

Senior Parent Newsletter

Warren Central High School , 9500 East 16th Street Indianapolis, IN 46229

IMPORTANT DATES

9/7-9/9 –Herff Jones in lunches to take grad orders.

9/8 - Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences **5-8pm**

9/10- ACT @ WCHS 7:45 am

9/8 – FAFSA Informational Meeting **6pm in the PAC**

10/1- NEW THIS YEAR!! FAFSA OPENS
www.fafsa.ed.gov

10/31 - Recommended Deadline for College Apps.

11/5- SAT @ WCHS 7:45am

11/10 - FAFSA Workshop **6:30pm in the Media Plex**

12/5-12/9 - ECA Retest

12/8-12/9 Herff Jones in lunches to take grad orders

12/21-12/22 – Final Exams

12/22 - Yearbook photo deadline for Prestige

1/19-1/20 - Last chance to place grad order with Herff Jones in lunch

2/23 – Career Fest and Parent-Teacher Conferences

3/10 - FAFSA DEADLINE

4/29 - Prom

5/24-5/25 – Cap and Gown Delivery during lunch

TBA - Commencement

FAFSA is Changing—PPY Filing

The FAFSA filing process has changed. This year you will file your student's FAFSA with taxes from 2015 (Prior Prior Year or PPY). The benefit in this new process is that you should already have your taxes available when the window opens on **October 1st**.

The process of filling out the application should be much faster. You will be able to pull your tax information into the form easily and skip questions that do not apply to you.

The goal in making these changes is to increase the number of students applying for financial aid and potentially increase the college going rate.

You are also likely receive financial package information earlier and be able to make a more well informed decision about which college is the best fit. For more information visit:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

The Counseling Services Center will be hosting an informational meeting on **September 8th in the PAC at 6:00pm**.

We will also follow up with a FAFSA workshop on **November 10th at 6:30 in the Media Plex**. College Financial Aid and Admissions Reps will be available to assist you with any questions



FAQ's

Q: Can I graduate early?

A: Students that have fulfilled all CORE 40 diploma requirements and have passed both parts of the ECA by December 22nd are eligible to graduate at the semester.

Q. Can I go to night school?

A. Night school is not the right fit for everyone. Students attending night school need very few credits and have passed the ECA. If you think this is the right fit for you, please contact your counselor.

Q: How do I order senior packs and my cap and gown?

A: Herff Jones will be here beginning September 7th. Stop by the table at lunch to place your order. You can find more information at Herffjones.com

Q: Do I have to attend the Commencement ceremony?

A: No one is required to attend commencement, but it is a once in a lifetime experience that we encourage all students to attend.

Q: Can I have a half day schedule?

A: The state of Indiana requires that students attend school for at least 6 hours each day. While there are exceptions to that rule, there must be extenuating circumstances that require an altered schedule.

Q: Can I drop AP or Dual Credit classes at the semester?

A: The Course of Study Guide indicates which classes are full year courses. If you are enrolled in a full year course, the expectation is that you will complete the course.

Class of 2017

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Which Path Will You Take?

College/University

- Find Best Fit
- Apply by 10/31
- Request transcript through parchment.com
- File FAFSA
- Look for Scholarships
- Finish Strong

Military

- Research various branches
- Talk to recruiters at lunch or local offices
- Take the ASVAB and Fitness test
- Enlist or choose a college or university to attend first prior to enlisting.

Skilled Training or Profession

- Complete a Career Interest Inventory
- Research careers that match your interests.
- Create a resume.
- Apply for jobs and/or apprenticeships.

Other Hot Topics

ECA Waivers

Not all students pass the End of Course Assessment in Algebra and English. To be eligible for a waiver you must:

Maintain a C average

Have 95 % Attendance

Test each year

Attend remediation

Admin verification of proficiency

SAT/ACT

All college bound seniors and 21st Century Scholars should take the SAT and/or ACT if you have not already.

Fee waivers can be obtained in the CSC for students that are on free or reduced lunch

Register at :

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

21st Century Scholars

This year's seniors must have a **2.5 GPA** and meet all requirements for a **CORE 40 diploma**.

Students must also fulfill all **Scholar Track** activities and the **Senior Affirmation**.



Check out these Scholarships:

Top Scholarship Sites – as advertised by *USA Today*

- Cappex.com
- Scholarships.com
- FastWeb.com
- StudentScholarships.com
- ScholarshipExperts.com
- SuperCollege.com
- ScholarshipPoints.com