



# Willowbrook High School

## Guidance & Student Services Department

### Parent Programs 2013-2014



#### August

8/29 6:00pm: Senior Parent Night *"College Application & Decision Process"* (Room C2)

#### September

9/5 6:30pm: Open House: Meet the Counselors/Guidance Programming (*Student CAFÉ*)

#### October

10/3 6:00pm: Hispanic Parent Outreach Meeting (LMC)

10/3 7:00pm: Freshman Parent Night: *"Transition to High School & Intro to College Planning"* (Room C2)

10/10 Parent-Teacher Conferences (*If you would like to meet with a counselor, please call to set up an appointment*)

10/17 7:00pm College Info Night for Students with an IEP/504 Plan (*Location: Addison Trail-Blazer Room*)

10/17 7:00-8:30pm Raising Teens in Today's Society: *"Marijuana's Prevalence & Popularity in DuPage County"* (Room C4)

10/24 7:00-8:30pm Raising Teens in Today's Society: *"Social Networking: Insta-friends & Insta-fights"* (Room C4)

10/31 7:00-8:30pm Raising Teens in Today's Society: *"Video Gaming...Am I Enabling My Child to Live in My Basement into Adulthood?"* (Room C4)

#### November

11/7 6:00pm: Hispanic Parent Outreach Meeting (LMC)

11/14 6:00pm: Junior Parent Night: *"The College Search & Planning Process"* (Room C2)

#### December

12/5 3pm-7pm: Coffee with the Counselors

12/5 6:00pm: Senior Financial Aid Parent Night (Room C2)

#### January

1/15 8am-3pm: Coffee with the Counselors-Registration Focus (*call to make an appointment*)

1/21 6:00pm: Hispanic Parent Outreach Meeting

1/23 6:30pm: Curriculum Showcase: Breakout sessions: *"Understanding and Interpreting Explore Scores,"* ESL Parent Night & Naviance Workshop for parents

#### February

2/8 10am-12pm: *"Mad Money"* FAFSA Completion Workshop (LMC)

#### March

3/13 6:00pm: Hispanic Parent Outreach Meeting (LMC)

3/26 11-2pm: College Fair (*Student Commons Area*)

#### April

4/11 6:00pm: Sophomore Parent Night: *"Career Planning & Next Steps in College Planning & Testing"* (Room C2)

#### May

5/15 7:00pm: Conquering the Challenges of College Costs (Room C2)

**\*SEE BACK FOR DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS**

#### Test Offerings at WB

**PSAT/NMQT** (The Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test )  
*Wednesday, Oct. 16*  
(Optional test-register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))

#### ACT\*

*Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013*  
*Saturday, December 14, 2013*  
*Saturday, April 12, 2014*  
(Optional Tests-register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

*\*All Juniors will take PSAT (Day 1 ACT & Day 2 Work-keys) on April 23 and 24 at Willowbrook. All students will register at school.*

## Parent Program Descriptions

### College/Career Information Series:

This four part series focuses on important information for each particular grade level. We HIGHLY encourage parents to attend each of these sessions, relevant to their child's grade-level, as some information builds from the previous session.

#### Freshman Parent Night *"Transition to High School & Intro to College Planning"*

Topics include: academic & emotional supports available, how to sign up for Parent-Teacher conferences, benefits of Warrior Time and New Beginnings, how to increase student and parent involvement, WB graduation requirements, first steps in the college planning process, etc.

#### Sophomore Parent Night *"Career Planning & Next Step in College Planning & Testing"*

Topics include: College Entrance Testing (PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, ACT), Career Information and Planning, Naviance, what to expect for junior and senior year, resources for college exploration, Course selection, etc.

#### Junior Parent Night *"The College Search & Planning Process"*

Topics include: College & Career planning timeline, Naviance, searching for colleges, college entrance requirements, ACT/SAT, academics, senior courses, etc.

#### Senior Parent Night *"College Application & Decision Process"*

Topics include: process of applying to colleges, essays/personal statements, letters of rec., resume, college entrance testing, review of college search process, Brief intro of financial aid and scholarships, etc.

**College Info Night for Students with an IEP or 504 Plan:** This program is designed to help parents & students understand the college process, extra supports that available for students with an IEP/504 Plan at some colleges and help answer questions and provide resources. Parents are encouraged to attend both the grade level parent nights (listed above) as well as this program.

### Financial Aid Programs:

**"Conquering the challenges of college Costs":** The information covered in this workshop is beneficial to all families with students in grades 9-11. The presentation will provide the tools needed to assist in finding affordable college options, paying for college without excessive debt, finding your financial college "fit," and learning expert financial tips and strategies. This program will cover 5 themes: Affordability, Value, Details, Maximizing Benefits, Avoiding Traps.

**Senior Financial Aid Parent Night:** The financial aid process has changed dramatically over the past several years. This very informative session will focus on: Types of financial aid (grants, loans, scholarships), Financial Aid terms and jargon, How to apply for financial aid, Completing the FAFSA, CSS PROFILE, Financial Aid award letters, etc.

**"Mad Money" FAFSA Completion Workshop:** This hands-on workshop is to assist students and their parents in completing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This workshop is for seniors who will be attending college in the summer or fall of 2014.

### Raising Teens in Today's Society:

These presentations are designed to empower parents by providing information, parenting tools and support available at school and in the community. During each session, the specific topic will be discussed as well as normal adolescent development, current and common adolescent issues, "complicated" adolescence, empowered parenting, when counseling support is appropriate through school staff; and when to seek outside counseling or programs. For specific questions, please contact Erik Engel, School Social Worker, at 630-530-3423 or [eengel@dupage88.net](mailto:eengel@dupage88.net).

### Coffee with the Counselors:

Parents can drop-in or make an appointment to meet with a counselor to discuss concerns or get assistance with anything related to academic, college & career or emotional. On December 5, 2 counselors will be available for 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm. The Coffee with the Counselors program on January 15 is specifically focused on Registration/Course Selection for the 2014-15 school year. Parents can drop-in or make an appointment if they would like to discuss courses, create/review 4 year plan, review graduation requirements and transcript, etc.

***For questions, please contact the WB Guidance & Student Services Office at (630) 530-3417 or (630) 530-3427***