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# Counselor's Corner



News from Western High School

Student Services

**From The Desk of Julie Pownall, Director of Student Services:**

Scheduling for the 2018-2019 School Year

The Student Services Department has been extremely busy ensuring that each student is given the opportunity to meet individually with their counselor for course selection options for the 2018-2019 school year. The master schedule is in the process of being created at this time. All students will receive notice by the beginning of May of their schedule or schedule conflicts. If there are conflicts, their counselor will speak with them about changes. All students will have until May 11<sup>th</sup> to make any desired changes. After that, schedule changes will NOT be honored unless administrative approval is granted. This date is FIRM to ensure accurate planning. Please make sure that every effort is made to understand the commitment to the desired courses. If a schedule change is desired, be sure to see your counselor during the open window.

## Office of Student Services

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or assistance you may need in helping your student find success.

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## SENIORS:

### Scholarships....

Have you checked out the Scholarship link under the Student Services tab today? Seniors are encouraged to visit the scholarship link frequently. New scholarship information is posted daily. There is so much opportunity for FREE money available. If you need assistance or help with any scholarship information, please see Mrs. Reel in Student Services. **Also, remember that your counselor needs 5 business days in order to process any recommendations or scholarship requirements. Failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on the part of others.**

### College Pennant Wall...

Stop by Student Services and fill out your personalized pennant to include on the College Wall! WHS wants to see your future plans!

## JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

### College Visit Days...

Have you taken advantage of your college visit days? Juniors and seniors are allotted TWO excused school days to visit a college campus of their future interest. Forms are available in the Student Services Department. Please see Mrs. Reel to get the college visit form TWO days prior to taking your college visit day.



## Future SAT and ACT Dates/Locations and Registration Deadlines:

### **SAT**

Test Date	Location	Registration Deadline
May 5, 2018	Western	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	Kokomo	May 3, 2018

[www.collegeboard.org/](http://www.collegeboard.org/)

### **ACT**

Test Date	Location	Registration Deadline
June 9, 2018	Kokomo	May 4, 201

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Visit: [freetech4teachers.com](http://freetech4teachers.com) for FREE ACT and SAT prep work

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

April 10: Cap/Gown Delivery  
April 26: Talent Show  
April 27: Talent Show  
May 8: Senior Community Day  
May 9: Academic Awards Night  
May 14: Senior Awards Night  
May 30: WESPY's  
June 1: Graduation



TEST	DESCRIPTION	STUDENTS	TESTING WINDOW
<b>ISTEP 10 PART II</b>	Graduation requirement for ALL 10th graders. Students must pass both Math and ELA. Biology students must participate in the science	English: All 10th Math: All 10th Science: All students currently enrolled in Biology	4/16/18-5/4/18
<b>ECA</b>	Graduation qualifying exam for all 12th graders	All 12th graders that have not yet passed Math and/or English	5/7/18-5/16/18
<b>Advance Placement</b>	Any student currently enrolled in an AP College Board course or taking an AP course independently	Students that Previously indicated that they would sit for a CB exam	5/7/18-5/11/18  *Times are either 8:00am or noon. **Subject tests are given on specific dates and times as deemed by CB> Make ups are not permitted

During all standardized testing, rest and nutrition is extremely important for a successful performance. Please ensure that you have had plenty of sleep the night prior and that you take time to eat a healthy breakfast. Your attendance during testing is **EXTREMELY** important. Please be sure that you avoid all appointments and that you are present on time. Best of luck to all of our students during this testing season!





## **With testing season approaching...here are some good tips!**

**1. Approach your exam with confidence.:**

Use whatever strategies you can to personalize success: visualization, logic, talking to yourself, practice, team work, journaling, etc. View the exam as an opportunity to show how much you've studied and to receive a reward for the studying you've done.

**2. Be prepared:**

Learn your material thoroughly and organize what materials you will need for the test. Use a checklist.

**3. Allow yourself plenty of time:**

Don't spend too much time on question. Plan out the questions with the time available.

**4. Avoid cramming:**

Don't stay up all night prior thinking you can learn the material directly before the test and then with little to no sleep think you are going to perform well.

**5. Stay healthy:**

Make sure to get a good night's rest, eat a nutritious breakfast and relax!

# **You got this!**

