



Senior Insights

Wilson Central High School

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This is the first issue of your monthly senior newsletters. This is how we, counselors, communicate to you, seniors, about important graduation and scholarship information. We will do our best to give you all the information we can to make this year of future planning easier for you. We ask that you read this newsletter! You might even think about taking it home and showing it to your parents. They usually like to know what's going on!

Increase Your ACT Score

ACT Prep Class is offered Saturday, **September 5th** from 9:00am—12:00pm at Mt. Juliet High School. To register, please email brian.mitchell@vanderbilt.edu. or call MJHS guidance office. The cost is \$35.00.

ACT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 12	August 7
October 24	September 18
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 5
April 10	March 5
June 12	May 7

SAT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 10	September 9
November 7	October 1
December 5	October 30
January 23	December 15
March 13	February 4
May 1	March 25
June 5	April 29

The range for Academic Honors has been changed, per Mr. Davis:

Highest Honors:	4.46 and above
High Honors	4.06-4.45
Honors	3.46-4.05

You may register for the ACT by obtaining a packet in the guidance office or online at www.act.org. You may register for the SAT online at www.collegeboard.com. The SAT is not given in Wilson County but is given in Davidson County and Williamson County.

What Should I Be Doing

The time has come. Your high school days will be over before you know it. In just a few short months, you will officially be finished with this chapter of your life. Where will you go from here?

That is the question you should all be seriously thinking about. Many of you will be going to college or to a 2 year or technical school. We suggest that you first make a list of all the schools you are considering. Then narrow that list down to a manageable number (3-7). These are the schools from which you need to be gathering information.

Visit the Guidance Office. We have materials and applications for many different schools. You may take one of our applications. If we do not have what you are looking for, call the school's admissions office or visit their website. You can find many college websites by visiting www.allaboutcollege.com.

Check deadlines. All schools have different deadlines for applications and scholarships. Make sure you find out what those dates are and stick to them. If you are trying to get a scholarship from a college, make sure you check scholarship deadlines as well. Often scholarship deadlines are different than application deadlines and can be very early in the year.

You must be self-motivated! This is your life. Don't wait around for someone else to tell you what to do. Make something happen for yourself!

Scholarship Info:

Coaches will be nominating a female and male athlete to represent our school in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award competition. Nominees will be announced September 15.

Naval ROTC Scholarships

An NROTC Scholarship delivers full tuition for four years, allowances for textbooks, monthly spending, and related educational expenses are covered. Log on to nrotc.navy.com for all the details regarding eligibility.

College Process 101**Parent/Student Meeting****Wednesday, September 23****6:30pm-7:30pm WCHS Cafeteria**

Choosing a college is a process that requires meticulous planning. Students and parents are faced with complex issues such as early decision, applying for scholarships, writing samples, counselor and teacher recommendations, deposits, and many others. This session will provide the opportunity for family members to ask questions and debunk myths.

Cafeteria Visitors:

September 21—UT Martin

Important Dates:**August 27**—Club Rush

September 2—Turn in signature portion of the Graduation Requirement Form to Mrs. Whited or your Advisor

September 17—Parent/Teacher Conferences

12:00-7:00pm

September 23-Parent/Student Meeting 6:30-7:30pm.

The College Process.

*Helpful Websites**Career:*www.collegeview.com/careers/index.htmlwww.tcids.utk.eduwww.bls.gov/ocowww.cdm.uwaterloo.ca<http://online.onetcenter.org>www.healthcarecareermapping.orgwww.careervoyages.gov*College:*www.collegeview.comwww.OfftoCollege.com/tools/www.anycollege.netwww.petersons.com/ugchannel/default.aspwww.ecampustours.comwww.allaboutcollege.com*ACT/SAT:*www.internet4classrooms.com/act_sat.htmwww.march2success.com*Scholarships:*www.collegepaystn.comwww.fastweb.com<http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/wsparc/scholarships>www.edfinancial.com/searchwww.srnexpress.com*Financial Aid:*www.finaid.orgstudentaid.ed.govwww.fafsa.ed.govwww.pin.ed.govwww.edamerica.orgwww.edsouth.orgwww.collegeboard.comwww.mapping-your-future.orgwww.students.gov

Guidance Website:

www.wcschools.com/wch/guidance