



# Walnut Hills High School

## School Counseling and College Programs

The Counseling Department and College Information Center host a series of informative programs for parents and students. **These programs are designed to support each student's individual goals.** Academic planning and standardized test preparation are integral parts of each year's programming. Beginning in 7th grade, all students are trained to use *Naviance*, the online counseling software, to support post-secondary planning.

The goal of Walnut Hills High School's College Counseling Program is **to help every student matriculate to a college where he or she will grow and succeed.** Although students do not actually complete college applications until the fall of senior year, they should challenge themselves in courses and commit to activities of interest as early as possible. This effort will result in increased options when it comes to the college admissions process.

### 7th & 8th grade

#### Preparing for Exams

for parents

**November 13, 2018 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Counselors offer tips on studying for exams. Teachers from each discipline give an overview of their departmental exams and offer study guidelines.

#### Navigating Academic Transitions

for 8th-12th grade students and parents

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#### College Credit Plus

for students and parents

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### 9th grade

#### Financial Aid Night

for parents

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#### College Planning

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#### PSAT Review

for students

**March 5, 2019 | 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.**

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# 10th grade

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# 11th grade

## ACT: Achieving College Testing Success

for students

**Late July, Early August / Cost \$5 per course**

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## Been There, Done That

2 programs — one for parents, one for students

**February 7, 2019 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Parents will hear other Walnut parents relate lessons learned as their students navigated the college-bound process. Students will hear Walnut seniors share their college search experiences.

# 12th grade

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for students

**Late July, Early August**

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**Cost \$5 per course**

College Information Center staff will offer intensive courses focused on each ACT subject area. The sessions will cover test patterns and utilize ACT-published practice tests to help students pinpoint areas that need improvement.

## Common Application Boot Camp

for students

**August 7, 8, 9, 10, 2018**

**9:30-11:00 a.m. or 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Seniors can get a jump on the college application process by attending one of the Common Application Boot Camps before the start of the school year. The Common Application is an on-line document accepted by over 500 member colleges and universities. The Boot Camp will be held in a computer lab so that each student can create a login and password and begin filling out the application with guidance from members of the Counseling Team. Most of the non-essay portion will be completed by the end of the session!

## Senior College Forum

for students

**September 6, 2018 | 8:25 – 10:15 a.m.**

For all seniors, an opening program that focuses on the college application process. Information will be provided about managing the application process with Naviance, writing college essays, and securing teacher recommendations.

## Application Nuts and Bolts

for parents

**September 6, 2018 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

The Counseling Team will review all aspects of the college process so that parents can assist their seniors. Topics will include application management through Naviance, the importance of the senior packet, and upcoming deadlines.

## College Essay Blitz

for students

**September 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2018 | 8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

This program will provide a limited number of students the opportunity to meet individually with a college representative to receive feedback on their Common Application essay draft. Students will be able to sign up for the 15 minute appointment in late August, early September. In order to participate, you must have your Common App essay completed.

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## FAFSA Help Nights

for students

**October 3 & 17, 2018 | 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

College representatives will meet individually with parents and students to assist in completing the FAFSA application.

*Appointments must be pre-scheduled.*

## Interviewing Skills Workshop

for students

**October 17, 2018 | 2:45 – 4:00 p.m | Conference Room**

The Director of an Ivy League Alumni Interview Program visits Walnut to talk to interested students about the alumni interview. Tips about the do's and don'ts of interviewing apply to all evaluative interviews conducted by selective schools.

## College Essay Feedback

for students

Throughout the fall the CIC staff is available for individual brainstorming and essay feedback. Students are encouraged to sign up for a one-on-one meeting.

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