



Wauwatosa West Counseling Newsletter

December 2018-January 2019



West's Counseling website has all of the information you may need for upcoming events, testing information, scholarships, college visits, transcript requests and forms. Please check for frequent updates, including summer program opportunities:

<https://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/Page/4926>

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2018-2019 COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Grade	Sara Weiler Ext. 3028	Carly Roth Ext. 3025	Brian Hoffman Ext. 3027	Nick Becker Ext. 3026
9	A-F	G-K	L-R	S-Z
10	A-E	F-K	L-R	S-Z
11	A-F	G-Ma	Mc-R	S-Z
12	A-F	G-Mi	Mo-Se	Sh-Z

MATC PROMISE PROGRAM

MATC Promise provides FREE college education to area high school graduates who meet eligibility requirements. The application window for 2019 high school graduates is now open! For eligible graduates, the MATC Promise will pay the tuition and program course fees for up to 75 credits, after federal and state financial grant aid has been applied. The cost of books is not covered by the Promise program.

Who is eligible for the MATC Promise?

- Apply for MATC admission by **February 9, 2019**
- Complete 2018-19 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by **February 9, 2019**
- Must be Pell Grant eligible.
- Earn a 2.0 GPA or higher in the first semester of your senior year
- Earn a composite ACT score of 16 or above by June 15, 2019
- Graduate from a high school in the MATC district or live in the MATC district
- Submit your final high school transcript with graduation date by August 1, 2019
- Enroll in at least 12 credits at MATC in Fall 2019 (special exceptions may be provided)

Interested in Applying?

More information about the MATC Promise Program can be found at:

<https://www.matc.edu/promise/>

UPCOMING ACT DATES:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
DECEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 2	NOV 19
FEBRUARY 9	JANUARY 11	JAN 18
APRIL 13	MARCH 8	MAR 25
JUNE 8	MAY 3	MAY 20

We encourage our students to take the ACT 1-2 times beyond the state required test which takes place on February 20th. Students register online at www.actstudent.org. ACT test takers have the option of taking a Writing Test as part of the ACT assessment. Some colleges require the writing test. Check www.actstudent.org/writing/idex.html to see which schools require the writing test.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

November 8 & 13	4:30-8:00 p.m.	Parent/Teacher Conferences
December 8	8:00 a.m.	West is test site for ACT, sign up by Nov. 2
February 2	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Free ACT Practice Test at West
February 20	8:00 a.m.	ACT for all juniors

FREE ACT PRACTICE TEST FOR JUNIORS

If you are interested in taking the free ACT practice test on February 2nd, you may now sign up in the Counseling Office. The test will take place between 8 a.m. on 12 p.m. Please arrive by 7:45 a.m. Bring your calculators, two #2 pencils and photo I.D. Room assignments will be posted.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER PLANNING CONFERENCES

During the months of October, November and December the Counseling Department will be conducting **Academic and Career Planning Conferences**. These conferences are designed for junior students and parents. Due to time constraints we ask that families honor the pre-scheduled time slot. This individual conference will last approximately 45-50 minutes and will include the following:

1. Review of schedule/credits.
2. Discussion of plans for after graduation (school, military, work, etc.).
3. Information on college admission tests (ACT & SAT).
4. Time for open discussion to answer questions.

Counselors will be mailing out letters with the date and time of your Academic and Career Planning Conference.



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Bucky's Tuition Promise

The University of Wisconsin-Madison now offers free tuition for Wisconsin residents whose household adjusted gross income is less than \$56,000. More information can be found online at:

<https://financialaid.wisc.edu/types-of-aid/tuition-promise/>

2019-2020 COURSE REGISTRATION

During Advisory on January 23rd, students will receive directions for how to register for classes for the 2019-2020 school year using PowerSchool. **Parents are strongly encouraged to take a look at their student's selections and may edit or change them, if necessary.** Starting in February, counselors will meet with students in grade levels 9-11 during their English classes to review their selections for accuracy. **No changes to course requests can be made after March 1st.**