



WEST HEMPSTEAD U.F.S.D.

WEST HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

TO: All Seniors
FROM: Guidance Department
SUBJECT: SAT I, Subject Tests, ACT Tests, College Fairs - Visiting Colleges
DATE: September 2008

Participation in the West Hempstead High School graduation ceremony is an earned privilege. Only those students who fulfill **ALL** the mandated requirements by June will be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any student who needs to take summer school courses or required tests in order to satisfy graduation requirements **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the June graduation ceremony. Please be advised, and dedicate yourself to successfully completing your graduation requirements by June.

ADMISSIONS TESTING

SAT I - \$45.00 REGISTRATION

College-bound seniors planning to take the SAT I should consider the November 1st administration. The registration deadline is Friday, September 26th. Late registration deadline is October 10th. **INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AS WELL AS BEING INCLUDED IN THIS GUIDANCE PACKET.**

SUBJECT TESTS - \$20.00 REGISTRATION + \$9.00 PER SUBJECT TEST FEES

SAT Subject Tests are one-hour examinations designed to test your knowledge in a specific academic area. Some colleges require entering students take Subject tests in one, two or three areas. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE WHICH, IF ANY, SUBJECT TESTS YOUR COLLEGE CHOICES REQUIRE AND REGISTER TO TAKE THEM.**

ACT - \$31.00 REGISTRATION without Writing / \$46.00 with Writing

The ACT (American College Testing Program) is another testing module many colleges use for academic consideration of the applicant pool. The fall test is given on October 25th. The registration deadline is September 19th. There is also a test given on December 13th and the registration deadline is November 7th.

TAKING THE TESTS - Registration booklets for the SAT I, Subject Tests and ACT are available in the Guidance Office. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ, COMPLETE AND MAIL THE APPLICATIONS IN A TIMELY FASHION!** You may also register for the SAT online at www.collegeboard.com. You can register for the ACT online at www.act.org.

When you register for the test you are allotted four (4) free reports to colleges. Take advantage of this opportunity if you are certain of all or some of the schools to which you are applying. Additional reports are charged a fee. Some colleges will not accept test scores reported by high schools and require official scores sent directly from the College Board.

Code Numbers to Remember - West Hempstead High School Code number for SAT I and SAT II **335895** -- For **SAT I and SUBJECT TESTS ONLY**, West Hempstead High School Test Center number is **33972**.

TEST SCHEDULES - Avoid Late Fees, Register on Time

SAT I and SAT SUBJECT TESTS

TEST DATE			REGISTRATION		LATE REG. (+\$22.00)
			<i>Regular Deadline</i>	<i>Late Deadline</i>	
October	4	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	September 9	September 16	
November	1*	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	September 26	October 10	
December	6	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	November 5	November 18	
January	24	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	December 26	January 6	
March	14	SAT I SUBJECT TESTS	February 10	February 24	
May	2*	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	March 31	April 9	
June	6*	SAT I & SUBJECT TESTS	May 5	May 15	

* WEST HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL IS A TEST CENTER ON THESE DATES

ACT TEST DATE	REGISTRATION	LATE REG. DEADLINE (+ \$16.00)
	<i>Regular Deadline</i>	<i>Late Deadline</i>
October 25	September 19	October 3
December 13	November 7	November 20
April 4	February 27	March 13
June 13	May 8	May 22

COLLEGE FAIRS

College fairs give you an opportunity to speak with representatives from many colleges and universities. There are also financial aid advisors available to speak with, as well. Check the announcements for further scheduling of financial aid information sessions.

***NASSAU COUNSELOR'S ASSOC. COLLEGE EXPO – Sunday, September 21, 2008
12PM to 3 PM at
SUNY College at Old Westbury***

***LONG ISLAND NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR – Sunday October 5, 2008
from 11 AM to 4 PM at
Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum***

Many college representatives will be visiting our school throughout the year.

Attached is a list, of the representatives who are scheduled to date. Further information will be made available as it comes in. Please check in the Guidance Office.

Listen to homeroom announcements and read C-Notes for further information.

SUGGESTED CALENDAR FOR THE SENIOR YEAR

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- _____ 1. Group meeting with your counselor.
- _____ 2. Register to take the SAT I, Subject Tests or ACT's.
- _____ 3. Submit or update your personal data form in the Guidance Office and obtain teacher recommendations.
- _____ 4. Examine your transcript of grades. Submit reviewed copy to the Guidance Office.
- _____ 5. Attend college conferences, career seminars, and schedule college visitations.
- _____ 6. Schedule a senior conference with your counselor soon!
- _____ 7. Early Decision college applications should be submitted to the Guidance Office no later than October 15, 2008.
- _____ 8. Male students must register with Selective Service upon their 18th birthday.
- _____ 9. Submit college applications beginning in early October.
- _____ 10. Attend the NCA College Expo at SUNY Old Westbury on September 21 from 12 PM – 3 PM. Attend the Long Island National College Fair at the Nassau Coliseum on Sunday, October 5 from 11 am – 4 pm.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- _____ 1. **COLLEGE APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE THANKSGIVING!**
- _____ 2. Register to take Subject Tests, if necessary.
- _____ 3. Investigate financial aid and scholarship opportunities.

JANUARY - MAY

- _____ 1. Keep in touch with your counselor regarding your college applications.
- _____ 2. For parents of seniors attend the evening Financial Aid Workshop, January 8, 2009, 7:00 PM in the Video Conference Room.
- _____ 3. Mail the FAFSA form as soon after January 1st as possible.
- _____ 4. Bring in stamped, addressed envelopes to guidance for colleges that require mid-year grades.
- _____ 5. Most colleges require a definite commitment and tuition deposit by May 1.
- _____ 6. Apply for West Hempstead High School Scholarships.
- _____ 7. Complete the “final plans form” for your counselor.
- _____ 8. Notify the Guidance Office of your final college decision (no later than May 15) so your final transcript can be forwarded.

SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN #1

DATE: 9/8/08

Please review the following list of scholarships taking careful note of deadlines and eligibility requirements. For each scholarship, either a website will be provided or an application can be picked up in the Guidance Office. Please allow additional time if transcripts or recommendations are required. If you need additional information please see your counselor for help.

Wendys High School Heisman Award

Student Athletes are urged to apply. You must be a senior, have at least a B average and participate in at least one sport. Please apply on-line at www.wendysheisman.com print out application and bring to Ms. Schreiber in Guidance by October 1, 2008.

Horatio Alger Association

Senior with outstanding participation in extra-curricular and community service activities. Minimum GPA above 2.0. Financial need, preferably \$50,000 or lower adjusted gross income per family. On-line at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

Students in grades 9-12 that have performed extraordinary volunteer work over the past year. Please apply on-line at www.principals.org/prudential (access key:spirit) print out application, have your parents sign it and bring to Ms. Schreiber by October 31, 2008.

National Assoc. of Secondary School Principals and Herff Jones Inc. P.L.A

Seniors with exemplary leadership skills, community service and academic record. Apply on-line at www.principals.org/pla print out application, have your parents sign and bring it to Ms. Schreiber by November 1, 2008

Gates Millennium Scholars Program

African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic seniors. Must meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. GPA above 3.3 and strong leadership. Applications are in the Guidance Office. Deadline January 12, 2009.

Good Deed Awards

Students in grades 9-12 who have performed outstanding community service. Application in Guidance Office. They must receive by February 12, 2009.

Molloy Scholars Program: Full tuition scholarship for full time freshman. Requires 95 high school average and a combined math and verbal SAT score of 1250 or 28 on ACT.
Molloy Girl Scout/Eagle Scout Award: Scholarships of \$1,000 per academic year to entering freshman who are Girl Scout Gold or Eagle Scouts from LI region.

Emory University Scholars Program: merit based scholarship program for outstanding seniors. Must be applying to Emory University. For more information see your guidance counselor by 10/1/08.

COLLEGE VISITS 08-09

<i>SCHOOL</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>
Manhattan College*	9/15/2008	8:45
LeMoyne College*	9/24/2008	8:45
Mt. St. Vincent*	10/1/2008	10:15
University of Rhode Island*	10/2/2008	8:45
Mitchell College*	10/2/2008	1:15
SUNY Oneonta*	10/3/2008	1:15
PACE*	10/6/2008	1:15
SUNY Delhi	10/7/2008	11:00
Alfred University*	10/8/2008	8:45
Western New England College*	10/8/2008	10:15
College of St. Rose*	10/10/2008	9:30
Vaughan University*	10/15/2008	1:15
Ryder University*	10/15/2008	11:00
Mt. St. Mary College*	10/17/2008	11:00
C.W. Post*	10/17/2008	8:45
Johnson & Wales*	10/24/2008	8:45
Gettysburg College	10/27/2008	11:45
Hofstra University	10/27/2008	1:15
SUNY New Paltz*	10/28/2008	10:15
Juniata College*	10/30/2008	1:15
St. John's University*	11/5/2008	9:30
SUNY Geneseo*	11/19/2008	10:15
University of Hartford*	11/20/2008	10:15