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Done? Ok, now you can put your phones away.
CLASS OF 2015
Senior Class Meeting
Fall 2014
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. Easterday, Director of College & Career Readiness
- Mrs. Huston, School Counseling Administrative Asst.
- Mrs. Hanson, Registrar
Common Pathways

Certifications and Apprenticeships

Military Service

Preparation for post-secondary

Associates Degree

Bachelors Degree
The three aspects of “fit”

Academic Fit

Pricing Fit

Campus Culture Fit
## Sample “Fit” Grid Analysis

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Mrs. Easterday meets with any senior wishing to discuss post-secondary education plans.

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.

Mrs. Easterday will send an invite to meet via Naviance

Parent attendance is encouraged.

Questions? easterdayc@wws.k12.in.us
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 and at www.whscounselingcenter.com
  - Complete the form and turn in to attendance two days prior to visit

- **Shamrock College Rep Day**
  - Sept. 17th during 3rd period
  - 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 18th
- Individual college advising meetings with your School Counselor
  - Throughout the end of August and into September
- College Admission Presentations at WHS
  - Sign up in Naviance in the Colleges Tab
  - Hope College, IU, IUPUI, Purdue, Univ. of St. Francis, Vincennes, Wabash, Washington Univ. (St. Louis)
  - More to be scheduled!
What’s Coming Up

- **Indiana University Preview**
  - Monday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m.
  - Old National Centre; Downtown Indianapolis
  - Register at [http://admissions.indiana.edu/visit/area.html](http://admissions.indiana.edu/visit/area.html)

- **Preview Purdue**
  - Thursday, Sept. 4th at 6:30 p.m.
  - The Monon Center in Carmel, IN
What’s Coming Up

- **Indianapolis National College Fair**
  - Tuesday, Sept. 16 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](http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Indianapolis.aspx)

- **Hamilton County College Fair**
  - Wednesday, Sept. 24th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
  - Fishers High School

- **Christian Colleges Fair**
  - Wednesday, Oct. 1st from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - Heritage Christian School
  - [myblueprintstory.com](http://myblueprintstory.com)

- **Washington University in St. Louis Indianapolis Preview**
  - Sunday, Aug. 24th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
  - Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone at the Crossing
College Application Process

- Complete Applications Online
  - Common Application
  - College Admission Websites
- Request transcripts through Naviance
- Request letters of recommendation (if needed) through Naviance
- Send your SAT and/or ACT scores through the appropriate website
  - SAT: [www.collegeboard.com/sat](http://www.collegeboard.com/sat)
  - ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
Know your deadlines, and if you are submitting an application through Early Action, Early Decision or Regular Decision. Meet all deadlines!!
Can be used to apply to multiple colleges and universities. Over 400 colleges accept the Common App. [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

Many colleges require a Common App Supplement

Some colleges—such as Purdue and Notre Dame—use the Common App exclusively, while others may have an application on their website in addition.
Common Application Process

- Register with Common App
  - www.commonapp.org

- Enter your HS information
- Add at least one college
- Sign the FERPA Release

- Complete the Account Matching Process in Naviance
- Found in the “Colleges I’m Applying To” Section
- Use Common App email address and Date of Birth
Common Application Process

• Add all colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” List

• Request Transcripts in Naviance in same section

• Request Letters of Recommendation
More Common App Info

- Students MUST submit their Common Apps online before we can send their transcripts and letters of recommendation. Common App will not allow our information to go ahead of the student’s application.

- Common App asks for Class Rank and Size:
  - Class of 2015 has 444 students
  - WHS does not rank its students
Apply online at the Colleges website
Add all colleges to the “Colleges I’m Applying To” List in Naviance
Request Transcripts in Naviance in same section
Request Letters of Recommendation in Naviance
Adding Colleges and Requesting College Application Materials

Adding Colleges and Requesting Transcripts in Naviance
Letters of Recommendation

- If a college or university requires a letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher:
  - First, request letter in person!
  - Request letter of recommendation in Naviance
  - Complete a resume in Naviance
    - You may also create your own and turn in a paper copy
  - Complete the Letter of Recommendation Worksheet in Naviance
    - Link on Naviance Home page, or found in “My Planner” in “Tasks Assigned to Me”

Letters of recommendation will NOT be written until students complete these steps!
Submitting a Letter of Recommendation Request in Naviance

Give a hand-written Thank You note to each teacher who writes you a letter of recommendation!
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

- If you need to take or retake the SAT or ACT, schedule them for early this Fall

- SAT School Day on October 15\(^{th}\) — there are spaces available. Sign up in the Counseling Center.
  - $53 and includes the Official SAT Online 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.
- Score sends: 4 free with registration. Additional score sends require a fee (about $12 per college)
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Sign up in the School Counseling Center to reserve your space!

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Any student wishing to play NCAA Div. I or II athletics in college must:

- Register online at [www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org)
- Request high school transcripts through the NCAA Eligibility Center website
- Send SAT/ACT scores to NCAA through appropriate testing websites, just like you would send to a college
  - NCAA Code: 9999

Check out the NCAA *Guide for the College Bound Student Athlete* for more eligibility information.
In order to meet all admission deadlines:

- Submit transcript and letter of recommendation requests **at least two weeks prior to deadlines**
- Send your SAT/ACT scores three weeks before admission deadline
- Don’t procrastinate!
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
Indiana University Wells Scholarship
- Full tuition, room and board, and fees for four years
- Can include a year of Study Abroad
- Applications and information will be available on Naviance
- Applications due to Counseling Center by Sept. 5th
- 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, 2015

Financial Aid WebEx on Dec. 4th at 6:30 p.m.
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 and don’t procrastinate!

Naviance is where it’s at!

The School Counseling Center, Mrs. Easterday and college admission counselors are here to help you — take advantage of the resources available to you.