



North Warren Jr/Sr High School

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Senior Class Updates

SUNY Adirondack FREE and Instant Admissions! – We are proud to recognize the following seniors on their free and instant acceptances to **SUNY Adirondack** on October 25th:

Mattelyn Beadnell, Eliza Brown, Tori Campbell, Shane Caunter, Alfonso Hernandez, Julianna Hilton, Jay Hopper, Chloe Howe, Josh Kersey, Jonah Lanfear, Rosie Lewis, Riley May, Brandon Olden, Colton Peet, Joe Phelps and Jaclyn Urtz.

Congratulations to **Chloe Howe** on her acceptances to Alfred University, Keuka College, and to SUNY Potsdam!

Congratulations to **Brandon Olden** on his acceptance to Siena College!

We are pleased to congratulate the following as outstanding representatives for their class:

The **Rotary Student of the Month** is selected by North Warren Faculty on the basis of Leadership, Community Spirit, and on being a model for those around them. The **Junior Student of the Month** is also selected by North Warren Faculty using the same criteria. Both selected students will have use of their own reserved student parking space for a month, and the Senior will be invited to a Rotary Dinner and presentation of their award.

- Congratulations to **Mattelyn Beadnell** for being nominated “**The Rotary Student of the Month**” for **October**!
- Congratulations to **Michaela Romano** for her nomination as the **October** North Warren “**Junior Student of the Month**”!

The **Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership HOBY** program mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation. We would like to congratulate **Anthony Girard**, on his selection as a North Warren Representative at SUNY Oneonta in June, and **Sharline Pierce** who has been selected as an alternate. Selections were made based upon essays that were submitted by interested sophomore students.

Congratulations to **Lauretta Mahoney** for being selected as a North Warren and SAEC program representative at the **Fall 2018 Skills USA Leadership Conference** at the Desmond in Albany!

The following students have applied for the **Warren County Youth Court Training**, and the opportunity to serve as either jurors or associates. This is a great community service and resume builder. Thanks to **Megan Bruno, Jay Hopper, Jared Maxwell, Olivia Slater** and **Manon Stevens** for your participation!

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the **Grade 8 Parent Night** on Wednesday, November 7th. If you would like to attend the **4-Year Planning meeting** with your student, please let us know. Otherwise, once your student brings their plan home, or if you have any questions regarding their 4 year plan, please contact Mr. Therio.



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ASVAB Interpretive Workshop

All Sophomore students, who took the ASVAB in October, will have an opportunity to participate in an Interpretive Workshop of their results on Thursday, December 6th. Results will be available for the participants and their parents at www.asvabprogram.com. Please let Mr. Therio know if you have any questions.

HVCC Technology and STEM Program Tour

On Thursday, November 15th, students taking courses in NanoTechnology, Physics, or Electricity and Electronics, had the opportunity to tour the STEM and Technical Trades programs at Hudson Valley Community College with Mr. Stiles and Mr. Dibble. Lunch was provided by the college.

Additional Notes for Seniors and Juniors:

A college planning timeline and information about academic preparation has been provided to all juniors. Every senior has access to Google Classroom for Senior Seminar which they should be accessing on a regular basis for important updates. Each senior and junior student has had their meeting regarding academic and future career plans. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Therio.

Some thoughts to consider for the college bound student:

- **Importance of deadline dates** - (please remember that we need your completed application 2 weeks prior to the college's posted deadline, and not later than December 1st for any applications that need to be sent prior to Christmas) Also, please remember to apply as early as possible to ensure the greatest opportunities for scholarships. *Also, please remember that **Early Action applications (non-binding) can be submitted at any time, and waiting for final letters of recommendation, additional SAT scores, etc. is not recommended before submitting your Common Application.***
- **Explore Your Interests and Career Fit** – Be sure you are applying to the program(s) that is/are right for you! Knowing your interests, skills and values as they relate to work can help you to choose the best fit for your future. The following tools are some of the best available resources:
 1. Check out your profile on the www.choices360.com website. All North Warren Grade 8 through 12 students have a logon to the program. If you need your username and password, please email Mr. Therio.
 2. See a list of best fit majors at www.mymajors.com (Use **warren** as your key to print the \$15.00 profile for free)
 3. Also take a look at www.nycareerzone.org for a quick glimpse of careers that are right for you!
 4. Please check out your College Board Profile and use <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> for additional perspectives on schools.
- **Financial Aid** – North Warren Central School hosted Skidmore College for their information session and workshop for seniors on October 19th in the High School Library. Important and timely information for parents and seniors was provided about the FAFSA and CSS forms and what steps are needed now for getting your financial aid package in place.
 - College Affordability and Transparency Center – Provides many useful links for determining actual costs and comparing schools: <https://collegecost.ed.gov/>



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- All financial aid determination starts with the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) can be found at: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/nys-tap.html>
- The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior/>

An electronic copy of the presentation was emailed to all senior parents, and reviewed in Senior Seminar with all seniors. Thanks to everyone who participated!

- **Scholarships** – Scholarships are announced during morning announcements, and are on the NWCS website. They are also linked to Google Classroom for all seniors. Please check the guidance website for continual updates on local scholarships: <http://www.northwarrencsd.org/Guidance/Docs/NWScholarships.pdf>
Additional Scholarship Search Tools -
 - Try using www.fastweb.com to search for a variety of scholarship opportunities.
 - Another site to search for free money can be found at <http://findaid.org/>.
 - Finding great colleges and scholarships: <https://www.cappex.com/>
- **Applications** – College applications can be found online at all College Websites, however the majority of applications can be submitted at:
 - Common Application download at www.commonapp.org for private schools
 - SUNY Online Application www.suny.edu/student for the State University of New York schools.
 - Comparing Colleges - everything you needed for program, scholarships and more! <https://www.collegecovered.com>
 - Looking for a quick reference for College Searches? Search no further! This tool is quick, easy and has a lot of helpful comparisons. <https://www.collegedata.com>
 - Choosing and comparing colleges: <http://collegeresults.org/>
If you need any help completing any applications, please see Mr. Therio.
- **Who Am I Presentations** – All seniors in Senior Seminar were given the resources and tools to assess their interests, skills and personality types. With these resources, they are now creating a presentation about themselves in terms of personal, academic, college and career interests. All seniors will present their work to the class during senior seminar in November and December.

If you have any questions regarding your senior student's college planning, please contact Mr. Therio at 494-3015 ext. 752, or via email at mtherio@northwarrencsd.org.

Freshman/Sophomore HS and Post-Secondary Planning Night - On Thursday, January 3rd, 2019, all Freshman and Sophomore Students and Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a Freshman/Sophomore Planning Night from 6-8pm in the School Auditorium. This informative event is intended to help make planning easier for High School College/Career planning with your student. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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BOCES CTE Programs for 2019-2020 - All Sophomore students will be provided the opportunity to tour the Southern Adirondack Education Center in Hudson Falls in January, to see the Career and Technical Education programs that are available there. Interested students are reminded that academic and attendance criteria, along with committee approval must be met in order to participate in a BOCES program. Both students and parents will be asked to sign the BOCES commitment form if they are interested in attending as a junior. It should be noted that by signing the form, students will be committed to participate in one of the CTE programs for the entire 2019-2020 school year. Please see <http://www.wswheboces.org/CTE.cfm> for more information on the programs available at BOCES.

Thank You to all students who helped to make the **SADD Red Ribbon Week** and the **2018 Unity Day** a great success during the last week in October! Students were provided the opportunity of wearing Orange, displaying the “Ask me why I wear Orange” badges, or displaying Orange on their cell phones, as a display of standing united on behalf of the rights of others. A total of 78% of all students participated.

A special Thank-You to **Reece Bradley, Leonard Palmer, Desiree Sanders, Isabelle Taylor** and **Mario Willette** for their support for the Pledge for Life, Red Ribbons, and for providing Red Ribbon Cookies for students during their lunch times. The Red Ribbons were provided to commemorate the life work of a DEA Officer lost in the line of duty, trying to help make our schools and communities drug free.

On November 1st, a total of 9 students participated with their advisors, Shannon Phelps, Mike Therio, and Deb Varsames on the Fall 2018 Natural Helpers Team Highway Cleanup, along Route 8 between the I-87 overpass and Dynamite Hill. Despite the rainy weather, the students did a great job and collected many bags of trash! Thank you to **Jodi Bartlett, Jack Buckman, Nicole Buckman, Jay Hopper, Makayla LaGuerre, Caleb Morehouse, Thomas Needham,** and **Olivia Viele** for your participation and support for making our community a nicer place!

*As a final reminder to parents and students, all **INCOMPLETE** grades for **First Quarter** report cards, must be made up by **Wednesday, November 28th.***

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

