



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

**August, 2020**

**To the Class of 2022:**

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the remainder of what has been a great summer! Wednesday, September 9<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 2022:

### NWCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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</i> ) (grade 11)	ELA ( <i>Common Core</i> ) (grade 11)
Algebra I ( <i>Common Core</i> )	Algebra I ( <i>Common Core</i> ) Geometry ( <i>Common Core</i> ) Algebra II ( <i>Common Core</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: 2020-2021*

#### 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. The North Warren Community Service Graduation requirement is a total of 20 service hours over a period of four years, which will be recorded both on your transcript and transcript addendum.
- Be sure to check your **Guidance Junior Class of 2022** Google Classroom often, for updates and information!

#### October

- It's never too early! Consider joining the seniors for Campus Visits and College Fairs which can be virtually accessed at: <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/> and [bit.ly/fallvirtualfairs](http://bit.ly/fallvirtualfairs)
- **October 5<sup>th</sup>** – PSAT/NMSQT presentation / registration will take place. The fee for this year's test is **Free** for all Juniors (normally \$17.00). For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&bannerId=psat>
- **October 14<sup>th</sup>** – PSAT/NMSQT – Will be administered to juniors who have registered for it. This test will provide you with very important preparation for the SAT which should be taken at least one time in the spring.
- **October 20<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 21<sup>st</sup>** – College Financial Aid Night – please plan on joining the seniors as they learn more about the current application process for Financial Aid, and how the FAFSA, CSS Profile, TAP application and FSA ID are necessary for your aid package.
- Junior conferences to work on your future college / career planning will begin in October.
- The 2021-2022 Course Selection Survey will be administered to Grades 8-11 to determine availability of future course electives.

#### November – December

- **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – The ASVAB Career Exploration workshop will assist students in interpreting their ASVAB results, and to help 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 10/20)
- Discuss future plans with parents (get them involved with your junior conference if possible).



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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!

### 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!
- SAT School Day Test registration – Will take place for juniors who wish to test on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- February 12<sup>th</sup> – Deadline date to register for the March 13<sup>th</sup>, SAT examination

### March

- March 10<sup>th</sup>- An evening workshop is scheduled for parents and students with Russell 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 will be provided.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – SAT test date (in Queensbury)
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Deadline date to register for the April 17<sup>th</sup>, ACT examination
- Junior profiles will be distributed to students.
- Continue course selection process for your senior year.

### April

- April 17<sup>th</sup> – ACT test date
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – Deadline date to register for the May 8<sup>th</sup> SAT test
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – SAT School Day Test date – Opportunity to test at North Warren during a weekday.
- 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 SUNY Adirondack or Hudson Valley Community College if available.

### May

- Final course selections for your senior year will be determined.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to register for the June 5<sup>th</sup> SAT
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Deadline to register for the June 12<sup>th</sup> ACT date
- May 8<sup>th</sup> - SAT Reasoning test (North Creek or Queensbury)
- 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 5<sup>th</sup> - Take the SAT (Glens Falls or Queensbury) (and /or SAT Subject tests) and/or ACT (June 12<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!



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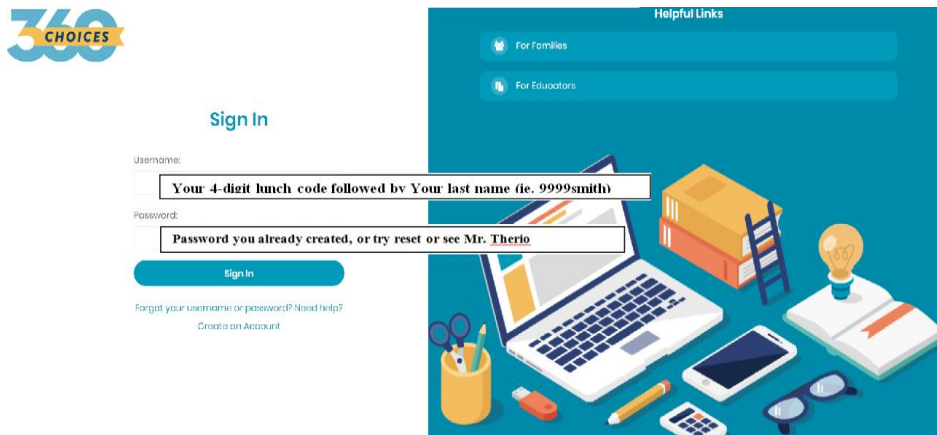
- Check out [www.choices360.com](http://www.choices360.com). To access your student account, the Username is your 4-digit lunch code, followed by your last name (i.e. 9999smith) and the Password is the one you've already created.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Deadline to register for the August 28<sup>th</sup> (2021) SAT date
- August 28<sup>th</sup> - SAT Reasoning test

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 [Choices360](#) or [NY Career Zone](#), below.

2020-2021 schedules will be available on Parent and Student portal or mailed home during the last week of August. 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,  
8-12 School Counselor

[www.Choices360.com](http://www.Choices360.com)



1. Enter your Username and Password
2. If you can't remember them, you can click on [> Forgot Your Username or Password?](#) (or contact Mr. Therio for assistance.)

From the **Career Planning** tab, try one of the 7 assessments to learn more about yourself. This is the best place to start when choosing the right career for you. Also, be sure to check out the **College Planning** section for great ideas about choosing the right fit school for you!

[www.careerzone.ny.gov](http://www.careerzone.ny.gov)

This New York State sponsored website will also provide some great resources for learning about what is important to you, when choosing a career or life pursuit!