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### Counseling Notes

We have had a successful start to the new year, and are back in the swing of things. Counselors are currently working on finishing up senior credit checks, and we will soon be in the college application season. Senior College Groups will be scheduled for mid-September.

### Military Academy Nominations

We have an Academy Nomination information packet from Senator Mikulski in the guidance office. Information and applications for nomination are available at <http://mikulski.senate.gov/>

### Student Employment

Work permits are available at <http://www.dllr.state.md.us/labor/empm.shtml>. We also have a job board listing employment opportunities. Details about the law and youth employment can be found at <http://www.youthrules.dol.gov/>

### NCAA Eligibility

The NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse must certify any student interested in playing Division I or Division II college sports. Seniors should register with the NCAA now. For more information please visit the website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carroll County Continuing Education Fair.** This event will be held on **Monday, October 12, 2009**, at the Carroll County Ag Center in Westminster, MD. Students and parents can meet with representatives from colleges, tech schools and the military, and attend workshops.

### CCCTC OPEN HOUSE

Interested in attending the Carroll County Career and Technology Center? Visit during their open house, **October 15 from 6 to 8 PM** and take a look at current student projects, and have a chance to talk to the staff.

### Test Prep

WHS subscribes to "Bridges", which includes TestGear for test prep, available at [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com). The site ID is 10000675, and Password is owls. A variety of private SAT prep courses are available outside of school

### SAT 2009-10

Registration forms are available in Guidance, or sign up now online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test Dates	Regular deadline	Late deadline
Oct 10, 2009*	Sept 9, 2009	Sept 23, 2009
Nov 7, 2009	Oct 1, 2009	Oct 15, 2009
Dec 5, 2009	Oct 30, 2009	Nov 12, 2009
Jan 23, 2010*	Dec 15, 2009	Dec 30, 2009
Mar 13, 2010	Feb 4, 2010	Feb 18, 2010
May 1, 2010*	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010*	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

#### \*given at WHS

Most colleges want your test scores to arrive directly from the College Board. Save time and money by listing your colleges when you register for the SAT. Avoid late fees, register now. Westminster High's school code is 211080

### ACT 2009-10

This test is also accepted for college admissions. Packets are available in Guidance or register online: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee
Sept 12, 2009	Aug 7, 2009	Aug 21, 2009
Oct 24, 2009*	Sept 18, 2009	Oct 2, 2009
Dec 12, 2009	Nov 6, 2009	Nov 20, 2009
Feb 6, 2010	Jan 5, 2010	Jan 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	Mar 5, 2010	Mar 19, 2010
June 12, 2010*	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

\*Given at Carroll Comm. College

## Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

Each fall sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This year it will be administered in each county high school on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 during regular school hours.

Students often ask, "Why should I take the PSAT?" For **juniors**, the best reason for taking the PSAT is that the participant automatically becomes eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program that can yield monetary reward. Students may only qualify for the National Merit program in their junior year.

For **sophomores**, the major advantages of taking the PSAT are to become acquainted with a test that is similar in length and structure to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Also, by testing against a national group, sophomores can more accurately assess their educational strengths and weaknesses, resulting in an increased awareness of academic areas in need of attention.

Developers of the SAT have indicated that one of the best ways to improve scores is to take the SAT or tests like the PSAT again and again, providing practice and an opportunity to reduce test anxiety.

Carroll County Public Schools will pay for all sophomores in a Carroll County high school to take the PSAT. Prior to the test, students will be presented a special advisory lesson to assist in their understanding of the structure and scope of the PSAT. When scores are received, each school will offer an interpretation session for parents and their students. These sessions should assist them in understanding how to use these scores to increase academic performance in the future.

Each school will also receive a report called "AP Potential". It identifies students that, based on their PSAT performance, have the potential to take and do well in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This information will also be shared with parents and students.

Sophomores may opt out of the PSAT if a written request is made by a parent. Please be aware that the county will not pay for juniors to take the test, even if they did not take it in their sophomore year.

All sophomores and juniors who are considering any form of post-secondary education, such as a four-year college, community college, trade or technical school, or the military are encouraged to take the PSAT. Please contact your guidance counselor if you have any questions.

## **Carroll Community College News**

Fall Open House

October 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Hill Scholars Information Night

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Concurrent Information Session

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

**Prepare for the Placement Test!!**

[www.carrollcc.edu/services/testing/placement/](http://www.carrollcc.edu/services/testing/placement/)

## **College Visits**

During the school year, college representatives visit WHS. Juniors and Seniors interested in these colleges can sign up in the Guidance Office.

<b>College name</b>	<b>Date of Visit</b>
Shepherd Univ	Fri, 9/11
Johnson and Wales	Tues, 9/15
Stevenson Univ	Wed, 9/16
Coast Guard Academy	Wed, 9/16
Lebanon Valley	Tues, 9/22
Wells College	Tues, 9/22
Carroll Community College	Thurs, 9/24
Messiah	Fri, 9/25
Mt. St. Mary's Univ	Fri, 9/25
College of Notre Dame	Wed, 9/30
Gettysburg College	Fri, 10/2
St. Mary's College MD	Fri, 10/2
Bridgewater College	Mon, 10/5
Washington College	Tues, 10/6
Susquehanna College	Wed, 10/7
Frostburg Univ	Thurs, 10/8
Central Penn College	Mon, 10/12
Virginia Tech	Mon, 10/12
Univ of Mary Washington	Mon, 10/19
UMBC	Wed, 10/21
Roanoke College	Thurs, 10/22
Salisbury Univ	Wed, 11/4
Loch Haven Univ	Wed, 11/11

## **Baltimore National College Fair**

Monday, September 21, 2009 6PM -8PM

Baltimore Convention Center

## **Scholarships and Contests**

The guidance office receives information on scholarships and contests open to students. Students may come to the guidance for a complete listing of scholarship information available. New scholarships will be listed in the newsletter, and a complete list will be available on our website. Other helpful websites include [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org](http://www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org)

**Carroll Post #31** The American Legion is offering a \$2,000 scholarship payable over two years. Selection is based on character, Americanism, leadership, academics, and need. Come to Guidance for an application. 30-Apr-10

**Coca-Cola Scholars** If you are a truly motivated, dedicated, involved high school senior, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million a year in scholarships to 250 deserving students just like you. [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) 31-Oct-09

**NROTC Scholarship** Seniors interested in pursuing college or investigating scholarships to apply. Applications for the program incur no obligation or cost whatsoever. [www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)

**Wendy's High School Heisman** All Senior student athletes who work hard, are dedicated, and have become role models for their school's underclassmen. Students must hold at least a B average and participate in at least one school sponsored sport. [www.wendyheisman.com](http://www.wendyheisman.com) 1-Oct-09

**Carroll Community College** Seniors: Expect Success Carroll Community College First Year success program. The primary component of this program is the College Success course a one credit course that is recommended for all first year students. Each student will be in a class with 15 or fewer students, and an instructor who will serve as a mentor during the entire first year. [www.carrollcc.edu](http://www.carrollcc.edu)

**College of Notre Dame of Maryland** Clare & Robert Moore Scholarship Fund, the fund awards a \$1,000 educational scholarship to a qualifying college student who demonstrates interest in the field of English and/or Theater, and who is matriculating into the college of Notre Dame of Maryland. Funds may be applied to the expense of tuition, books, or room & board. The student may qualify to receive the award for each of the four college years. <http://crmoorscholarhip.org> March 15th

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**Emory University** Students interest in business, Emory University Goizueta Business School is seeking nominations for its Goizueta Scholars Program. You must be nominated by a teacher or counselor. Nomination form and completed applications must be postmarked by Nov. 1. [www.emory.edu/scholarsprogram](http://www.emory.edu/scholarsprogram)

Scholarships 2009 - 2010

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<b>2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards</b>	Students who have made a difference by volunteering in their community over the past year. You could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C.	<a href="http://spirit.prudential.com">http://spirit.prudential.com</a> or <a href="http://www.principals.org/prudential">www.principals.org/prudential</a> , click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. Access key, type the word spirit.	9-Nov-09

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