



Counselor's Corner



From the Desk of the Director of Student Services:

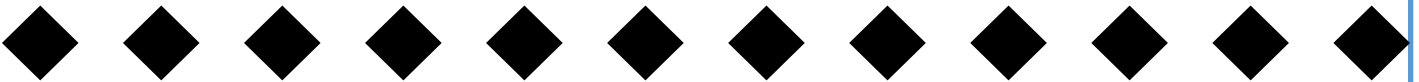
I recently watched a UTUBE video presented by Ric Elias, a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549, which is now better coined as the Miracle on the Hudson. As the 10-year anniversary of this event just passed, Mr. Elias reflected on the purposeful changes he has made in his life since that day and what those 15 seconds in flight has taught him. Unlike many of us, he has had the unique experience to see into the future of death and come back to live differently. As the Captain used the three words of, "brace for impact" to the passengers, Mr. Elias now speaks on three areas of his new found wisdom.

1. Everything can change in an instant. Thus, don't postpone spreading and finding joy.
2. Eliminate negative energy. Don't waste your time on things that do not matter.
3. Be a great person and fulfill commitments.

I found these three simple ideas to be insightful and things that we can all live by. I encourage each of you to find your joy, eliminate those things that do not bring joy to your lives and fulfill the promises that you have made to others and yourselves. As you 'brace for impact' on the upcoming year, remember that success is found by the establishment of relationships, commitment to self and others and living out your purpose. Bring on 2019!

Scheduling for 2019-2020:

The Office of Student Services is beginning to schedule all students for the 2019-2020 school year. Counselors provide the information to students in a group setting during SRT. Following the group session, each student is then given the opportunity to meet individually with their counselor for course selection. It is imperative that students are making the best choices for their educational future and success. All students will receive notice by the beginning of May of their schedule and if there are any conflicts. All students will have until May 19th to make any desired changes. After that, schedule changes will NOT be honored unless administrative approval is granted. Please make sure that every effort is made to understand the commitment to desired courses. If a schedule change is desired, be sure to see your counselor during the open window.



Seniors...

Have YOU completed your FAFSA?

The deadline for filing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is quickly approaching.

There is a STRICT deadline of April 15th for completion. If you need assistance, IUK will host FREE workshops to assist you in completing the application if needed. The FREE FAFSA workshop will be held





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.



Juniors and Seniors...

Have you taken advantage of your college visits 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 prior to taking your college visit day!



TESTING

The spring testing season is upon us. Below is a chart that contains information to the various testing occurring at WHS.

TEST	DESCRIPTION	STUDENTS	TESTING WINDOW
ISTEP10 PART I *First time testers	Federal requirement and graduation requirement Math, English portions	English: All 10 th Math: All 10 th	2/25/19-3/22/19
ISTEP10 PART II *First time testers	See above	See above	4/8/19-5/3/19
ILEARN BIOLOGY	Federal requirement; not a graduation requirement	ALL students in BIOLOGY that haven't previously taken	4/22/19-5/24/19
ADVANCED PLACEMENT	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 CB exam	5/6/19-5/17/19 *Times are either 8:00AM or noon **Subject tests are given on specific dates and time as deemed by CB. Makeups are not permitted

***All juniors that have not previously passed either Math and/or ELA portion as well as seniors not on a Pathway will also retake ISTEP beginning on 2/11/19-3/8/19.**

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!



Upcoming SAT and ACT dates

SAT:

Test Date	Normal Registration	Late Registration	Score Release
3/9/19 *At WHS	2/8/19	2/22/19	3/28/19
5/4/19 *At WHS	4/5/19	4/19/19	5/23/19
6/1/19 *Other locations available	5/3/19	5/17/19	6/20/19

Register at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT:

Test Date	Normal Registration	Late Registration	Score Release
4/13/19 *At WHS	3/8/19	3/22/19	4/23/19
6/8/19 *Other locations available	5/3/19	5/17/19	6/18/19
7/13/19 *Other locations available	6/14/19	6/21/19	7/23/19

