

## Hello WHS Class of 2021!

Welcome to Senior Year!! The Westfield High School Counselors and your College and Career Specialist know that preparing for life after high school can be an overwhelming experience for any family during what we would call a “normal” school year. Since 2020 has proven to be anything but normal, we recognize that this school year we all face some additional and unique challenges. However, as always, we are here to support you during your post-secondary planning!

Attached is a link to the [WHS Senior Guide for Post-Secondary Planning](#)

Please take some time to preview this video presentation. This PowerPoint will review:

- Post-Secondary options available after graduation
- How to utilize Naviance Student to support your journey
- Discussions around SATs and what it means to be a test optional school
- How to request recommendation letters and transcripts
- Financial aid information
- Important dates, contact information and additional links to helpful websites.

In the upcoming weeks a PDF version of this PowerPoint will also be posted on the Westfield website along with this video presentation. The PDF version will allow you to access all the links embedded within. We would also like to invite all our senior students along with their parents or guardians to a live virtual gathering with your subschool counselors on **August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**Check your email on the morning of August 27<sup>th</sup> for your specific link to your subschool meeting.**

*(Be on the lookout for an email from Susan Fox)*

- During this informal session, you will have the opportunity to connect with your subschool counselors to ask any clarifying questions that may have arisen as you reviewed the PowerPoint.
- ***We will not be going through the PowerPoint during this gathering, so we highly encourage you to take the time to view it beforehand.***

In addition, all counselors will be reaching out directly to their students (through a separate email) in the upcoming week inviting them to schedule a virtual individual senior meeting.

- **Individual Senior meetings will begin starting on August 27 through the month of September.**  
During these meetings the counselor and student will review and discuss the following:
  - Student transcript and senior year classes, student’s post-secondary choices and planning, and the counselor will provide additional clarifying information depending on each student’s individual needs.
  - If you have any concerns or questions or would prefer the meeting be a phone call versus online, please reach back out directly to your counselor and let them know.

Through all these avenues we hope we can provide both families and our senior students with all the information they might need to help make post-secondary planning as streamlined and stress-free as possible. Most importantly, these meetings will be a time for us to connect! We want our students to know we are here to help, and we do not want anyone feeling like they are on this journey alone - we will make this an amazing and memorable year together!

**Your Westfield School Counselors and College and Career Center Specialist,**

*Dan Harris, Jim Franklin, Bill Sidener, Dana Hughes, Jen Fargo, Donna Leone, Kaitlyn Huizing, Nicole Shaw, Dave Paganin, Bobbi Snyder, and Laura Cudahy*

**Here’s to the Class of 2021!**

**Remember to Save the Date for Senior Night with Counselors!  
Thursday, August 27 6pm**