



The Wellington High School Counseling Department is excited to work with our students and parents over the course of the 2018/19 school year! We strive to develop strong relationships and hope to make this a wonderful and memorable year at WHS. This monthly email is intended to give you a summary of important counseling information which should be useful in making plans and assisting your student.

#### **CLASSROOM GUIDANCE**

Next semester our school counseling team will be going into classrooms to roll out the My Career Shines Career Inventory! MyCareerShines is an online system that can help students learn about the career of their dreams - while also helping with identifying a college major. As counselors, we know first hand the importance of career education!! We will be strongly encouraging students to share their results with you!

<https://www.floridashines.org/find-a-career>

#### **NEED SIS ACCESS?**

Are you still not on SIS? Please contact Mr. John Rejc at [john.rejc@palmbeachschools.org](mailto:john.rejc@palmbeachschools.org) to assist you with a log-on PIN so that you can create an account at <http://www2.palmbeachschools.org/focuslanding/>

#### **Coffee with Our Counselors**

Beginning in January, we will host "Coffee with Our Counselors" the 2nd week of each month. Each month will feature a new talking point and offer parents an opportunity for general Q & A. A grade-level dean or assistant principal will also be present. January's featured session is [mycareershines.org](http://mycareershines.org)

#### **WHO:**

9th and 10th grade parents are invited to attend on Tuesday, January 15th at 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.  
11th and 12th grade parents are invited to attend Thursday, January 17th from 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

#### **WHERE:**

Media Center

#### **\$\$ FREE MONEY \$\$**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (F.A.F.S.A) - Seniors should be well into the college application process with their FAFSA completed. Please be sure to get this application for federal student aid completed as soon as possible. We will be hosting one more parent assistance night at the end of January; a F.A.F.S.A. expert from Palm Beach State College will be here to assist you. Please see the website for valuable resources and tips. . <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

#### **ACT/SAT**

The next sign-up deadline for the February ACT is January 11th. We encourage all juniors to consider taking the ACT. All juniors will be able to take the SAT for free on Wednesday - March 6th. Taking both tests will give your student a good baseline score to better identify which test is best for them! Attached is the national test calendar with dates and registration deadlines.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships are posted on the WHS website under our "Students and Parents" tab. Select "College and Career Readiness" on the left. There you will see "Scholarships." Many of the scholarships are local and some even specific to WHS students only. Please encourage your son or daughter to research and apply. Millions of dollars are lost each year because students do not apply!

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