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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."

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!

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. If you have any questions about the exam, please feel free to contact your child's guidance counselor.

SAT AND ACT TESTING DATES

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL CEEB CODE: 311613

<u>SAT I: REASONING & SAT II: SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</u>
SAT I & SAT II	JANUARY 24, 2009	DECEMBER 26, 2008
SAT I (<u>ONLY</u>)	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. 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>
FEBRUARY 7, 2009	JANUARY 6, 2009
APRIL 4, 2009	FEBRUARY 27, 2009
JUNE 13, 2009	MAY 8, 2009

REGISTER ONLINE: 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.

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Seniors may 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. Visit www.commonapp.org to complete the Common Application.

IMPORTANT: Check the spelling of your full name on your last report card to make sure that the spelling is correct and that this is your legal name. The name/spelling we have will be printed on your transcripts and on your diploma. Please inform the Guidance Department **IMMEDIATELY** if any corrections are necessary.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Scholarship information is available in the Guidance Department, in the Daily Bulletin and on Naviance – Family Connections.

PARENT ALERT: A Teachable Moment

The current--economic crisis affects us all in many ways. For those who are parents, therefore informal educators, despite your adult worries, this is a teachable moment. This is a time when you can sit down with your teenagers to discuss the family's situation. Whether or not you are explicit about your earnings and savings, you can discuss family expenses: the essentials of food, clothing, shelter, and credit card debt, etc. that must be paid on a regular basis.

Here is an opportune time to differentiate between what is needed and what is wanted by each family member. Those items that are wanted but non-essential invite planning ahead to save or work for. Using a pad and pencil to record these items and ideas is helpful.

Spending this time with your children is a bonus. It helps your young men and women realize that you value their opinions. In that way they may become more cooperative and understanding family members. Moreover, you are preparing them for their futures when they leave the family "nest" to become collegians and/or members of the working world.

Good luck!

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