



North Warren Jr. Sr. High School Guidance Office

August, 2018

To the Class of 2020:

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

I hope you are enjoying the remainder of what has been a great summer! Wednesday, September 5th, will be the start of a most important year. This is the year where your classes taken, grades earned, and extra activities accomplished will make all the difference in your college and career plans for the future. This is a time where hard work and effort will make a big difference. But equally important is to remember to have fun and to get the most out of your high school experience. Whether your plans include college or career, this junior letter is intended to provide you with information to help you along the way. Listed below, are the graduation requirements for the Class of 2020:

NWCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(Subject to change based on New York State Board of Regents Approval)

Class of 2016 and beyond

REGENTS DIPLOMA		ADVANCED REGENTS	
<i>Required Courses</i>		<i>Required Courses</i>	
	Credits		Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Math	3	Math	3
Science	3	Science	3
Foreign Language	1	Foreign Language	3 *
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Health	.5	Health	.5
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Electives	3.5	Electives	1.5
<i>Total Required Credits</i>	22	<i>Total Required Credits</i>	22
(*) Students who earn a 5 unit sequence in Art, Music, Business, Technology, or a Vo-Tec Program may be exempt from this requirement.			

Required Regents Exams * (grade of 65 or better required)	Required Regents Exams * (grade of 65 or better required)
ELA (<i>Common Core</i>) (grade 11)	ELA (<i>Common Core</i>) (grade 11)
Algebra I (<i>Common Core</i>)	Algebra I (<i>Common Core</i>) Geometry (<i>Common Core</i>) Algebra II (<i>Common Core</i>)
Global Studies (grade 10)	Global Studies (grade 10)
U.S. History (grade 11)	U.S. History (grade 11)
Science	2 Science Exams



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(*) The Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of a 90 for the 5 exams, while the Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of 90 for the 8 exams
A Mastery in Science and/or Math designation requires a score of 85 or greater for each of the 3 exams in each discipline.

Junior Pre-College & Career Calendar: 2018-2019

September

- *September 14th* – College and Career Preparation (Learn more about YOU, College and Career Readiness, and interests and skills and how they pertain to the world of work).
- Challenge yourself with an appropriate junior year schedule. Any elective looks better than a Study Hall on your academic transcript!
- Seek assistance from teachers if you are struggling with course work. Make arrangements with your teachers to ask them if they are available after school to get extra help in your core subjects as needed.
- Now is the time to get involved in extracurricular activities such as sports, volunteer work, clubs, or community involvement!
- Community Service – Giving back to our community builds better relationships, higher self-esteem and an improved culture overall. As a job preparation and self-discovery skill, community service opportunities can benefit you greatly. In 2016, the North Warren BOE enacted a Community Service Graduation requirement, which requires a total of 20 service hours over a period of four years. For Class of 2020, this will be a total of 20 hours. More information about service opportunities and how community service hours are tracked will be provided to students in September.
- *Trio Upward Bound Program* – Learn how first generation college students or those with financial need can gain access to some great college opportunities.

October

- *October 4th* – Consider joining the seniors for the College Information Day at SUNY Adirondack! There will be over 120 colleges represented from 6:30 to 8:30 pm!
- *October 5th* – PSAT/NMSQT presentation / registration will take place. The fee for this year's test is \$12.00. (this year's Juniors have a special reduced rate) For more information about the PSAT/NMSQT, please visit <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10?affiliateId=cbhomeexp&bannerId=psat>
- *October 10th* – PSAT/NMSQT – Will be administered to juniors who have registered for it. This test will provide you with very important preparation for the SAT which should be taken at least one time in the spring.
- *October 23rd* – College Financial Aid Night – please plan on joining the seniors as they learn more about the current application process for Financial Aid, and how the FAFSA, CSS Profile, TAP application and FSA ID are necessary for your aid package.
- *October 24th* – The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a nationally recognized tool to learn what your aptitudes are. All sophomores will sit for this examination, but it is open to any juniors and seniors who wish to learn more about their career readiness. Students who take this assessment will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop to review their results. Check out the <http://www.asvabprogram.com/> website for more information. Testing will begin at 8:00 am, and conclude by 11:30 am.
- Junior conferences to work on your future college / career planning will begin in October.
- The 2019-2020 Course Selection Survey will be administered to Grades 8-11 to determine availability of future course electives.

November – December



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- *November* – The ASVAB Career Exploration workshop will be scheduled to assist students in interpreting their ASVAB results, and to help identify skills and aptitudes that will assist them in their college and career searches. (only for students who sign up to take the ASVAB on 10/24)
- *November 15th* – Visit to the College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering Campus in Albany.
- Discuss future plans with parents (get them involved with your junior conference if possible).

January

- Scheduling for your senior year course selections will begin in February. Final course selections must be made by May. Continue to challenge yourself in order to have the most opportunities available to you!

February

- Register for at least one of the SAT and/or ACT registration dates for Spring.
- Don't forget to include an acceptable digital photo for both the ACT and SAT registration, which includes uploading a photo ID for security purposes!
- February 8th – Deadline date to register for the March 9th, SAT examination

March

- March 8th – Deadline date to register for the April 13th, ACT examination
- March 9th – SAT test date (in Queensbury)
- Junior profiles will be distributed to students.
- Continue course selection process for your senior year.

April

- April 5th – Deadline date to register for the May 4th SAT test
- April 13th – ACT test date
- Start the process of gathering information and visiting prospective colleges during your April break
- Consult with your counselor regarding post high school plans, questions and concerns.
- Attend one of the college fairs at Adirondack Community or Hudson Valley Community College
- An evening workshop will be scheduled for parents and students with Sage College for their “Ready, Set, College!” presentation. An overview of the College and Career Planning Timeline and the steps that juniors and parents should be taking now, will be provided.

May

- Final course selections for your senior year will be determined.
- May 3rd – Deadline to register for the June 1st SAT
- May 3rd – Deadline to register for the June 8th ACT date
- May 4th – SAT Reasoning test (North Creek or Queensbury)
- Begin to secure your teacher letters of recommendation (most 4-year colleges require two).
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams will be given to high school students nationally.

June

- June 1st – Take the SAT (Glens Falls or Queensbury) (and /or SAT Subject tests) and/or ACT (June 8th) exams if you have not done so already.
- Find a summer job or volunteer work that may be related to your career or personal interests.
- Visit colleges over the summer.

July - August

- Continue to visit colleges, and work on finalizing your list of choices.
- Develop a resume.



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- Check out www.MyMajors.Com for a free advisement report (use “warren” for your access code). A great way to find your ideal college major.
- Check out www.mycollegeoptions.org for information on finding the right college for you!
- Check out www.choices360.com, To access your student account, the Username is your 4-digit lunch code, followed by your last name (i.e. 9999smith) and the Password is the one you’ve already created.
- July 26th – Deadline to register for the August 24th (2019) SAT date
- August 24th - SAT Reasoning test

All juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and or the ACT in the spring of their junior year. It is our hope to provide the best experience as you plan your transition from high school to the college and career planning process. If you want to look at your interests and how they relate to careers, please check out [Choices360](#) or [NY Career Zone](#), below.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 494-3015 ext 752, or via email at mtherio@northwarrencsd.org. I look forward to seeing and working with you in September!

Michael Therio,
9-12 School Counselor

www.Choices360.com

A screenshot of the Choices360 sign-in page. The page has a teal background with a photo of students walking in a hallway. A "SIGN IN" button is at the top left. Below it are fields for "Username:" and "Password:". A "Sign In" button is below the password field. There are links for "> Forgot Your Username or Password?", "> Create an Account", and "> Need Help?". Two white boxes with black borders are overlaid on the form: one over the username field containing the text "Your 4-digit lunch code followed by Your last name (ie. 9999smith)", and another over the password field containing the text "Password you already created, or try reset or see Mr. Therio".

1. Enter your Username and Password
2. If you can't remember them, you can click on [> Forgot Your Username or Password?](#) (or contact Mr. Therio for assistance.)

From the **Career Planning** tab, try one of the 7 assessments to learn more about yourself. This is the best place to start when choosing the right career for you. Also, be sure to check out the **College Planning** section for great ideas about choosing the right fit school for you!

www.careerzone.ny.gov

This New York State sponsored website will also provide some great resources for learning about what is important to you, when choosing a career or life pursuit!