



WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL for ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

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CLASS OF
2024

Dear Seniors & Families,

Welcome Back to School! Senior year is both a challenging and exciting time. The key is to be organized, stay on top of your coursework and be mindful of deadlines. You may feel overwhelmed at times, but you have lots of support. Reach out to your teachers, the creative connections coaches, and me for help. Don't forget to check your email daily. ~Ms. Terraferma

INDIVIDUAL GUIDANCE MEETING

All Students are scheduled for a *1-on-1 Guidance Meeting* to discuss your transcript, courses and exams needed toward graduating in June, and your college applications. Check the appointment calendar for your timeslot. Students who miss their appointments will be placed at the end of the list. Parents or guardians can email me at [terraferma@whsad.org](mailto:tterraferma@whsad.org) if they would like to attend this meeting via conference call or set up a separate appointment.

Checklist - What you should bring to this appointment:

- Your Red Folder
- Your College List (the colleges you plan to apply to)
- Your Social Security Number
- A copy of your parent's 2022 Tax Return (1040 Federal Form)

LUNCH FORMS

While the school meal forms are no longer required in order to receive lunch, we do ask that you fill out the form ASAP. These forms help WHSAD receive funding for a variety of programs. **The lunch form is required for students who want college fee waivers, College Board (SAT & AP Exam) waivers, and select scholarships.** Please contact Ms. Crespo in the main office for assistance.

SAT EXAM

Students can take the SAT multiple times. Colleges "SUPERSCORE" your results. **Superscoring** is the process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT. This means combining your highest Math score and your highest Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) score across your test dates.

- Register at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
- Select a location convenient to you. (The exam is not given at WHSAD).
- Test Fees: \$60. Fee waivers are available to qualified students. See Ms. T for assistance.
- Can't test on a Saturday for religious reasons? Sunday dates are available. See Ms. T for application.

Test Dates
October 7
November 4

Registration Deadline
September 8
October 5

Late Registration Deadline
September 26
October 24

COLLEGE PLANNING & APPLICATIONS

You should continue to research colleges, attend virtual or in person open houses, information sessions, or campus tours. You should request more information from the schools you are interested in applying to, this can often be done directly on the schools website. Review and write down key deadlines. Early Action or Priority Deadlines can be as early as November 1st.

IMPORTANT – DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!

- **CUNY Colleges** (www.cuny.edu) - 25 Colleges throughout the 5 boroughs of New York City consisting of both 4-year and 2-year programs.
 - All WHSAD students are encouraged to submit a CUNY application.
 - You can apply to 6 schools in one application. The CUNY application must be submitted **ONLINE**. The application fee is \$65.00. Fee waivers will be available to qualifying students (submit your lunch form ASAP).
 - Explore schools and programs:
<https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/explore/programs/>
 - Virtual/In Person Tours: <https://www.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/explore/tours/>

- **SUNY Colleges & Universities** (www.suny.edu) - 64 Colleges and Universities throughout all of New York State. The closest is SUNY FIT in Manhattan.
 - SUNY application must be submitted **ONLINE** only using either the SUNY Portal on the SUNY website or the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)
 - WHSAD students can receive a fee waiver for up to 7 schools.
 - Explore schools and programs: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/find-a-suny-program/undergraduate/>
 - Virtual/In Person Tours: <https://www.suny.edu/attend/visit-us/campus-visit/>
- **The Common Application (AKA Common App)** (<https://www.commonapp.org/>) is a free college application tool designed to make applying to college faster and easier. With Common App you only need to use one system to apply to multiple colleges and universities. There are two main parts you fill out: a set of common questions (biographical, family, education, extracurricular activities) and then specific college questions. There are many public and private colleges that use the common app. However, CUNY does not participate in the common application.

Note, college may use their own website or application portal. Check the school's website before applying and remember... DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATIONS WITHOUT REVIEW!!!!

FINANCIAL AID

The application for federal aid known as the FAFSA will open December 1, 2023. They are in the process of making several changes to the FAFSA application this year. WHSAD will be hosting several events and workshops to help students and their families complete the FAFSA. More information will be in the October Bulletin.

SCHOLARSHIPS

College scholarships are forms of aid that help students pay for their education. Scholarships can be for students with special qualifications, such as academic, athletic or artistic talent. Awards are also available for students who are interested in particular fields of study, who are members of underrepresented groups, who live in certain areas of the country or who demonstrate financial need.

These are several websites we recommend using to search for scholarships. Students can create accounts however, you should submit money to apply for a scholarship.

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentscholarshipsearch.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.scholarshiphelp.org
- www.unigo.com
- www.jlvcollegecounseling.com/

I will highlight a scholarship with upcoming deadlines in each bulletin. Scholarship opportunities will also be posted on the Class of 2024 Google Classroom and in the guidance office.

- ❖ **Heisman High School Scholarship** for current seniors who **excel in class, in sports, and in the community.**
 - *Eligibility: 3.0 GPA (83% or higher), participated in a sport, leadership*
 - Application Deadline: Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM ET
 - Information & Application: <https://heismanscholarship.com/>

KEY DATES

- ❖ Parent Conferences:
 - Thursday, September 28, 2023 (Evening)
 - Thursday, November 16, 2023 (Evening)
 - Friday, November 17, 2023 (Afternoon)
- ❖ First Term Dates:
 - Marking Period 1 Ends: Wednesday, October 18, 2023
 - Marking Period 2 Ends: Friday, December 1, 2023

Note: Colleges may ask for a copy of your report card when considering your application.
- ❖ College & Career Events:
 - California College of the Arts Presentation: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4th Period
 - College Fair @ Lehman College: Monday, October 23, 2023
 - Architecture & Design College Fair @ Center for Architecture: Saturday, October 28, 2023
 - NYC HBCU College Fair @ Riverside Park: Saturday, November 11, 2023
 - CUNY Macaulay Honors College Application Due: Thursday, November 16, 2023
 - FAFSA Form Opens: Friday, December 1, 2023