your counselor for a Fee Waiver.**

Application Process

Apply to College Online

Request Transcripts Through Parchment

If Letter of Rec is Needed from Teacher, Provide Teacher Recommendation Form and Student Info Sheet.

If Letter of Rec is needed from Counselor, Complete and Turn In Recommendation Form, Student Info Sheet and Counseling Center Request Form.

Counselor Submits ESSR (Counselor Form) Electronically Through Parchment

Registrar Submits Transcript to College Electronically

Send Test Scores to College Electronically

College Notifies Student of Admission Decision

Notify College of Intention to Enroll

Common Application

- Can be used to apply to multiple colleges and universities. Over 400 colleges accept the Common App. www.commonapp.org
- Many colleges require a **Common App Supplement**—be sure to complete this if it is required!
- New this year: **Purdue University is now using the Common App**

APPLY NOW
THE COMMON APPLICATION
For Undergraduate College Admission

Common App Process

- **Transcripts, Counselor Forms and Letters of Recommendation are uploaded through Common App**
  - List the teacher/counselor in your Common App
  - Common App will send teacher/counselor an email that you have applied
  - Teacher/counselor will upload documents to your application

Do NOT request transcripts through Parchment for Common App schools

Common App Process

Apply Through Common App

Complete Any Supplements or Essays Needed

List Counselors and Teachers Name and Email

If Letter of Rec is Needed from Teacher, Provide Teacher Recommendation Form and Student Info Sheet.

Complete and Turn In Recommendation Form, Student Info Sheet and Counseling Center Request Form.

Counselor Submits Transcripts, Letter of Rec and Counselor Form Online

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Where Do I Request Transcripts and Counselor Forms?

COMMON APP SCHOOLS

EVERYONE ELSE

APPLY NOW
THE COMMON APPLICATION
For Undergraduate College Admission

parchment™
credentials unleashed

Best timing for retaking tests for merit scholarships and selective programs/majors

SAT
www.collegeboard.com

SAT www.collegeboard.com		
TEST DATE	**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**	**LATE REGISTRATION**
October 5, 2013	September 6, 2013	September 20, 2013
November 2, 2013	October 3, 2013	October 18, 2013
December 7, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
January 25, 2014	December 27, 2013	January 10, 2014
March 8, 2014	February 7, 2014	February 21, 2014
May 3, 2014	April 4, 2014	April 18, 2014
June 7, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

BEST Option

SAT School Day at WHS is Wed., Oct 16.
Sign up in the School Counseling Center to reserve your space!

WHS CEEB Code: 153-735

ACT
www.actstudent.org

Best options for retaking test for scholarship and selective programs/majors

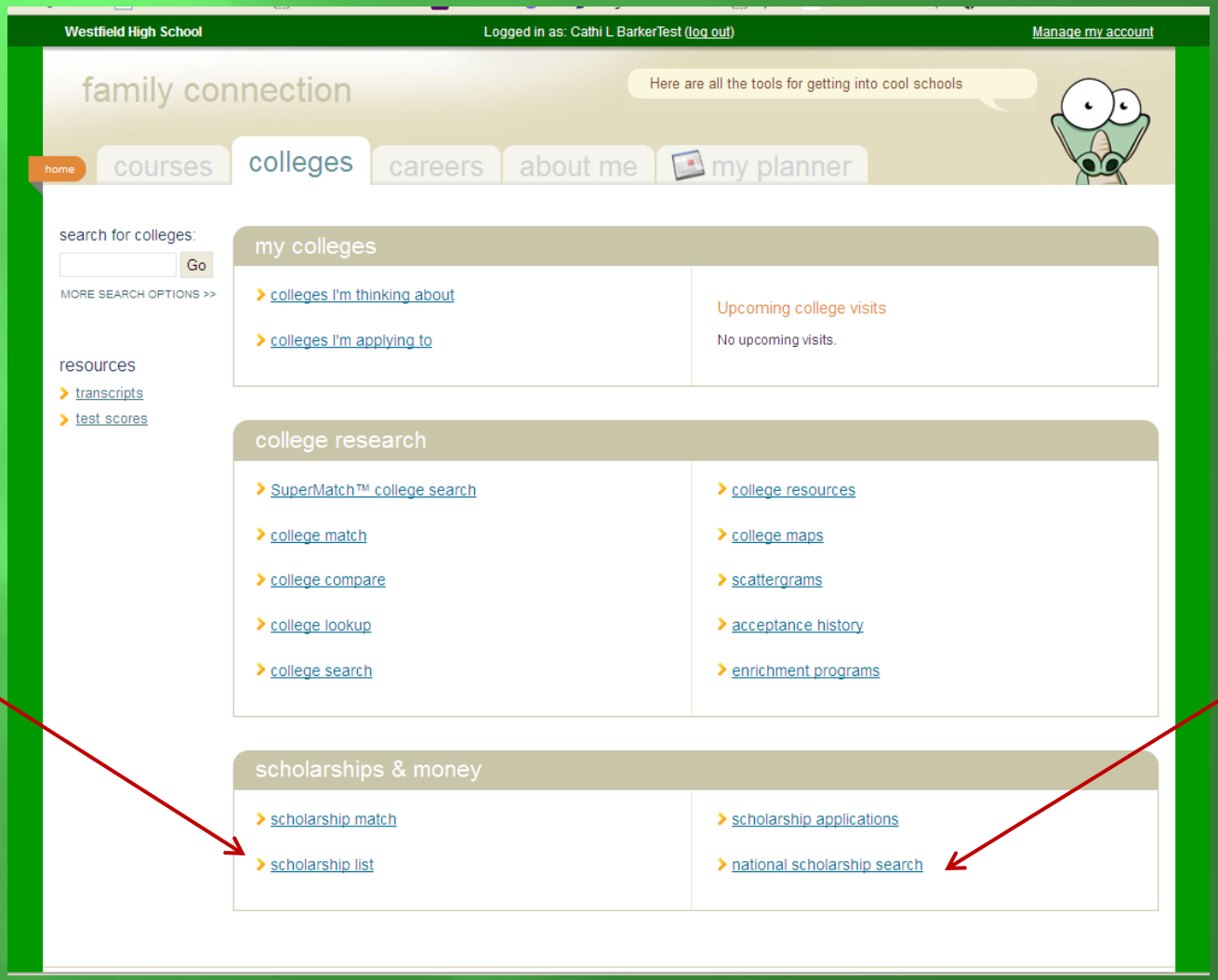
ACT www.actstudent.org		
TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION
September 21, 2013	August 23, 2013	September 6, 2013
October 26, 2013	September 27, 2013	October 11, 2013
December 14, 2013	November 8, 2013	November 22, 2013
February 8, 2014	January 10, 2014	January 24, 2014
April 12, 2014	March 7, 2014	March 21, 2014
June 14, 2014	May 9, 2014	May 23, 2014

WHS CEEB Code: 153-735

Scholarships

- **Scholarships opportunities abound through:**
  - Colleges and Universities
  - National Scholarship Programs
  - Local Organizations and Businesses
- **School Counseling Center**
  - List Updated Throughout the Year on Naviance
- **Naviance National Scholarship Search**

Finding Scholarships on Naviance



School Counseling Center List

National Scholarship Search

Upcoming Scholarships

- **Indiana University Wells Scholarship**
  - Full tuition, room and board, and fees for four years
  - Can include a year of Study Abroad
  - Information now available on Naviance
  - Essay due by Friday, Sept. 6th at 3:00 pm
  - On average, a Wells Scholar has a 3.9 GPA along with strong test scores
- **Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**
  - Full tuition to any college in the state of Indiana
  - Academics, community service and financial need taken into consideration
  - Applications available in November
- **Westfield Education Foundation Scholarships**
  - A wide variety of scholarships available
  - Application packet available in March

Financial Aid

- **Need-based Financial Aid Consists of:**
  - **Grant Assistance**
  - **Student Loans**
  - **Work-Study**

- **All Families Should Complete the FAFSA to be considered for Need-based Aid**

  (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Completed between January 1 and March 1, 2014

Financial Aid WebEx on Dec. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

It's All About the "Fit"
The College Search is a *Process*, Not an Event

- Determine criteria for college match
  - Academic Environment
  - Major
  - Location & Type of college
  - People
  - Admission Standards & Process
  - Cost

1. Student & Parent separately create a list of important criteria by order of importance
2. Discuss & sort the similarities/differences in criteria –page #17
3. Clarify the student role, parent role, & high school counselor role throughout this process

- Discuss the timing of: taking tests, campus visits, making applications, and the financial realties of your situation

College Advising Meetings with Mrs. Carroll Easterday

- Before scheduling with Mrs. Easterday, seniors must participate in senior meetings with assigned counselors.
- Boot Camp Alums – Connect with Mrs. Easterday ASAP for touch base meetings.
- Complete, and return "*My College Search*" form to Mrs. Vollmer to schedule a meeting. You may obtain the form from Mrs. Vollmer.
- Parent attendance is encouraged.

- Questions? easterdayc@wws.k12.in.us

Final Thoughts

- Senior year DOES matter! Work hard and keep your grades up. It's not just about getting in; it's also about being PREPARED.
- Again, **meet ALL deadlines**!
- The School Counseling Center, Mrs. Easterday and college admission counselors are here to help you—take advantage of the resources available to you.