



Wauwatosa West Counseling Newsletter

November 2018



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

FAFSA ASSISTANCE

In preparation for families being able to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (FAFSA) starting October 1st this fall, College Goal events will be held in November and January. Free, professional on-site assistance is available for completing the FAFSA. Go to collegegoalwi.org for locations, dates, and materials to bring.

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.

UW-MILWAUKEE EARLY ADMISSION DAY AT WEST

Congratulations to our 16 seniors who were admitted to UWM on the spot last week! Following their interviews, the students met with an admissions counselor to discuss the next steps for admitted students. Well done seniors!

ASVAB TEST

On November 6, 2018, The ASVAB Test can be taken by juniors or seniors and is required for students who are seniors and considering going into the Service. This test is also a great tool for students who would like to explore what career paths would be best for them to pursue. **We will administer the test here at Wauwatosa West on Tuesday November 6, 2018 from 8:00-11:00 a.m.** Students can sign up to take the ASVAB in the Career Center. Questions prior to the parent information night can be directed to Wendy Ashley, Career Center Coordinator either by email at ashleywe@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us or by phone at 414-773-3029.

More information on the ASVAB can be found at:

<https://www.asvabprogram.com/parents>

Career Center Highlights

GPS EDUCATION PARTNERS INFORMATION SESSION

Many career areas in today's high-tech manufacturing environment provide high paying jobs and promising career paths across highly in-demand fields. Learn more about youth apprenticeships with GPS Education partners. GPS is an innovative education model that uniquely prepares students to succeed in technical careers and promotes viability for business.

Where: Career Center

When: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

When: 6th Hour (1:20-2:10)

COLLEGE VISTS

College admission counselor visits are scheduled during the school day. This is a great way for juniors to ask questions about prospective colleges and for seniors to follow up on their applications. A list of college visits is available on the West Counseling website and the calendar outside the Career Center. Students must get permission from their teacher and counselor to miss class for a college visit. College visit forms are available in the Career Center.



Milwaukee Fire Cadet & Police Academy Visit

Milwaukee Fire Cadets and Police Aides are civilian employees who serve in a paid apprenticeship-style program to prepare them for careers as Milwaukee Firefighters (including Paramedic) and Police Officers. A representative from this program will be in the Career Center on

Friday, November 9th during 4th hour