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# WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

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"As required by the No Child Left Behind legislation (NCLB), the district and each school shall notify parents annually of their right to inquire about the qualifications and HQT status of their child's core academic teachers. The West Orange Public Schools is pleased to announce that all core academic teachers meet the definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) for the 2008-2009 school year."

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The Guidance Department is excited to introduce a new web-based program called Family Connection! This innovative, easy-to use application is linked to the service we use in the guidance office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides you with up-to-date information that is specific to our school. This program will allow you to manage your college and career planning electronically. You can view your GPA and test scores, build an extracurricular resume, research colleges and careers, manage timelines and deadlines for admissions, research scholarships, sign up for college visits, get important emails from your counselor, and even complete your course requests for scheduling online. It does all this and more! To access Family Connection, students and parents will need a personal access code, which your counselor can provide for you. Sign up today!

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Seniors can pick up transcript request, teacher and counselor recommendation forms in the Guidance Office. Requests for transcripts must be received 15 SCHOOL DAYS prior to the application deadline. Please consider holidays and weekends when counting the 15 days. Visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) to complete the Common Application.

West Orange High School will be hosting the ACT test on December 13, 2008 and February 7, 2009. We encourage students to register on-line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). If you have any questions about the exam, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor.

## SAT AND ACT TESTING DATES

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<u>SAT I: REASONING &amp; SAT II: SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</u>
SAT I & SAT II	DECEMBER 6, 2008	NOVEMBER 5, 2008
SAT I & SAT II	JANUARY 24, 2009	DECEMBER 26, 2008
SAT I (ONLY)	MARCH 14, 2009	FEBRUARY 10, 2009
SAT I & SAT II	MAY 2, 2009	MARCH 31, 2009
SAT I & SAT II	JUNE 6, 2009	MAY 5, 2009

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). TO REGISTER ONLINE YOU MUST PAY BY CREDIT CARD.  
REGISTRATION BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE TO REGISTER BY MAIL.

### ACT & ACT PLUS WRITING

<u>TEST DATES</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</u>
DECEMBER 13, 2008	NOVEMBER 7, 2008
FEBRUARY 7, 2009	JANUARY 6, 2009
APRIL 4, 2009	FEBRUARY 27, 2009
JUNE 13, 2009	MAY 8, 2009

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). TO REGISTER ONLINE YOU MUST PAY BY VISA OR MASTERCARD. REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE TO REGISTER BY MAIL.

## **PARENT ALERT: A Special Letter or Conversation**

In the latest issue of School Counselor, Dr. Kwok-See Richard Wong, Executive Director of the American School Counselor Association, writes a letter to his son. He acknowledges that being 16 can be difficult for his son and that high school, though full of anxiety and stress, can be the best time in a person's life. As his father, Dr. Wong suggests that high school is also an ideal time for a young adult to learn about himself, to discover what is important to him and to take chances without risks because in 10 or 20 years what matters will be what his son believes in and what he has done with his life to date. Therefore, as a teenager, his son's job is to get ready to become independent and caring, someone who can take the responsibilities of an adult. That preparation includes appropriate behavior and attendance in school, doing homework, meeting deadlines, acquiring knowledge and interpersonal skills that are necessary for further education, employment and a meaningful and successful life.

**Question:** As parents, have you considered writing a letter or having a similar conversation with your teenager? If you have, good for you. If you haven't, it might be one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have with your son or daughter. If you do, I would enjoy receiving your reactions.

Good luck!

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Educational Consultant



THE MENSA EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION is awarding scholarships of \$300 to \$1,000 via its Essay Contest. Scholarships are open to anyone regardless of age, GPA, race, gender, financial need, or membership in MENSA. Applications are available in Guidance or visit [www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships). Completed entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2009.

THE CALL ME MISTER PROGRAM is an effort to address the critical shortage of African American male teachers, especially among South Carolina's lowest performing public school. This program is a collaboration between: Clemson U., four historically black college in South Carolina: Benedict College, Claflin U., Morris College, and South Carolina State University, and several 2-year partner colleges. This initiative provides tuition, academic support, and cohort systems for social and cultural support. For additional information, visit [www.callmemister.clemson.edu](http://www.callmemister.clemson.edu). Applicants can also call 800-640-2657.

COLLEGEWEEKLIVE.COM \$3,500 Scholarship. One \$3,500 scholarship will be awarded to the student who best responds to the question: "What are you looking forward to most about college, and why?" High school students grades 9-12 may apply. Deadline is November 9, 2008. Apply online at [www.scholarshipexperts.com/showApp.htm?appld=10440](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/showApp.htm?appld=10440). Students must also login and participate in the free CollegeWeekLive.com virtual college fair being held online November 12&13, 2008.

The MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP GRANT will award five \$1,000 grants to incoming freshmen in recognition of their outstanding commitment to service and leadership. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their citizenship, civility, responsibility to the community, and their passion towards scholastic achievement with a particular emphasis on leadership. WOHS can nominate only one student. Sign up in Guidance by January 7, 2009.

ITHACA COLLEGE is sponsoring a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholars program. It is an opportunity for academically exceptional students from traditionally under-represented populations who demonstrate strong character and leadership through service and community service. Usually scholars are in the top 10% of their class with critical reading and math scores (on SAT 1) of 1200 or above. The MLK Jr. Scholarship application form and essay is due to the Ithaca College Office of Admission by January 15, 2009. Sign up in guidance and pick up your application form by December 22, 2008.

THE BURGER KING SCHOLARS PROGRAM is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity to high school seniors who: have at least a 2.5 GPA and who work at least 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year. Employment at Burger King is *not required*. Candidates must demonstrate financial need, and must be prepared to document employment. He/she must plan to enroll in a 2 or 4-year college, university or vocational school by the Fall of 2009. Applications are available on-line only and must be postmarked by February 2, 2009.

THE GATES MILLENNIUM SCHOLARS PROGRAM is offering scholarship opportunities to minority students who have at least a 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted), have demonstrated leadership and community service traits and who meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria. All candidates must have submitted a Nominee Personal Information Form, Nominator Form and a Recommender Form by January 12, 2009 in order to be considered. Attachments to required forms and faxed copies will not be considered. Applications and supporting forms may be mailed or submitted electronically. Applications are available at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org).

THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS is sponsoring its annual scholarship program. NJ High School seniors who plan to major in accounting are eligible. Candidates are selected based on academic standing, SAT scores and an essay. Winners will receive scholarships to the college of their choice of up to \$8,500 over a four-year period. Additional info is available at [www.njscpa.org/scholarships](http://www.njscpa.org/scholarships). Completed application packet must be postmarked and mailed by the Guidance department by December 18, 2008.

SAE AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS is announcing its 2009 Engineering Scholarship opportunities. Sixty corporate and university- sponsored scholarships will be awarded to qualified high school seniors who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. For full details, applications and FAQs, visit [www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm](http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm). Applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2008.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE FOUND ON FAMILY CONNECTIONS – ARE YOU CONNECTED?**

## COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Seniors and Juniors may visit the website for the colleges they are interested in to find out the dates and registration information for fall open house visits. Open house dates are posted on the district website under high school and then guidance. Posters on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office will also have open house information.



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LEARN HOW TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA  
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The E-Newsletter for West Orange Public School Parents/Guardians, Faculty/Staff & All Interested West Orange Residents  
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\_ *The West Orange Board of Education* \_ *The West Orange Council of PTAs* \_ *Each of the 11 Schools in the District*

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1. Send an email to [ListManager@WOCouncilPTA.Org](mailto:ListManager@WOCouncilPTA.Org)
2. In the Subject line, type SUBSCRIBE WO-ZONE
3. Press Send

School Email Subscriptions Also Available!

Each of the 11 West Orange Public Schools has its own PTA email list for school-specific news. To subscribe, add on the desired school(s) when typing the Subject line in Step #2 above. Example: SUBSCRIBE WO-ZONE AND WOHS.

Email addresses are kept 100% confidential and will never be distributed or sold.

The WO-Zone is produced by The West Orange Council of PTAs.

**ARE YOU IN THE ZONE?**