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To: The Class of 2022
 Re: Planning for Senior Year

Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the Senior Class of 2022,

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. Congratulations on achieving senior status! Wednesday, September 8th, will be the start of your senior year, a time where important decisions and planning for the future will be realized. This senior letter is intended to provide you with information about current graduation requirements and planning for what's ahead. Listed below, are the graduation requirements for the graduating 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>	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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Class of 2022 Key Dates to Remember for College & Career Preparation

Date(s)	Activity
September - June	Senior Seminar - College, Career and Life Preparation timelines and related activities will be covered with all class of 2021 members.
August – December 2021	ACT and/or SAT Testing. Seniors should take their ACT or SAT no later than December of this year.
September - November	College Fairs (virtual) sponsored by NACAC Register for one or more at: https://virtualcollegefairs.org/events
September - December	College visits – To tour over 600 college campus locations: https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/
October 19th	The ASVAB will be offered to North Warren students at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 19 th .
October (Date TBD)	College Financial Aid Night & Workshop – 6:00 pm in the NWCS High School Library <i>(May be offered in virtual format, COVID-19 dependent)</i>
October (Date TBD)	SUNY Adirondack Free / Instant Admission Workshop – Senior Seminar
November 1st	Deadline for ROTC Scholarships
December 1st	Deadline for submission of application materials to Guidance for sending to 4-year colleges. (www.suny.edu/student , www.commonapp.org)
February 2021	7-Semester Transcripts with Final Class Rank / GPA will be provided
June 2022	Class of 2022 Graduation!

Some Thoughts for Consideration for Senior Year Planning

- Importance of deadlines** - Please remember to complete your application two weeks prior to the college’s posted deadline, and no later than December 1st. Some colleges use deadlines, while others accept a specific number that once reached will result in no one else being accepted (rolling admission). Whether a Deadline or Rolling Admission, it’s a good idea to begin submitting your applications as soon as possible, starting in September.
- How many colleges should you apply to?** It’s not a bad idea to consider applying to five: one “reach” school (chance of acceptance); three target schools (GPA and SAT/ACT meet requirements); and one “safe” school (GPA and SAT/ACT scores are above the requirements).
- Applications** – College applications can be completed online.
 - **Common Application:** <https://www.commonapp.org/apply> (over 900 public & private 4-year colleges use this same application.)
 - **SUNY Online Application:** www.suny.edu/student (can be used to apply to all New York State 2 and 4 year colleges)
 - **College Specific Applications:** Located on college websites, sometimes have no application fee.
- Early Action vs. Early Decision** – If you want an answer as soon as possible regarding your acceptance, these are good options. However, **Early Decision is binding**, which means you should be absolutely sure you wish to attend the school you are applying to before using this option!
- Senior Year Schedule** – It is important to remember that colleges are interested in seeing the level of academic rigor that you’ve chosen to take this year. Many final college acceptances in June will be contingent on completing every course you are scheduled for during your senior year.



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6. **GPA** – Keep in mind that your Grade Point Average is only cumulative for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. It is **this** GPA that a college will consider, along with SAT scores, academic transcripts, activities accomplished, and letters of recommendation. (A final 7-Semester ranking will take place in February.)
7. **SAT/ACT** – The 2021-2022 test dates and registration deadlines are listed below. Seniors who decide to take one or both exams, should plan to test no later than December.
SAT Registration: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>
ACT Registration: www.act.org
8. **Letters of recommendation** (required for 4-year colleges)
 - a. Two teachers – Please use Request for Letter of Recommendation form
 - b. Counselor – Complete your senior profile and return it to the Guidance Office
9. **Senior Profile** – Personal reflections, comments and activities that highlight the unique and special person that you are. This form will be given to seniors in their Senior Folders in September, and will be used by Mr. Bombard as input to your final letters of recommendation.
10. **Transcript Addendum** – A current copy will be provided to all seniors for review in September. Students should update their addendum and return it to the Guidance Office. This completed form, along with your academic transcript and counselor / teacher letters of recommendation will be sent to all colleges that you apply to. It is often extracurricular and community activities, along with community service that differentiate college applicants from their competition. **Be sure to review your list and ensure that we have an updated one in Guidance!**
11. **Financial Aid** – Please plan on attending the financial aid night in the high school library on Wednesday, October 21st. Learn about the current application process and how the FAFSA, CSS Profile, TAP application and FSA ID are necessary for your aid package.
12. **Scholarships** – There are many scholarships available for students attending college. Some websites for scholarship opportunities include, www.fastweb.com, www.fafsa.ed.gov, www.finaid.org. Also be sure to check the Senior Seminar Google Classroom link for updates.
 - **Most importantly, spend time on our school guidance website for local scholarships:**
<http://northwarren.k12.ny.us/Guidance/Docs/NWScholarships.pdf>
Finally, we will work on the **North Warren Community Scholarship Fund** applications in April, which can qualify members of the Class of 2022 for over \$15,000 worth of scholarships provided by our generous North Warren community. **Scholarships received by the Class of 2021 totaled over \$58,000!**
13. **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 experience, 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.
14. **Military Academies & ROTC** – Be aware of the deadline to submit scholarship applications!
15. **College Visits** – Throughout the year, look for weekly announcements on the colleges that will be visiting North Warren High School. Many will be taking place during Senior Seminar. This is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from schools and learn about programs offered there.
16. **Career Exploration** – Always take the opportunity to learn more about YOU in terms of your skills, abilities and values as they relate to the world of work. Please take the time to use the Choices 360 program (included at the end of



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this letter), and take a look at the <http://www.asvabprogram.com/> website for access to some great resources. The ASVAB is planned to take place on Tuesday, October 19th 2021.

SAT & ACT College Admissions Tests

Many private and SUNY colleges have temporarily waived the SAT/ACT testing requirements for admission for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters. Test scores may still be required for admission to some colleges and specific programs, for consideration for some scholarships, and for NCAA eligibility for Division I athletes. The 2021–2022 SAT and ACT test dates and registration deadlines are listed below. Students should keep in mind that in order to meet application deadlines for 4 year colleges, **seniors should test no later than December.**

SAT Registration: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

ACT Registration: www.act.org

If you need help registering for either exam, please see Mr. Bombard for assistance. Please be aware that a digital photo must be uploaded as part of the registration process for test security. *(The school code for NWCS is 331365)*

SAT			
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline*	Fee
8-28-21	7-30-21	8-17-21	\$55.00
10-2-21	9-3-21	9-21-21	
11-6-21	10-8-21	10-26-21	
12-4-21	11-4-21	11-23-21	
3-12-22	2-11-22	3-1-22	
5-7-22	4-8-22	4-26-22	
6-4-22	5-5-22	5-25-22	
*A late or registration change fee of \$30.00 applies after the deadline.			

ACT			
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline*	Fee
9-11-21	8-6-21	8-20-21	\$60.00 (No Writing)
10-23-21	9-17-21	10-1-21	
12-11-21	11-5-21	11-19-21	
2-12-22	1-7-22	1-21-22	\$85.00 (With Writing)
4-2-22	2-25-22	3-11-22	
6-11-22	5-6-22	5-20-22	
7-16-22	6-17-22	6-24-22	
*A late or registration change fee of \$40.00 applies after the deadline.			



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Resources for College and Career Exploration and Financial Aid and Scholarships

College & Career Exploration	Financial Aid & Scholarships
<p>https://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.</p>	<p>www.fastweb.com Find scholarships that match your goals and career plan.</p>
<p>https://www.guidancedirect.com To access your student account, follow the instructions below.</p>	<p>www.finaid.org Find information on various types of financial aid.</p>
<p>https://www.suny.edu/attend/find-a-suny-program Research SUNY colleges in NYS.</p>	<p>www.fafsa.ed.gov Fill out the FAFSA to apply for federal and state financial aid.</p>
<p>https://www.nycolleges.org Research private colleges in NYS.</p>	<p>https://collegecost.ed.gov Calculate the cost of college.</p>

Your senior 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,

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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

Sign In

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

[Create an Account](#)