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Scheduling for 2012-13

Scheduling will start mid-January for the 2012-13 school year. Students will meet with their guidance counselor to discuss possible course selections over the next few months. Students will be given the new curriculum guide and a course selection sheet. Completed course selection sheets need to be returned to guidance with a parent/guardian signature. This is an important process. Students selecting courses for next year need to take course work that meets graduation requirements along with meeting their needs for career and college. **The following are some scheduling highlights:**

- 1) The incoming 9th grade class will take a half-credit **Academic Literacy** course.
- 2) The 10th grade will take a class entitled **Science and Technology Literacy** for a ¼ credit. This course will run opposite **Consumer Skills**.
- 3) Students with transition goals will be able to select the class **Transitions** in 10th grade for a ¼ credit.
- 4) The **Art Department** has opened up the course **3Dimensional Art** to students with the prerequisite of **Art Foundations (Studio Art I)** is no longer be a required prerequisite).
- 5) The **Business Department** will be offering their Computer Application courses to all grades. These courses include: **Computer Applications- Desktop Publishing, Computer Applications- Spreadsheets and Computer Applications – PowerPoint. Accounting I** and **Accounting II** can serve as a math credit as long as it is beyond the minimum three credit math requirement.
- 6) The **English Department** offers two Honors classes for 9th and 10th graders – **English 9 Honors** and **American Literature Honors**. Summer reading is required for both and enrollment will be based on teacher recommendation and English grades. **Advanced Placement English** classes are also available for 11th and 12th graders – **AP English Language and Composition** and **AP English Literature and Composition**. Refer to your curriculum guide for details.
- 7) **The Family and Consumer Science Department** has a new course that follows **Family Living, Childhood Development and Early Childhood Development I. Early Childhood Development II** is the new course which will be open to students in 12th grade who have taken **Family Living, Childhood Development, and Early Childhood Education I. Fashion Design II** has been added as the fourth in the sequence following **Introduction to Sewing, Clothing and Textile (new name for 2012-13 will be Textile and Design) and Fashion Design I**.
- 8) **Foreign Language.** The Foreign Language department offers four years of instruction in Spanish and French. Specific grades are required for **Spanish III and IV and AP Spanish**.
- 9) The **Math Department** offers **Geometry Honors, Algebra II Honors, Pre Calculus Honors, and AP Calculus** for qualified students. Math teachers will be making recommendations for math classes for the 2012-13 school year.
- 10) The **Music Department** offers **Chorus** for ½ or 1 credit. **Theater Arts** is open to all students. Students taking **Stage Crew** must have prior teacher approval.
- 11) **Physical Education** class is required in all grades 9-12. **Health** is required. Students schedule **Health** is schedule for the junior year.
- 12) **The Science Department** offers a number of honors classes –**Earth Science Honors, Inquiry Biology w/lab Honors, Chemistry w/lab Honors, and Physics w/lab Honors**. In addition, the Science Department offers three **Advance Placement courses – AP Biology w/lab, AP Chemistry w/lab and AP Physics w/lab**– check the curriculum guide for prerequisites. Students opting for **Earth Lab Technician, Biology Lab technician or Chemistry Lab Technician** need an agreement from the science teacher taking the student as a lab technician and they must have an 85% average or better in their science courses.
- 13) **The Social Studies Department** offers an honors class – **American Cultures I Honors**. Summer reading is required and enrollment will be based on teacher recommendation and Social Studies grades. **Psychology** and **Contemporary Issues** are both open to qualified 11th and 12th grade students – check the curriculum guide for details. The **Social Studies department** also offers **AP American History, AP World History, and AP U.S. Government & Politics**.
- 14) The **Technology Department** offers a variety of courses for ½, 1, 1.5 or 2 credits. **Introduction to Automotive Technology** will be ½ credit for 2012-13. New course offerings will be **Wood Technologies Lab Technician, Metal Technologies Lab Technician, Automotive Lab Technician, and Engineering Technologies Lab Technician, and Visual Communications Technologies Lab Technician**. Prerequisites are required for these courses. Check the curriculum guide for details.
- 15) A **Senior Project** is required of all students for graduation.

REMEMBER TO RETURN THE COURSE SELECTION SHEETS TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR!!!!

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SENIOR Reminders for JANUARY

- R**
- ✓ If the college you applied to requires **mid year** grades, see your counselor to have them sent out. Continue to focus on your schoolwork!!!
- E**
- ✓ If you **haven't** applied to college yet, get going! Time is running out. See your guidance counselor.
- M**
- ✓ If you **have** been accepted to college, bring your acceptance letter to guidance. We'll make a copy for your folder. You would be surprised how many times you might need it.
- M**
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st. Complete it online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- I**
- ✓ Talk to your parents about obtaining income tax information and/or completing their taxes early to help in completing the FAFSA.
- I**
- ✓ Do you have questions about financial aid? Contact your counselor or call 1-800-4-FED-AID.
- N**
- ✓ Schedule personal interviews at your target schools, if required.
- N**
- ✓ Watch the mail for requests or responses from colleges regarding financial aid and admissions.
- N**
- ✓ Follow up to make sure that the colleges have received all application information, including recommendations and test scores.
- N**
- ✓ See your guidance counselor about taking a CLEP (College Level Examination Program) test. Earn college credit for what you know.
- D**
- ✓ If you plan a career in the military, meet with a recruiter to review enlistment needs.
- D**
- ✓ Male students turning 18 are required to register with the Selective Service. www.sss.gov.
- D**
- ✓ If you want to participate in Division I or Division II sports in college, start the certification process. NCAA information is available in guidance.

JUNIOR Reminders

- E**
- ✓ Since you took the PSAT, you may also be receiving literature directly from colleges. Start to read and sort your mail.
- R**
- ✓ Narrow your list of choice colleges and make plans to visit those campuses. You may take advantage of open houses or schedule a one-on-one interview and tour with an admission counselor. A good place to start this process is at AESmentor.org.

- R**
- ✓ Request information about scholarships for which you are eligible. Scholarship search engines are available on sites such as AESmentor and FastWEB, and Peterson's.
- E**
- ✓ Consider attending a summer pre-college program, or look into getting at least a part-time job.
- M**
- ✓ Register to take the **SATs**. Register online at collegeboard.com. Guidance counselors will be in the classes in January to discuss the registration process.
- M**
- ✓ **Volunteer** for activities that matter to you and reflect your personality. Volunteering looks great on a college application and adds to your quality of life. Need ideas for volunteering - see Ms. Tagle in the guidance office!
- M**
- ✓ If you are interested in one of the military academies, talk to your guidance counselor **now**.

SOPHOMORE Reminders

- I**
- ✓ Since you took the PSAT, you may also be receiving literature directly from colleges.
- I**
- ✓ Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work towards leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.

FRESHMAN reminders

- N**
- ✓ Get involved with extracurricular activities.
- N**
- ✓ Second quarter will be over before you know it. Get those grades in order.

ALL Students:

- D**
- ✓ The publication **SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES** is available on a regular basis from September to April. This listing includes information on scholarships, jobs, volunteer work, prep programs, summer opportunities and guidance services. **SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES is posted on the Western Wayne website.**
- E**
- ✓ **Extra help is available during and after school. See your teacher or guidance counselor for a referral.**
- R**



Where to turn for help

GRIEF GROUP There will be a Grief Group starting soon. If you need help with this sensitive issue, see your guidance counselor and talk about the possibility of attending some sessions to get you through these difficult times.

CATS CLUB is sponsoring a speaker on VOLUNTEERING. Watch for notices.

Wayne Memorial Hospital offers Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an important and special part of Wayne Memorial Hospital. Their generous donations of time, energy and caring deeply touch patients, visitors, and hospital staff. Working as a hospital volunteer can also provide many rewards....

- ▶ Meet new people
- ▶ Learn new skills
- ▶ Contribute to the community
- ▶ Share your experience and expertise
- ▶ Feel a sense of accomplishment

What does a WMH volunteer do? There are many possible volunteer assignments available to meet your interests and skill level. Volunteers may...

- ▶ Greet and direct patients and visitors
- ▶ Provide clerical and general assistance in various hospital departments
- ▶ Escort patients throughout the facility
- ▶ Distribute patient mail
- ▶ Circulate the book cart throughout patient floors
- ▶ Be a friendly visitor to patients
- ▶ Provide general assistance to the nursing staff on patient floors

There are different volunteer positions and programs offered at Wayne Memorial including:

- 1.) Adult Volunteers (ages 18 and up)
- 2.) Teen volunteers (ages 13 to 17)
- 3.) Special Project Volunteers (incorporate volunteer service into school/college projects)
- 4.) Hospice Volunteers (minimum age of 18 required, assist Hospice Team in delivering comfort care to patients during last stages of terminal illness)

How do you become a WMH Volunteer? WMH's Volunteer Coordinator will be your contact and assist you throughout the process. Some specifics include:

- ▶ Minimum age for teen volunteers is 13; no age limit for adults.
- ▶ Contact WMH Volunteer Services by telephone (570) 253-8737 or email malicky@wmh.org for an application or more information.
- ▶ An individual interview will allow for discussion about your interests, scheduling needs, etc.
- ▶ Attendance at a Volunteer Orientation will provide you with the necessary information about the hospital's policies/procedures regarding volunteers, health/safety, infection control, confidentiality, etc.
- ▶ Touring the facility with the Volunteer Services staff will help you feel comfortable and more specific training related to your specific assignment will be provided.

HOTLINE TO REPORT UNDERAGE DRINKING

Put a stop to underage drinking, before it starts and before it leads to tragedy. Someone always knows about an underage drinking party. Callers to **888-UNDER-21** can report underage drinking parties that are planned or in progress. You can also report establishments that are selling or serving alcohol to those under 21 and people who are manufacturing and selling false identification.

Career Cruising



Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool used to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever you have access to the Internet. Log onto www.careercruising.com, enter the User name *wwhs* and the password *wildcats*. This will give you access to the most of the features in the program. If you want to save items to your portfolio, you need to use the user name and password given to you in class. If you lost it, just come to guidance and we will re-issue it to you.

Email Most students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 have opened up their “portfolio”. If you entered your email address, you will be receiving announcements from the guidance department “Wildcat Whiskers”. The emails may be reminders or announcements. So don’t forget to check your email. If your email has changed, just go into your portfolio and update your personal information. If you forgot or lost your user name and password for your portfolio, just stop in guidance and get the information.

College Planning Timeline

Career Cruising has great resource for students considering going to college. The **College Planning Timeline**, adapted from the US Department of Education, provides a wealth of information to help students from grade 8 to 12 manage the college planning process. This step-by-step guide includes everything from reminders of deadlines for test registrations and financial aid applications, to recommendations for high school courses and questions to ask teachers and counselors. It is also full of tips for using Career Cruising’ assessments, databases, and portfolio to manage all the information necessary for college applications. Students can access the **College Planning Timeline** in the **Explore Schools** section.

Coming soon: A new Career Cruising homepage and more!

In late January or early February the Career Cruising website will launch a new Career Cruising homepage. In addition to the fresh new design, you will notice that the login area on www.careercruising.com will have moved to a prominent new location at the top of the page. The look and feel of Career Cruising after you log in will remain unchanged.

Compare Schools

The **Compare Schools** feature helps with the post-secondary school selection process by making it easy to compare the details of any two schools. On the **Explore Schools** page, click on the **Compare Schools** button and select the type of program (undergraduate, graduate, or career and technical) that interests you. Enter the name of a school and click the **Search** button. Choose the button next to the name of the school to include in the comparison and click on the gray **Select School** button. Search for another school and select one to compare with the first school. Click on the gray **Select School** button. Click the **Compare Now** button to see how the two selected schools compare in terms of student population, admission requirements, cost, available majors, athletics, and a variety of other considerations. You can use the link on the **Compare Schools** page to include schools you have saved to your portfolio in the comparison. Select a school from the **Your Saved Schools** list for comparison by clicking the button next to the name of a school and continue as described above. You are then presented with a side-by-side review of the essential information for the schools you have selected.

New Occupation Profiles in Explore Careers

Updated interviews and new occupation profiles have been added to the Career Cruising database. Here are the occupation profiles.

Career Cruising offers:

- Interest and Skills Assessment** - a world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills
- Career Profiles** - thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and related college programs
- Multimedia Interviews** - interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles
- College and Financial Aid Information** - comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help you find the right college and the right scholarships.
- Electronic Career Portfolio** - available online, so you can develop your education and career plans from wherever you access Career Cruising
- Resume Builder** - integrated with the portfolio to help you format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily.

Log onto www.careercruising.com

User name: *wwhs*

Password: *wildcats*



Money Matters



Be sure you have the money you need. Make sure you can pay your entire education bill.

Once you have received your financial aid award, you need to make sure you have enough money to cover **all** of your education costs. **Make smart decisions about borrowing.** If you have checked into scholarships, applied for grants, received a federal Stafford and/or PLUS loan, and still have costs to cover for college, now you should consider an alternative loan.

- Be sure you have exhausted all other financial aid options before applying for an alternative loan.
- Borrow only what you need to cover your costs, not what you are eligible to receive.
- Understand the terms. Alternative loans often have higher interest rates, more fees and less flexible repayment options than federal loan programs.
- Find out if you can defer payments while in school or get a lower interest rate with a cosigner.

You also should find out if your school offers payment plans which let you distribute your payments throughout the year.

Know the hidden costs. Often, there are hidden costs to attending school which may not be covered by your financial aid award. These could include:

- **Higher living expenses** at schools located in major cities.
- **Higher cost of transportation** if the campus is large or public transit options are limited.
- **Higher cost of having a social life** - from buying a pizza to attending a movie, these costs add up. (www.pheaa.org)



FAFSA Form is EVERY YEAR!

The FAFSA form is not just a one-time thing your senior year of high school. You will be filling out your FAFSA every year. Rather than filling out an entire FAFSA form again, you can simply fill out a **FAFSA Renewal form**. Basically, the FAFSA Renewal takes into account all of your answers from the prior year, but you are responsible for adding any changes.

Tips To Help You Apply For Federal AID

1. Apply online using www.fafsa.gov.
2. Check deadlines. **Be aware of your state's and your school's application deadlines.** While there is no deadline for applying for federal student aid, you should apply as early as possible after January 1 of each year that you will attend college. Some state and school aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Collect the information you need to complete the FAFSA:
 - Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers;
 - Your driver's license number, if you have one;
 - Your federal tax returns and income information
4. Check your FAFSA. After you complete the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). Review the information carefully and make any necessary corrections.
5. Respond immediately to any request from your school for additional information.



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COLLEGE & TRAINING INFORMATION



LACKAWANNA COLLEGE- Lake Region Center offers a

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

An information session will be held for anyone considering this 2-year degree at

Lackawanna College Lake Region Center
Saturday, January 14, 2012: 10 am – 12 noon
RSVP: AugustineM@Lackawanna.edu
Or call: **226-4625 Ext. 2608**

Application deadline for class of Fall 2012 is **February 1, 2012**



KEYSTONE COLLEGE offers an Associate in Arts in Landscape Architecture

Landscape architects design environments such as public parks, gardens, residential areas, shopping centers and college campuses. They plan these areas not only to be functional but also to be beautiful and harmonious with the natural environment. The Landscape Architecture program emphasizes the importance of combining both art and science.

Today's landscape architects' diverse portfolio includes projects in wetland delineation and design, landscaping, greenway assessment, riparian restoration, and recreation and park design.

The landscape architecture curriculum prepares students for transfer to a baccalaureate institution where they will acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for landscape architecture. Students successfully completing the landscape architecture curriculum are guaranteed acceptance at State University of New York - Syracuse. This curriculum also transfers to a variety of other institutions. Students meeting all graduation requirements receive an associate in arts. Log onto www.keystone.edu for details.

Northampton Community College offers an Associate Degree in Optoelectronics

Optoelectronics technology involves both science and electronics in the application of light to achieve voice and data communications. The Optoelectronics Technology program provides the background you need to compete in the advancing world of fiber optic communications manufacturing, installation, research

and development, repair, and technical sales. Technicians with this knowledge command above-average salaries and opportunities for advancement as their business grows.

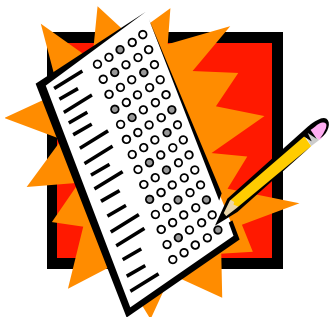
Northampton's Optoelectronics program begins with electronics courses that serve as a foundation in electronic theory. The optoelectronics coursework will specifically give the technician the latest experience in working with the materials, electronics, and systems used in today's fiber optic communications while learning the capabilities of managing light as a transmission source. The Optoelectronics Technology program allows students to apply their knowledge and skills to the design of communications systems and components utilizing fiber optic technology. Installation and testing in data, voice, and video communications is experienced in an industrial lab environment. All technical courses include lab work for hands-on skills in troubleshooting, test equipment operation, bread-board and hardware circuit construction, and related computer skills. Log onto www.northampton.edu for more information.



Shippensburg University offers a Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering

The demand for computer engineers far exceeds the available work-force and is expected to continue above average growth through 2018. Computer Engineering is a branch of engineering that combines software and electrical engineering to develop computer systems. Computer engineers are involved in the hardware development and software process—designing and building hardware systems as well as the operating systems and applications programs for those systems. Log onto www.ship.edu for details.

SAT® Checklist



As your SAT test day draws near, be sure to review these last minute tips to help you do your best.

- **Gather up** everything you're going to need for the next morning. You don't want to be stuck frantically searching for your Admission Ticket just before you rush out the door. You'll need the following items:
 - ✓ **Acceptable photo ID** (see your guidance counselor if you need a photo ID)
 - ✓ **SAT Admission Ticket** (print it off the College Board website if you registered online or wait for the copy to be sent to you by the College Board if you registered by mail)
 - ✓ **Two sharpened No. 2 pencils** (pens and mechanical pencils are not allowed)
 - ✓ **A calculator** with fresh batteries (You may borrow one from your math teacher)
- **Write down** the directions to the test center. Make sure you know how to get to your test center and how long it'll take you to get there.
- **Check to see if your test center is open.** Especially if there is bad weather in your area, tune into your local media (like you do for school closing announcements) or visit www.collegeboard.com on the Friday before the test to make sure your test center is open.
- **Be well-rested** and ready to go. Get a good night's sleep the night before the test.
- **Set two alarms**—one in your room and one in someone else's room, in case you hit the snooze button one time too many.
- **Eat breakfast.** You'll be at the test center for four hours and you're likely to get hungry.
- **Bring snacks.** During one of the breaks, you can eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you. A healthy snack will go a long way toward keeping you alert during the entire test.
- **Arrive at your test center no later than 7:45.** Don't risk getting locked out because you're 30 seconds late. Give yourself plenty of time to get to get there. Consider traffic, weather conditions, flat tires, and anything else that could slow you down.
- **TURN your cell phone off OR leave your cell phone at home.** Don't run the risk of having your phone ring or vibrate during testing. It could cost you your scores! If you are seen using a cell phone or any other prohibited electronic device while in the test center, or if the device makes noise or vibrates, you may be dismissed immediately, your scores may be canceled, and the device may be confiscated. This policy also applies to any other prohibited digital and/or electronic devices such as Blackberries, pagers, PDAs, cameras, or other photographic equipment, or separate timers of any kind.
- **Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you.** You will have several breaks during the test. Use them to relax and eat a snack so you can stay focused.
- **Work only on the section** you are supposed to be working on. You're not allowed to go back to a section once that section has ended. You also can't start the next section if you finish a section early.
- **Do easier questions first.** You earn just as many points for easy questions as you do for hard ones.
- **Make sure you use a No. 2 pencil** on the answer sheet. It is very important that you fill in the entire circle darkly and completely. If you change your response, erase it as completely as possible. **It is very important that you follow these instructions when filling out your answer sheet.**
- **Use all of your time.** Students around you may close up their test books and rest their heads on their desks, but you know better. Go back to review problems you weren't quite sure about the first time. Or, if you skipped any hard problems use the time to try to work them out.
- **Stay positive and focused.** Keep your mind on your work, not your score. Try not to worry about whether you "nailed it" or "blew it." Know you did your best—and celebrate. You deserve it.
- **Good Luck!**
- **Any questions? Please see your guidance counselor.**



Everything but the Kitchen Sink...



COOL WEBSITES

www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm Occupational Outlook Handbook: Career information

www.onetcenter.org **O*Net (Occupational Information Network):** The primary source of occupational information for the United States, O*Net's occupational taxonomy covers 812 positions at present. This site allows a user to search for occupations by Job Family, High Growth Industry, O*NET Descriptor, Job Zone (training level required), STEM Discipline, or Career Cluster. Once an occupation is chosen, one can find highly-detailed information on areas such as Tasks, Tools & Technology, Work Styles, Work Values, and Wages & Employment.

www.passhe.edu **PASSHE** stands for The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), which consists of 14 universities and more than 112,500 students, and is the largest higher education provider in Pennsylvania. The 14 state universities include Bloomsburg University, California University of PA, Indiana University of PA, Cheyney University, Millersville University, Mansfield University, Edinboro University, Lock Haven, West Chester University, Clarion University of PA, East Stroudsburg University, Shippensburg University, Indiana University of PA, and Slippery Rock University.

WHAT are SAT Subject Tests?

Subject Tests are hour-long, content-based tests that allow you to showcase achievement in specific subject areas where you excel. Some colleges use Subject Tests to place students into the appropriate courses. Based on your performance on the test(s), you could potentially fulfill basic requirements or receive credit for introductory-level courses. There are 20 SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas: English, history, languages, mathematics, and science. You cannot take a regular SAT test and subject tests on the same test date.

Why take the tests?

Some colleges require or recommend that you take SAT Subject Tests. It can also show a college some of your strengths in subject areas such as Chemistry or History.

Which tests to take?

You'll want to take the tests that are required or recommended by the colleges that you're interested in. Log onto www.collegeboard.com for a listing of the colleges that require these tests. The SAT and other College Board tests are offered several times a year. Most students take the SAT for the first time during the spring of their junior year and a second time during the fall of their senior year.

ACRONYMS - a word formed from the initials or other parts of several words, e.g. "WW," from the initial letters from Western Wayne.

Common EDUCATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

A.A. Associate of Arts	B.B.A. Bachelor of Business Administration
A.A.S. Associate of Applied Science	B.M. Bachelor of Music
A.S. Associate of Science	B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work
B.A. Bachelor of Arts	M.S.E. Master of Science in Education
B.S. Bachelor of Science	M.B.A. Master of Business Administration
B.S.E. Bachelor of Science in Education	M.L.A. Master of Liberal Arts
B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts	M.S. Master of Science
B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Ph.D. Doctorate degree-the highest degree

Fee waivers are available for the SAT and ACT test. Students who receive free or reduced lunch may qualify. See your guidance counselor for details.

2011-12 SAT and ACT Test Dates

SAT Test **Test Fee - \$49** Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Oct 1 2011	Nov 5 2011	Dec 3 2011	Jan 28 2012	Mar 10 2012	May 5 2012	Jun 2 2012
Regular registration deadline:	Sept 9	Oct 7	Nov 8	Dec 30	Feb 10	April 6	May 8
Late registration deadline (\$ 26 additional fee)	Sept 21	Oct 21	Nov 20	Jan 13	Feb 24	April 20	May 22

ACT Test **Test Fee - \$33 (no writing)** **Test with Optional Writing Test - \$48** Register online at www.act.org

Test Date	Sept 10 2011 Given at Western Wayne	Oct 22 2011	Dec 10 2011	Feb 11 2012	April 14 2012	June 9 2012
Regular registration deadline	Aug 12	Sept 16	Nov 4	Jan 13	March 9	May 4
Late registration deadline (\$ 21 additional fee)	Aug 26	Sept 30	Nov 18	Jan 20	March 23	May 18

Western Wayne's Procedures for Submitting College Applications

1. **ALL APPLICATIONS** must be brought to the Guidance Office **ONE WEEK** before the specific college deadline. The Guidance Department will not guarantee meeting college deadlines for applications that are submitted to the Guidance Office late.

2. The entire completed college application packet should be brought to Guidance. This includes the student application, essays, letters of recommendation, Secondary School Report and application fee. Students applying to a college directly **online** should notify their guidance counselor.

3. Some college/universities will waive the applications fee if you visit their campus. Other colleges/universities have free online college applications. Students having financial difficulties covering the application fee should see their guidance counselor.

4. Seniors should give their completed applications to their Guidance Counselor. At this time they must complete an official Western Wayne **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST** form giving permission to send the transcript and test scores. Students submitting their applications **online** need to have their transcripts sent out and must complete the **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST** also. Applications are not considered complete without your transcript. **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST** forms are available on the Western Wayne website (under guidance).

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS - Western Wayne Website

Click on **SCHOOLS**

Click on **Western Wayne High School**

Click on **Guidance**

Click on **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM**

Complete the form

The first request you make is **FREE**. All subsequent requests are \$5.00. Bring the check, money order, or cash to Mrs. Lombardi in the guidance office. Your transcript will be sent certified.

5. Your transcript includes your SAT and ACT scores. Check to make sure guidance has your most up to date scores. A few colleges require that you have your SAT/ACT sent directly from the College Board/ACT program (Penn State is one). It is your responsibility to have the scores sent. Questions?...see your guidance counselor.

6. Checks or money orders for the college application fee should be attached to the top of the first page of the application unless you are paying online. Checks and money orders must be made out to the college you are applying to. **DO NOT** pay for college application fees with cash!

7. Your counselor will review the application package, complete Secondary School information requested, sign where requested and return it to the Guidance Assistant to be mailed.

8. Students requesting Counselor Letters of Recommendation must request the letter at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance.

9. In most instances **Early Decision** applications should be submitted around November 1st. This can vary so watch your dates! Regular Decision applications should be submitted as soon as possible. If you are uncertain about application deadlines see your guidance counselor.

10. **Midyear grades** will be sent to colleges that require them. It is the student's responsibility to notify the guidance office about sending out midyear grades.

11. Final transcripts will be sent to the college that the student will attend. **FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS** will be given to seniors at the end of the school year. *Remember, college admissions representatives review all senior year grades very carefully.*

12. Students and parents are encouraged to contact their Guidance Counselor with any questions or concerns.

Dates to Remember

January/Feb./March

January 19 and 20

January 16

February 6

February 20

March 12-23

March 27

April 5

April 6 and 9

April 16-27

May 25

May 28

Scheduling Begins

4Sight Testing

Teacher In-Service Early Dismissal 12:00

Teacher In-Service Late Start 10:00

School Closed – Presidents' Day

PSSA Math & Reading Testing Window

Junior Information Night

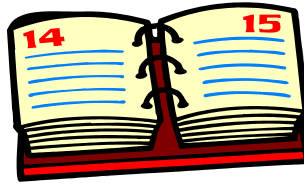
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PSSA Writing & Science Testing Window

Early Dismissal 1:00 Memorial Day Holiday

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Choosing Classes in High School

Your grades and your classes are among the most important factors for determining your eligibility at a top college. While colleges will take many other factors into account, such as your extracurricular activities and essays, you first need to clear certain academic hurdles.

The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself. Are you signing up for advanced classes, honors sections, or accelerated sequences? Are you choosing *electives* that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities? Or are you doing just enough to get by?

Colleges and employers will be more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in easy ones.

Do your high school course selections match what most colleges expect you to know? For example, many colleges require two to four years of foreign language study.

Playing the GPA game and taking a light schedule that isn't challenging will catch up with you at the college level very quickly. One of the things admissions officers pay attention to, besides GPA, is **course selection throughout high school** and especially senior year. They like to see students have momentum going into the freshman year. If you sit back your senior year, it's hard to recapture that momentum.

Course selection can also affect admissions test scores. If you just go for a good GPA, you'll be less prepared for college and will score lower on entrance exams. (www.act.org)