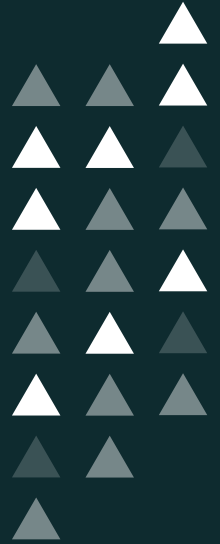


Welcome to Senior Year!



A guideline for your
last year of high school



Promise?!

If you need help with something, have a question, are super confused or lost, don't know what you should be doing to prepare for life after WB, etc.....



Don't be like her →



**Ask!! Email, drop by my office, whatever!
If I don't know the answer, I will find it out for you!**





Monthly Progress Check Ins and Check Lists

- A teacher will be meeting with you based on your post-secondary plan
- Each student will have a checklist the teacher will hold onto
- Monthly check ins
- Can be beneficial

Graduation Requirements

Class of 2021

English	4.0
Math	3.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Phy Ed	1.5
Health	0.5
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives	9.0
<i>Total: 25 credits</i>	

Must also have:

- Comm 133 OR Oral Expressions
- Senior US History
OR 3-5 on AP test

Laude System and Points

- No more rank
- Level of honor upon graduation

Laude System page on website:

<https://www.wittbirn.k12.wi.us/schools/high/academics/laude-system.cfm>

You can find it on the high school page under the Academics tab.

[Info Document](#)
[Points Worksheet](#)



Meet the Military recruiters!

Army

Navy

Marines

Air Force

Army National Guard

**If you ever want to meet with a recruiter,
tell Mrs. Gruber!**

Take the ASVAB

- **If you haven't already or want to retake it, just let Mrs. Gruber know**
- **You can retake it multiple times**
- **It's free!**

**Wednesday,
December 9, 2020**



Work Experience

- Get credit for work hours
- Work more
- Must have Principles of Leadership/World of Work completed

Do you know
what you want
to do?
Do you have a
job lined up?

Off to College

~College Applications~ Summer - November

1. First and foremost, get your applications in!
2. Then, through Xello, request to send your transcripts and ACT scores (ACT scores are automatically on transcripts)
3. Wait to hear back from colleges...each college takes its own time...

- Be in communication with the schools you've applied to
 - Sometimes they miss information needed to decide on your acceptance (i.e. transcripts get misplaced, they don't already have your ACT score even if you listed them on your test, etc.)
- Application questions - let Mrs. Gruber know

Off to College

~College Application Fees~

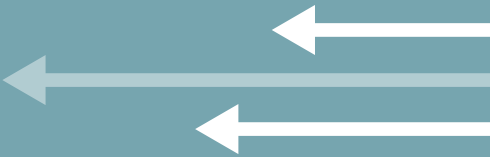
- Application fee waivers are available!
- Some colleges do not have fees or reduced fees due to the pandemic, pay attention to this.

- Free applications to some schools!
- UW System
 - UW-Green Bay: until October 31
 - UW-Milwaukee: until October 31
 - UW-Oshkosh: until October 31
 - UW-Parkside: last two weeks of October
 - UW-Platteville: until October 31
 - UW-River Falls: during September
 - UW-Stevens Point: possibly October (more info to come)
 - UW-Stout: October 1-12
 - UW-Whitewater: until October 31

Xello Transcript Requests (The old Career Cruising)

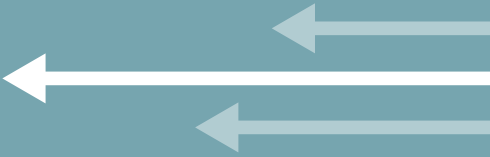
Benefits:

- Electronic instead of postal mail = MUCH FASTER
- Trackable progress
- Log into your account to see if your transcript has been received



Request your transcripts through your Xello accounts - [Directions here!](#)

Mrs. Gruber can only send your transcripts through here if you “save” a school. Do this so you can login and keep track!



FAFSA

- October 1st
- After your application is done, complete your [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- Even if you are not planning on taking federal aid (loans), fill it out. It has some of the lowest interest rates you will find and it's free!
- Some scholarships also require it!
- You don't have to be accepted yet - you can put down up to 10 schools on your FAFSA
- The FAFSA needs to be filed every year.

See Mrs. Gruber for further information if needed!

VIRTUAL Financial Aid Night/FAFSA Workshop:

Monday, October 19, at 6:30pm

[FSA ID](#)
[FAFSA](#)

VIRTUAL FAFSA Workshop/ Financial Aid Night

Mon., October 19th
6:30 pm

Sit down with a parent/guardian
and your questions!

Representatives from NTC will
send their recorded financial aid
presentation and then be
available to answer your
questions and get your FAFSA
done! Have your FAFSA totally
COMPLETED!!

*More than \$120 billion in federal grants,
loans, and work-study funds

*Let Mrs. Gruber know if you
and/or your parent/guardian can
attend!*

College Goal Wisconsin

Attend a VIRTUAL CGW night and complete your FAFSA for FREE!! Get it over with...



Dates:

Wednesday, October 7

Wednesday, October 14

Wednesday, October 21

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 11

For more information or to register for an event:

CollegeGoalWI.org

NTC's The Promise

For those of you attending
NTC!

- Go here →
[\(<https://www.ntc.edu/promise#apply>\)](https://www.ntc.edu/promise#apply)
- Open until February 1st
- Very fast online application - *Apply, even if you don't think you meet the requirements!*

- Cost of tuition/fees are covered after federal and state aid and scholarships have been applied - 4 consecutive semesters (two years, 15 credits a semester) of free tuition for students who meet requirements
- To apply, must meet GPA, attendance, ACT, FAFSA requirements
 - All good things to pay attention to your last year!

Scholarships

AKA Free Money!

- Throughout the Year - heavy in the spring (March-May)
- School Website
- Local, national
- Check your college (once accepted)!
 - Each college has deadlines!

If you haven't already...

Start collecting your letters of recommendation/writing essays now! Then you'll have them for any application you may fill out!



Retaking the ACT

- Determine if you need to/should retake it
 - **Many colleges are *not* requiring it for the 2021-22 school year! CONTACT THEM!**
- Creating your account
- Registering for another test through your account

The ACT logo is displayed in a large, bold, blue serif font. A red swoosh underline is positioned under the letter 'A'.

Cost: \$52.00

Possible Dates:

- **October 10, 17, 24, 25**
 - Register by: September 25
 - No late fees!
- **December 12**
 - Register by: November 6
 - Late fees after the 6th
- **February 6, 2021**
 - Register by: January 8
 - Late fees after the 8th
- **April 17, 2021**
 - Register by: March 12
 - Late fees after the 12th
 - Try to be done testing by this date - it takes colleges some time to get your scores!

Some UW Updates and Resources

UW System:

- [UW Systems App and Website](#) - apply to all UW schools in a one stop shop!
- [Journey App](#) - compare and contrast the UW schools
- [Major Mania](#) - see what majors are out there and which UWs offer them

Be mindful of deadlines of certain colleges!!!

Madison Deadlines

Fall Early Action

Deadline November 1

Decision back End of January

Fall Regular Decision

Deadline February 1

Decision End of March

December 1 FAFSA Deadline

<https://admissions.wisc.edu/deadlines/>

Submitting ACT scores are optional for the 2021-22 school year:

- Submit your score if you are comfortable or think it could aid you in your application
Not submitting scores will NOT negatively impact your application

More Resources

[WI Private Colleges Website](#)

[Common App](#) - apply to all colleges
(that participate) through one application

University of Minnesota Deadlines

Fall Early Action

Deadline November 1

Decision back End of January

Fall Regular Decision

Deadline January 1

Decision End of March

March 1 FAFSA Deadline

<https://admissions.tc.umn.edu/freshman/deadlines.html>

Email/call admissions
counselors!! They are more than
happy to help answer questions!
Go to: admissions pages on
schools' websites or ask Mrs.
Gruber for contact information

What Colleges are Saying...

- We will turn down students who “slack” their senior years
 - Deny admission to students with 32/35 on ACT because of poor performance senior year
 - Make sure you have **Advanced Algebra!**
- Take a foreign language!
 - Most require it for their graduation - Madison requires at least 2 years for entrance, really looking for 3-4 years

- Graduating early can hurt your chances of admissions in the fall
 - 7 semesters doesn't make you as competitive as another student with 8
 - Stay and take advantage of high school
 - This does not apply to you if you are going to the Tech or starting right away somewhere that you've been accepted
- Advocate for yourselves
- We all offer really good accommodations services
- VISIT US! (Many great virtual options right now)

- **Job Shadows**
- **Informational Interviews**
- **Meet with College Reps**
- **Tour colleges!**
- **Interest Inventories**
- **Think about your interests, hobbies, favorite subjects, what you like/don't like, etc.**



Check out the possibilities!

We will excuse your attendance for job shadows and college tours!

Ask me, a teacher, anyone for help figuring out your options!



Last Minute Reminders...



- Advocate for yourself!
- Ask questions and communicate!
- Contact me and the schools you're interested in!
- No question is a stupid question
- Work hard - this is your future and it will pay off!
- Read your emails
- Pay attention to announcements
- Work on your resumes, letters of recommendation, cover letters, etc.
- Most importantly...enjoy your last year here at WBHS!!!





If you have questions or need more help, PLEASE let me know!