



## North Warren Jr. Sr. High School Guidance Office

**August, 2016**

**To the Class of 2018:**

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the remainder of what has been a great summer! Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the start of a most important year. This is the year where your classes taken, grades earned, and extra activities accomplished will make all the difference in your college and career plans for the future. This is a time where hard work and effort will make a big difference. But equally important is to remember to have fun and to get the most out of your high school experience. Whether your plans include college or career, this junior letter is intended to provide you with information to help you along the way. Listed below, are the graduation requirements for the Class of 2018:

### NWCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(Subject to change based on New York State Board of Regents Approval)

Class of 2015 and beyond

REGENTS DIPLOMA		ADVANCED REGENTS	
<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>Required Courses</i>	
	Credits		Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math	3	Math	3
Science	3	Science	3
Foreign Language	1	Foreign Language	3 *
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5	Electives	1.5
<i>Total Required Credits</i>	22	<i>Total Required Credits</i>	22
(*) Students who earn a 5 unit sequence in Art, Music, Business, Technology, or a Vo-Tec Program may be exempt from this requirement.			

Required Regents Exams * (grade of 65 or better required)	Required Regents Exams * (grade of 65 or better required)
ELA ( <i>Common Core 2014</i> ) (grade 11)	ELA ( <i>Common Core 2014</i> ) (grade 11)
Integrated Algebra ( <i>Common Core 2014</i> )	Integrated Algebra ( <i>Common Core 2014</i> ) Geometry ( <i>Common Core 2015</i> ) Algebra II/ Trigonometry ( <i>Common Core 2016</i> )
Global Studies (grade 10)	Global Studies (grade 10)
U.S. History (grade 11)	U.S. History (grade 11)
Science	2 Science Exams



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(\*) The Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of a 90 for the 5 exams, while the Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of 90 for the 8 exams  
A Mastery in Science and/or Math designation requires a score of 85 or greater for each of the 3 exams in each discipline.

### *Junior Pre-College & Career Calendar: 2016-2017*

#### September

- *September 18<sup>th</sup>* – College and Career Preparation (Learn more about YOU, College and Career Readiness, and interests and skills and how they pertain to the world of work).
- Challenge yourself with an appropriate junior year schedule. Any elective looks better than a Study Hall on your academic transcript!
- Seek assistance from teachers if you are struggling with course work. Make arrangements with your teachers to ask them if they are available after school to get extra help in your core subjects as needed.
- Now is the time to get involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports, volunteer work, clubs, or community involvement!
- Community Service – Giving back to our community builds better relationships, higher self-esteem and an improved culture overall. As a job preparation and self-discovery skill, community service opportunities can benefit you greatly. In April of 2016, the North Warren BOE enacted a Community Service Graduation requirement, which requires a total of 20 service hours over a period of four years. For Class of 2018, this will be a total of 10 hours. More information about service opportunities and how community service hours are tracked will be provided to students in September.

#### October

- *October 6<sup>th</sup>* – Consider joining the seniors for the College Information Day at SUNY Adirondack! There will be over 120 colleges represented from 6:30 to 8:30 pm!
- *October 7<sup>th</sup>* – PSAT/NMSQT presentation / registration will take place. The fee for this year's test is \$15.00 For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&bannerId=psat>
- *October 13<sup>th</sup>* – The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a nationally recognized tool to learn what your aptitudes are. All sophomores will sit for this examination, but it is open to any juniors and seniors who wish to learn more about their career readiness. Students who take this assessment will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop to review their results. Check out the <http://www.asvabprogram.com/> website for more information. Testing will begin at 8:00 am, and conclude by 11:30 am.
- *October 19<sup>th</sup>* – PSAT/NMSQT – Will be administered to all North Warren juniors. This test will provide you with very important preparation for the SAT which should be taken at least one time in the spring.
- Junior conferences to work on your future college / career planning will begin in October.
- *October 26<sup>th</sup>* – College Financial Aid Night – please plan on joining the seniors as they learn more about the revised financial aid process from Skidmore colleges experts!

#### November - December

- *November* – The ASVAB Career Exploration workshop will be scheduled to assist students in interpreting their ASVAB results, and helping to identify skills and aptitudes that will assist them in their college and career searches. (only for students who sign up to take the ASVAB on 10/13)
- *November 17* – Visit to the College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering Campus in Albany
- Discuss future plans with parents (get them involved with your junior conference if possible).
- *December 21<sup>st</sup>* – Deadline date to register for the January 21<sup>st</sup> SAT examination.



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### January

- Scheduling for your senior year course selections will begin in February. Final course selections must be made by May. Continue to challenge yourself in order to have the most opportunities available to you!
- *January 21<sup>st</sup>* - SAT test date (Saratoga Springs)

### February

- Register for at least one of the SAT and/or ACT registration dates for Spring.
- Don't forget to include an acceptable digital photo for both the ACT and SAT registration, which includes uploading a photo ID for security purposes!
- *February 10<sup>th</sup>* - Deadline date to register for the March 11<sup>th</sup>, SAT examination

### March

- *March 3<sup>rd</sup>* - Deadline date to register for the April 8<sup>th</sup>, ACT examination
- *March 11<sup>th</sup>* - SAT test date (in Queensbury)
- Junior profiles will be distributed to students.
- Continue course selection process for your senior year.

### April

- *April 7<sup>th</sup>* - Deadline date to register for the May 6<sup>th</sup> SAT test
- *April 8<sup>th</sup>* - ACT test date
- Start the process of gathering information and visiting prospective colleges during your April break
- Consult with your counselor regarding post high school plans, questions and concerns.
- Attend one of the college fairs at Adirondack Community or Hudson Valley Community College
- An evening workshop will be scheduled for parents and students with Sage College for their "Ready, Set, ...College!" presentation. An overview of the College and Career Planning Timeline and the steps that juniors and parents should be taking now, will be provided.

### May

- Final course selections for your senior year will be determined.
- *May 5<sup>th</sup>* - Deadline to register for the June 11<sup>th</sup> ACT date
- *May 6<sup>th</sup>* - SAT Reasoning test (North Creek or Queensbury)
- *May 9<sup>th</sup>* - Deadline to register for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT
- Begin to secure your teacher letters of recommendation (most 4-year colleges require two).
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be given to high school students nationally.

### June

- *June 3<sup>rd</sup>* - Take the SAT (Glens Falls or Queensbury) (and /or SAT Subject tests) and/or ACT (*June 10<sup>th</sup>*) exams if you have not done so already.
- Find a summer job or volunteer work that may be related to your career or personal interests.
- Visit colleges over the summer.

### July - August

- Continue to visit colleges, and work on finalizing your list of choices.
- Develop a resume.
- Check out [www.MyMajors.Com](http://www.MyMajors.Com) for a free advisement report (use "warren" for your access code). A great way to find your ideal college major.
- Check out [www.mycollegeoptions.org](http://www.mycollegeoptions.org) for information on finding the right college for you!
- Check out [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com), SITE ID: 0106466, PASSWORD: warren



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All juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and or the ACT in the spring of their junior year. It is our hope to provide the best experience as you plan your transition from high school to the college and career planning process. If you want to look at your interests and how they relate to careers, please check out the Choices Planner or NY Career Zone, below.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 494-3015 ext 752, or via email at [mtherio@northwarrencsd.org](mailto:mtherio@northwarrencsd.org). I look forward to seeing and working with you in September!

Michael Therio,  
9-12 School Counselor

### [www.bridges.com](http://www.bridges.com)

All North Warren students created their own profiles in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Use your existing profile, or build a new one! Please use the Site ID=0106444, Password=warren, to access Choices Planner.

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### <https://www.careerzone.ny.gov/>

This New York State sponsored website also provides some great resources for learning about what is important to you!

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