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To: All Juniors and Parents/Guardians
 Re: Planning for Junior Year

Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the Class of 2023,

My name is Adam Bombard, and I am the new school counselor here at North Warren. I will be working with students in grades 7-12. I hope you are enjoying the remainder of what has been a great summer! Wednesday, September 8th, 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 2023:

NWCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

REGENTS DIPLOMA		ADVANCED REGENTS	
<i>Required Courses</i>	Credits	<i>Required Courses</i>	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 CTE Program may be exempt from this requirement.			

Required Regents Exams * <i>(grade of 65 or better required)</i>	Required Regents Exams * <i>(grade of 65 or better required)</i>
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

(*) 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.



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Junior Pre-College & Career Calendar: 2021-2022

September

- 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 coursework. 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 Grade 11 Guidance - NWCS Class of 2023 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>
- **October 5th**: PSAT/NMSQT presentation/registration will take place. The fee for this year's test is \$18.00. For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&bannerId=psat>
- **October (Date TBD- May Be Virtual)** 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.
- **October 13th**: The 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 19th**: 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.

November – December

- **December 2nd**: 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).

January

- Consider registering for 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!
- 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 7th: Registration Deadline For February 5th ACT**



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February

- **February 5th:** ACT Test Date
- **February 11th: Registration Deadline For March 12th SAT**
- Start the process of gathering information and visiting prospective colleges during your April break

March

- **March 4th: Registration Deadline For April 9th ACT**
- **March 12th:** SAT test date
- Junior profiles will be distributed to students.

April

- **April 8th: Registration Deadline For May 7th SAT**
- **April 9th:** ACT Test Date
- 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 5th: Registration Deadline For June 4th SAT**
- **May 6th: Registration Deadline For June 11th ACT**
- **May 7th:** SAT test date
- 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 4th:** SAT test date
- **June 10th: Registration Deadline For July 16th ACT**
- **June 11th:** ACT Test Date
- 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 <https://www.suny.edu/attend/find-a-suny-program/> for information on SUNY colleges.
- Check out <https://www.nycolleges.org/> for information on private colleges in New York State.
- Check out www.choices360.com for information on careers and colleges. Information on logging in is below.
- **July 16th:** ACT Test Date



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Your junior year will be a time of exciting planning and decision making for your future! I would like to encourage all students and parents to feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have, in order to get the most out of this experience that you can. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 494-3015 ext. 752, or via email at abombard@northwarrencsd.org. It is my hope that you enjoy what is left of summer, and are getting ready for a great year ahead! I look forward to working with you in September!

Sincerely,

Adam Bombard
7-12 School Counselor

College & Career Exploration

Mapping Your Future: mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/

Choices 360: 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. Bombard for assistance.)
3. 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!



Students and Parents:

Need help while at home during the COVID-19 school closures? We have [resources to help](#).

Sign In

Your 4 digit lunch code followed by your last name (9999Smith)

Password you already created. For help please see Mr. Bombard

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[Forgot your username or password?](#)

[Create an Account](#)