

Hello from the Counseling Department, we miss you dearly! We are impressed by your ability to adjust to distance learning and we are proud of the resilience you have demonstrated during this challenging time. We have some updates since our March newsletter that we would like to highlight below. We want to assure you that we are here to support you and keep you updated with information from organizations that pertain to your education and post-secondary planning.

Below you will find AP, SAT, ACT, and UConn ECE which is coming directly from those respective organizations and information is subject to change. We will continue to communicate those changes to you as we receive them. Additionally there is information about career connections and college admission information. Feel free to reach out to your School Counselor with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
The WHS School Counseling Department

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES

Exams are scheduled for May 11-22, with make-up testing on June 1-5. We strongly encourage students to take their AP Exams during the main testing window. Please refer to the **updated testing schedule** below:

Tues, May 12th	Calculus AB	2:00pm
Wed, May 13th	*European History	4:00pm
Fri, May 15th	United States History	2:00pm
Mon, May 18th	Biology	2:00pm
Tues, May 19th	Psychology	2:00pm
Thurs, May 21st	WH: Modern	2:00pm
Fri, May 22nd	Statistics	2:00pm

**later time than other AP exams*

AP Exam Info from Collegeboard

- AP Exams have been revised to about 45 minutes each and will be taken online, at home.
- This year's exams focus on content most teachers covered prior to March. So this year's exams have been designed to honor and reward the good work students already did prior to widespread school closures.
- Exams can be taken via computer, tablet or smart phone. Responses can be typed and uploaded or written by hand and submitted via photo.
- Students will receive an email from CollegeBoard with instructions on how to access the exam(s).
- Colleges across the country are voicing strong support for students to complete the AP experience, take the exam, and receive the college credit they deserve. Colleges are especially supportive given the uncertain financial future many families face, and the value of students entering college with credit. Please see the statement released from Connecticut colleges and universities linked here.
- Students who need help with access to advice can either reach out to their school counselor or contact CollegeBoard directly through this link:
<https://collegeboard.tfaforms.net/74>.

- In late April, AP students will be provided with information on how to access the testing system on test day. Video demonstrations will also be available. We ask that students check what email is linked to their CollegeBoard accounts and be on the lookout for correspondence from CollegeBoard regarding testing information.

Preparing for AP Exams

- On AP Central, students can see course-specific exam information, including exam dates and times, descriptions of what they'll be asked to do on their exam, tips for open book/open note test taking and more; exam features; exam scoring; and exam security.
- On YouTube, students can access daily, online AP classes and review at <https://youtube.com/advancedplacement>

SAT

- CollegeBoard will be providing weekend SAT administrations starting in August.
- Students can register for these dates starting the week of May 26th.
- Students who were registered for an exam that was canceled, will receive a credit that can be applied for an exam that is taken on a later date.
- Students who are eligible can register with a fee waiver. Please reach out to your counselor: Mrs. Britton or Ms. Cunningham.
- Juniors that have not taken the exam, or were registered in the Spring, will be given registration priority for the August, September, and October administrations.
- The CollegeBoard announced an additional SAT date for Saturday, September 26th, 2020.
- Please see the following statement from CollegeBoard regarding registration:
"Registration for the 2020-21 SAT administrations will open the week of May 26. At that point, June registrants will be able to transfer their seat to a 2020-21 administration. All other students in the high school class of 2021 who don't have SAT scores will also have early access to register for the August, September, and October administrations. This includes students who had registered for March or May and had their registrations canceled and refunded. For each administration this year, we're also preparing to significantly expand our capacity."

School Counselors: A-K: Mrs. Britton, jbritton@westbrookctschools.org; L-Z: Miss Cunningham, scunningham@westbrookctschools.org **Career College Readiness Coordinator:** Mrs. Carson, lcarrson@westbrookctschools.org

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Wallace, lw Wallace@westbrookctschools.org

ACT

In response to uncertainty and school cancellations due to COVID-19, ACT announced it will offer a flexible schedule for summer 2020 test dates and test-at-home options for fall/winter 2020. Please check act.org as FAQs are added.

As CDC and local guidelines for safety allow, ACT will offer national test dates on June 13 and July 18. If a test center is not able to open on the national test date, a makeup test date will be provided a week later. The makeup test date for June 13 national test date will be June 20 and the makeup test date for the July 18 test date will be July 25.

We will announce test site changes if we can see conditions where we're not able to have the test, as scheduled. We will continue to update our website with the latest information.

Starting in the fall 2020/early winter, ACT will introduce a new option allowing students to take the ACT test at their home on a computer through remote proctoring as part of its national testing program. More information about this option will be available in the coming weeks.

ACT will be offering its new individual section retest option, online testing with faster results and superscoring this fall, as previously announced for those students who wish to retake one or more sections of the exam.

ECE UCONN COURSES

Students will receive full credit or their ECE UConn classes in spite of on-line learning. Please know that the fourth quarter grading is flexible at UConn and many districts are weighing the option of P/F or numerical grades, both options are acceptable at UConn. For more information about requesting transcripts and UConn grading policies please visit: ECE.UCONN.edu

HELPFUL WEBSITES

whs.westbrookctschools.org

Collegeboard.org

ACTstudent.org

Nacacnet.org

Neacac.org

SATpractice.org

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CAREER CONNECTIONS

Watch for school messengers about the continuation of Career Connections activities. Three major activities that are being retrofitted now for the virtual world are:

- Resume Feedback Forum: News on this will come your way next week. Approximately thirteen business/industry partners have agreed to provide feedback on student resumes.
- Manufacturing Panel Discussion: Junior Achievement and Westbrook HS are currently finalizing the format of the manufacturing panel.
- Student Internships: We are not able to place students in internships right now, but we certainly plan to begin placing students as soon as possible. Juniors who are interested in participating in an internship are required by the state to complete a short safety training. Getting a jump start on this training is a great step if you plan to participate in an internship. You can expect more information in the next few weeks.

COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS AND STRATEGY

For students that are planning to attend college after high school, below are a few articles and websites pertaining to the college admissions process and how this may look in the COVID-19 ERA.

College admissions officials plan to be flexible, lenient in COVID-19 ERA.

A college admissions dean writes open letter to panicked high school juniors.

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