



October 2020

West Orange High school School Counseling News



**VIRTUAL
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Oct. 6th @ 7 pm**

**Financial Aid
Virtual Workshop
Thursday, October 8th @
7PM
Check your NAVIANCE
email for access and
registration information.**

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WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT GUIDE

Cheryl Butler

**Director of Student Personnel Services / Counseling
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Our school counselors handle issues such as but not limited to:

- Sign up with Naviance
- Obtain access to the parent portal
- Scheduling
- Post secondary planning
- Individual counseling and advisement
e.g., Resolve conflicts, specific student concerns
(grades, peer pressure, academic support etc.)
- Student appraisal—coordinating information that goes into confidential student files and interpreting the information to help qualify students for special programs
- Coordinate meeting with parent, teacher and student to address issues/concerns in class
- Referral—provide referrals to appropriate professionals in the schools and in the outside community

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SAC

(Student Assistance Counselor)

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Parent Message

CONNECTING WITH THE SCHOOL COUNSELORS

AND

STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELORS

DURING VIRTUAL LEARNING

During the closure of schools, the West Orange Public Schools/School Counseling Department will be operating virtually. [School Counselors and Student Assistance Counselors](#) (SACs) are available through email and voicemail. Over the next two weeks the school counselors will be providing a schedule of virtual meetings where students will sign up and/or participate. These meetings will be conducted individually or in small groups. The schedule will be provided through Naviance and Google Classroom.

School counselors and Student Assistance Counselors (SACs) will be checking and responding to their voicemails and emails from home daily. Email is the best avenue to reach the school counselor. To schedule an appointment, students and parents may email the assigned [School Counselor or SAC](#) directly to determine a mutually agreed upon date, time and platform (ZOOM; Google Meets; Phone conference; in person).

The hours that the School Counselors and Student Assistance Counselors are available:

- West Orange High School Monday - Friday from 7:20 AM - 2:45 PM
- Liberty and Roosevelt - Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 2:53 PM
- Edison - Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 2:53 PM
- Elementary Schools - Monday - Friday from 8:45 AM - 3:23 PM

If you or someone you know is in crisis or experiencing a life-threatening emergency, dial 911. An emergency is considered to be any serious and sudden medical, emotional, or behavioral health situation that, if not given immediate professional attention, could lead to you being severely harmed or possibly harming someone else.

If not life threatening contact the Student Assistance Counselors.

- Heidi Brotzman (hbrotzman@westorangeschools.org)
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WOHS





WEST ORANGE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Virtual Workshop
Thursday, October 8th at 7pm

"EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID"

Among other things, financial aid expert Matt Mulhern will discuss:

- (1) Current Update On COVID's Impact on College Landscape
- (2) Will you qualify for financial aid & How to maximize aid eligibility
- (4) What to do if you don't qualify for financial aid?
- (5) How to present assets on financial aid applications – Home, 529's, retirement, etc.
- (6) Which colleges are the most generous
- (7) How to leverage colleges against one another
- (8) Overview and timeline of the financial aid process
- (9) FAFSA & CSS/PROFILE tips and timelines
- (9) Live Q & A

REGISTER [HERE](#)

NOTE: Even if you cannot attend live, you will receive the recording along with slides from the presentation (but you still need to register).

We're doing everything we can to provide as much value as possible during these challenging times. Although we can't visit high school campuses right now we can continue to educate ourselves for an eventual return to normalcy.

Student Assistance Counselor Program

October Features

West Orange High School recognizes the importance of maintaining school climate and culture at a holistic level.

The SAC department will be fostering the need to be Respectful, Violence Free and Substance/Drug Free throughout the month of October. This month we have three main initiatives. Two follow NJ mandates for The Week of Respect and School Violence Awareness Week. Including the National Drug Prevention Campaign entitled Red Ribbon Week.

All of these initiatives will foster a positive and safe school and community climate to build Respect, Relationships and Responsibility!

**Respect Week: October 5TH-9TH, 2020
10/5 Wear BLUE to stomp out bullying!**

WEEK
OF
RESPECT

School Anti-Violence Awareness Week: October 19th-23rd, 2020
10/22 Wear PURPLE to show your support that violence must end.



Unity Day: October 21st, 2020

Wear ORANGE to show that we are together against bullying, and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.



Red Ribbon Week: October 23rd-31st, 2020

10/27 Wear RED to pledge your support in being drug free!



ACT Testing Dates

ACT EXAMINATION TEST DATES 2020-2021

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
10/24/2020	9/25/2020	10/2/2020
12/12/2020	11/6/2020	11/20/2020
2/6/2021	1/8/2021	1/15/2021
4/17/2021	3/13/2021	3/26/2021
6/12/2021	5/7/2021	5/21/2021
7/17/2021	6/18/2021	6/25/2021

TESTING DATES IN RED ARE HELD @ WOHS



SAT Testing Dates

SAT EXAMINATION TEST DATES 2020-2021

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
9/26/2020		CANCELLED
10/3/2020	9/4/2020	9/22/2020
11/7/2020	10/7/2020	10/20/2020
12/5/2020	11/5/2020	11/17/2020
3/13/2021	2/12/2021	2/23/2021
5/8/2021	4/8/2021	4/20/2021
6/5/2021	5/6/2021	5/18/2021

TESTING DATES IN RED ARE HELD @ WOHS



SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

CLASS GROUP MEETINGS	
September 2019	<p>Senior Group Meetings Small groups – Senior English classes are scheduled to virtually to review post secondary plans and develop a plan of action.</p>
October 2019	<p>Freshman Group Meetings Student will meet with their School Counselors in virtual meetings. Overview of High School Naviance - Username and Password are provided.</p>
November – December 2019	<p>Sophomores and Junior Meetings School Counselors are scheduled to meet with students to discuss College & Career Planning</p>
December 2019	<p>Students will receive PSAT scores directly from College Board . Date will be determined once scores are received.</p>
February 2020 – April 2020	<p>Junior Conferences Scheduled School counselors are scheduled to meet with Junior students and their parents/guardians to discuss senior year and post secondary plans.</p>

TESTING

PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATIONS

<p>May 3 - 14, 2021</p>	<p>AP Exams A calendar of specific test dates, times, locations to be announced. <u>All students will be notified of specific test dates and times.</u></p>
<p>*October 24, 2020 *February 6, 2021 *June 12, 2021</p>	<p>ACT *Testing scheduled at WOHS</p>
<p>*November 7, 2020 *March 13, 2021 *June 5, 2021</p>	<p>SAT *Testing scheduled at WOHS</p>

<p>October 14, 2020</p>	<p>PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) ALL 11th grade students</p>
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Scholarships

THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION 2021 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks National Foundation will be awarding 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship.

Completed applications must be filed with the Elks Lodge in closest proximity of your home by 4 PM on or before **November 15, 2020**. A downloadable electronic version is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Heisman High School Scholarship

Eligibility begins with maintaining a weighted GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. Applicants must participate or have participated in grade 9, 10, or 11 in at least one of the 47 sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Associations. **Deadline is October 20th**. Apply on the website heismanscholarship.com

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards was created by the National Association of Secondary School Principals & Prudential Financial in 1995. The purpose of these awards is to call attention to the importance of youth volunteerism in their school and community. Seniors who would like to be considered, please bring in to Guidance or send your Activity Resume to Mrs.Gonzalez....agonzalez@westorangeschools.org reflecting the number of hours you performed in each activity by Nov. 10, 2020. Student online applications can be found at <http://spirit.prudential.com>, and must be completed and submitted to the Guidance, by **Nov. 10, 2020.**

Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards

The Youth Awards was founded in 1998 by the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. Now entering its 22nd year, the Youth Awards honors Latino high school seniors who excel in the classroom and community and for their excellence in various categories including: Business & Finances, Entrepreneurship, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Sports and Technology. Applicant must be of Hispanic heritage (includes Spain, Brazil, Philippines)

Gold, Silver and Bronze recipients are selected in each category and receive a one-time grant to fund their college education or to fund a community service effort that tackles a social issue.

Application Deadline December 6, 2020

APIA (Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund)

The nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to providing college scholarships for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

Scholarship awards range from one-time \$2,500 awards to multi-year \$20,000 awards. APIA Scholars provides scholarships to underserved APIA students with a special focus on those who:

****Live at or below the poverty level, or are otherwise of low socioeconomic status;**

****Are the first in their families to attend college;**

****Are representative of the APIA community's diversity, (geographically and ethnically}, especially those**

ethnicities that have been underrepresented on college campuses due to limited access and opportunity. **Have placed a strong emphasis on community service and leadership as well as solid academic.

HOW TO APPLY

The APIA Scholarship Program application must be completed online and submitted electronically once all of the required questions have been answered.

The application will be available for the 2021-22 academic year from September 9, 2020, until January 14, 2021, at 5:00 PM EST.

Jefferson Scholars

The Jefferson Scholarship is the premier undergraduate scholarship at the University of Virginia. Scholars are selected through a rigorous selection process that is based on exceptional performance in the areas of leadership, scholarship and citizenship. The award is intended to cover the entire cost of attendance for four years **at the University of Virginia** plus coverage of the supplemental enrichment experiences. Only one student may be nominated from West Orange HS. Nominations are completed by both school officials and students and include a scholastic report, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters and two essays. **All counselors and Jefferson Scholar nominees must complete the nomination form by December 1, 2020**

Pureland Supply Vocational and Skilled Trade Scholarship

The \$500.00 Pureland Supply Scholarship is available to students who have been accepted to an accredited trade school, vocational college, technical school or community college for the study of trade, craft, or labor occupations. Recipients are chosen on their ability to describe how their chosen trade or field plays an important role in today's world and why this is the path they have chosen.

Pureland Supply has been selling high quality replacement projector lamps to various universities, schools, and government entities since 1997. We understand the importance of skilled trades in our society and appreciate those who learn and perform specific trade, craft or labor occupations.

Application Deadline May1, 2021



**Back to School Night 2020
WOHS**

Virtual Back to School Night (BTSN) on October 6th.

Virtual BTSN

- The evening will be synchronous and parents/guardians will, as in the past, follow their child's schedule and briefly meet each teacher.
- Period 1 begins at 7pm. Classes will be 10 minutes with 5 minutes "passing time."
- There will be pre-recorded welcome messages from Mr. Moore, Principal, as well as the PTA President that will be made available at 6:30pm. Links will be embedded on one [BTSN template](#) that the student will complete for parents/guardians.

Teachers

- Teachers have created Zoom links for each period they teach.
- The Zoom links have been shared with students via Google Classroom.
- Students were given time and instructed by their teachers to copy the link into the BTSN template.

Students

- Each student will fill out one BTSN template that has the links for all of their classes.
- Students will share the BTSN template with their parents or guardians by Monday, October 5th.
- Students will log their parents into their district account OR share their district login name and password with their parents.

Parents

- Parents please check to make sure that students have completed the BTSN template for you by Monday, October 5th.
- For security purposes, parents must log on to the system and access the Zoom links using the student's login and password. Each student's district account must be authenticated by the system in order to have access to the Zoom links. (The links will not work from any account. Parents' only option is to access the links via the student's login and password.)
- Parents/guardians can login to the student's account simultaneously from separate locations.
- If a parent or guardian does not have the opportunity to see the teachers live, please email the teacher and they will provide the information.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: OCTOBER 6, 2020 6:45PM / P1 Class begins at 7:00PM

Student's Name:			
BTSN Schedule	Class / Subject	Teacher	BTSN Link
Mr. Moore 6:45P-6:55P	Pledge of Al- legiance Principal's Wel- come	<i>(Asst. Principal Leslie Chung)</i> Mr. Hayden Moore	<u>The Pledge of Allegiance</u> <u>Welcome from Principal Hayden Moore</u>
P1 7:00P-7:10P			
P2 7:15P-7:25P			
P3 7:30P-7:40P			
P4 7:45P-7:55P			
P5 8:00P-8:10P			
P6 8:15P-8:25P			
P7 8:30P-8:40P			
P8 8:45P-8:55P			

Our class sessions will be 10 minutes long, allowing for transition periods of 5 minutes to leave one meeting and be admitted into the next class. The class periods listed in orange are SYNCHRONOUS meeting schedules, meaning they are happening at the specific time interval listed. If you miss that session, the teacher will record the sessions and it can be shared with you later, but the teacher is moving through their daily schedule, as you are moving through your student's, and they are only available "live" at the specified times listed in the first column.

[Welcome from the WOHS PTA President, Brooke Tippens](#)

Our first virtual WOHS PTA Meeting of the year is October 14th.

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CASELOAD ASSIGNMENT

Cheryl Butler, [Director of Student Personnel/School Counseling](#)
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Ms. D'Elia adelia@westorangeschools.org Ext. 31615	Dem – F	Ch – D	Ch – E	Che – Do
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Mrs. Millington smillington@westorangeschools.org Ext. 31613	Min - Pas & Non Spanish ESL	Me - N & Non Spanish- ESL Reyna - Robinson	Ll - M & Non Spanish ESL	Mam - Mor & Non-Spanish ESL Retino - Rhoden
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Mr. Pallante lpallante@westorangeschools.org Ext. 31607	Sn – Z	T – Z Ronceros - Rubino	Tr – Z Rogers - Rutherford	T – Z

Student Assistance Counselor:

- Student Assistance Counselor will be assigned a caseload of students

Last names A – K - **Amedeo Chirichiello**

(**achirichiello@westorangeschools.org**)

Last names L – Z - **Jaclyn Headlam**

(**jheadlam@westorangeschools.org**)

Administrative Assistants:

During the school closures there will be an administrative assistant available in the office.

Please feel free to call 973 669 5301 at the extensions below or email and they will be able to address any questions.

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