



# Wauwatosa West Counseling Newsletter

March 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:

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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

# ATTENTION SENIORS!!

Are you still unsure of your future college or career path? Please make an appointment with your counselor or Ms. Ashley in the Career Center as soon as possible. We are here to help you develop your plan!

## Interview Workshops

Interview workshops will be taking place in the Career Center for students interested in preparing for Community Scholarship interviews. Workshops will be held on the following dates and times:

**Friday, March 8: 6th hour (1:20-2:10)**

**Friday, March 8: 7th hour (2:15-3:10)**

**Tuesday, March 19: 3rd hour (10:05-10:55)**

**Tuesday, March 19: 4th hour (11:00-11:50)**

Everyone should bring their Chromebook, a Personal Statement, and an Activity Sheet (for referencing-it does not need to be signed). Students who are interested in practicing interview skills for other opportunities other than Community Scholarships should make an appointment with Ms. Ashley directly.

## UPCOMING ACT DATES:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
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. For all ACT tests other than the one on February 20th, students must register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://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/index.html](http://www.actstudent.org/writing/index.html) to see which schools require the writing test.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

February 1	9:00 a.m.	Private/Parochial 8th Grade Registration
February 2	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Free ACT Practice Test at West *Registration now closed*
February 20	8:00 a.m.	ACT administration for all juniors
March 1		Final date to change course requests for 2018-2019 school year
March 8		Last date to register for AP tests
March 12		Work Keys administration for all juniors
April 9 & 11		FORWARD exam for 10th graders
April 24 & 25		Aspire Testing for 9th and 10th graders
May 7-May 18		AP Testing
May 20	6:30 p.m.	Community Scholarship Night

**REMINDER:** All male students must register for the Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18 in order to be eligible for Federal Student Aid.. You can register at:

[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)

### **Note Regarding AP Exams:**

AP exams are for students currently enrolled in AP courses. Taking the AP exam is optional. If you have questions please contact your student's current AP teacher. Students who are registering for AP courses next year would not take AP courses this spring.

# Course Change Policy

Please remember that your course selections as of March 1st are considered closed and not subject to student change. This is a change from past practice, however it is necessary as it affects the allocation of teaching staff, what courses are offered, and class sizes. In order to continue to offer the wide range of classes currently available to students at Wauwatosa East and West, we must make the following changes regarding student course selection:

**Students will not be able to change their course selections after March 1st. Changes will be considered for the following reasons only:**

1. If a student needs to change levels (for example, math level should be adjusted higher or lower to meet the student's needs).
2. If a course has been eliminated due to low enrollment.
3. A conflict exists in the student schedule that prevents them from taking one or more of the classes they selected during the registration process.
4. A student was mistakenly scheduled into an incorrect class.
5. The Student Services Team deems that a schedule change is in the best interest of the student.
6. A student was placed on a waitlist for a closed class and a seat becomes available.

**The following are examples of reasons to change a course selection that will no longer be honored:**

1. The student failed to complete required summer work for an Advanced Placement course they selected.
2. The student was not able to complete the summer school class(es) they registered to take.
3. The student would like to drop a class selected because of a change in interests.
4. The student is not happy with the assigned lunch period.
5. The student would like to change teachers.
6. The student would like to be in classes with friends.
7. The student would like to change elective classes.
8. The student would like to have certain classes scheduled during particular times of the day (for example; I do better when I have Math first thing in the morning).

## 2019 Advanced Placement (AP) Test Information

### What is AP?

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program that gives students an opportunity to take college-level courses and exams while they are still in high school. Students may earn credit, advanced placement, or both for college.

### Which tests should I take?

Students can take any exam that they would like. There are no prerequisites for taking any of the AP exams. Students will be more prepared for a certain exam if they have completed an advanced course in that subject.

### Which colleges offer AP credits or advanced placement?

The vast majority of the nation's colleges and universities offer credit or advanced placement. However, students are strongly encouraged to check with the specific college about AP policies.

### What is the cost?

**Each test costs \$94. The AP Seminar and AP Research exams cost \$142 each.** *(\*\*If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you will not be required to pay the testing fee but will have to pay a \$15 deposit per test. See Mrs. Kraetz with questions.\*\*)*

### How do I register and pay?

Return the registration form and payment to Mrs. Kraetz in Counseling by **March 8, 2019**. You must pay for every test at the time of registration. **No tests will be ordered without payment and the registration form. This includes AP Human Geography.** You must submit the registration and payment in person or via USPS. The school is not responsible for registration or money not directly handed to a Counseling department staff member or sent through the mail.

Checks should be made out to Wauwatosa West High School. Cash payments in the exact amount will be accepted. Credit card payments can be made over the phone by contacting Christie Toye in the Athletic Office at 414-773-3019. All credit card information is kept secure. Students must still come to Counseling and turn in the registration form and credit card receipt. Receipts will be issued for cash payments. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt unless otherwise requested.

### Refunds and late orders

If you sign up to take a test and later cancel your registration with Mrs. Kraetz, you will be refunded \$70 per test. All refunds will be made approximately one week after the last scheduled exam. If you are not present at the scheduled time, the test will be given without you, as it will be assumed you have decided not to take the test. Late students will not be admitted. If you order an exam after the registration deadline (March 8, 2019) but before the late test order deadline, there is an additional late fee of \$55 per test.

### Mandatory Pre-Administration Session

All AP candidates are **required** to attend a pre-administration session prior to the actual testing dates. The date for the pre-administration session is **Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in the Steiner Center during student's free period. PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING.**

## 2019 AP EXAM REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

**EXAM:** Check all exams you are signing up to take.

**COST:** \$94 PER TEST, AP Seminar and AP Research cost \$142.

Checks made out to Wauwatosa West High School

**DUE DATE:** MARCH 8, 2019

Bring registration to Counseling Department

(Art students should discuss their choices with art teachers prior to registering.)

AP Chemistry \_\_\_\_\_

AP Studio Art 3D \_\_\_\_\_

AP Psychology \_\_\_\_\_

AP Drawing \_\_\_\_\_

AP Art History \_\_\_\_\_

AP Biology \_\_\_\_\_

AP Human Geography \_\_\_\_\_

AP Physics C: Mechanics \_\_\_\_\_

AP Spanish Language \_\_\_\_\_

AP Physics C: Elect & Magnetism \_\_\_\_\_

AP Physics 1: Algebra Based \_\_\_\_\_

AP Calculus AB \_\_\_\_\_

AP English Lit & Comp \_\_\_\_\_

AP Calculus BC \_\_\_\_\_

AP US Government and Politics \_\_\_\_\_

AP French Language \_\_\_\_\_

AP German Language \_\_\_\_\_

AP English Lang and Comp \_\_\_\_\_

AP Computer Science \_\_\_\_\_

AP Statistics \_\_\_\_\_

AP US History \_\_\_\_\_

AP Seminar \_\_\_\_\_ (\$142)

AP Studio Art 2D \_\_\_\_\_

AP Research \_\_\_\_\_ (\$142)

(Double check: Did you sign up for the correct AP English exam?)

**TOTAL NUMBER OF TESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sign if applicable:

I certify that my student qualifies for free or reduced lunch and I have enclosed a \$15 deposit for each exam. I further understand that if I order an AP exam and my student does not take it for any reason, my \$15 deposit will not be refunded.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_