

**SPRING 2007**

**Seniors**

Competition was the stiffest ever this year but our seniors knocked the ball out of the park! Almost all of our seniors were accepted to their first or second choice schools! Congratulations! You worked hard; you got your applications and essays done and submitted on time. Thank you for pushing yourselves to revise your essays "just one last time!" to make sure that your full self came through to the admissions committees. It certainly paid off. Some of the schools students were accepted to are:

- Cornell
- Kenyon
- Drew
- Carnegie Mellon
- West Point
- University of Maryland (Honors)
- Rutgers (Honors)
- TCNJ
- Ithaca College
- Lehigh
- New York University
- Rollins
- Case Western
- Loyola College of Maryland
- George Washington
- Penn State
- Michigan State
- UMASS Amherst
- Guilford
- University of Delaware
- Whittier
- RPI
- University of Wisconsin
- Washington University (St Louis)
- Indiana

**Waitlist**

Colleges placed more students on the waitlist than ever this year due to increased applications and their desire to discern true interest in matriculation to keep their yields up. The waitlist should be seen as an opportunity to re-express your interest in a school and let them know that you will attend (if that is the case). Think of it as a second early decision opportunity. There are no guarantees, but writing a letter that show the fit between you and the college and updating your activity list, awards, etc. will give you a fighting chance.

For those of you content with your choices, now you can relax for the rest of your senior year. If you need help writing scholarship applications or writing a letter to the financial aid office to request more money please let me know.

**Juniors**

You are almost there! Congratulations to WHS juniors on completing your Junior Research Project. I know that is a major accomplishment, so hopefully you can breathe a sigh of relief for spring break.

Now is the time, if you haven't already, to finalize your summer plans and activities for senior year. It is also a good time to visit colleges and get a sense of the schools that to which you would like to apply next year. The summer between junior and senior year is a critical time to focus on one of your passions and do something meaningful.

For those of you visiting colleges during spring break, let me know if you'd like to meet to debrief on your visits. This will also help fine tune your list of schools. I'm also available to meet to discuss summer plans and activities for next year.

**Upcoming Test Dates**

<b>Test Dates</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>U.S. Regular</b>	<b>U.S. Late</b>
May 5, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 3, 2007 (revised)	Apr. 17, 2007 (revised)
June 2, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 27, 2007	May 9, 2007

**Sophomores**

Think about what you want to accomplish by the end of your junior year. Do you want to challenge yourself academically? Do you want to pull up your grades? Do you want to take on a leadership position in one of your activities? Do you want to re-balance your activities and drop some that are not satisfying and focus on others that are? It's helpful to spend some time now thinking about how you want to spend your energy next year because as I'm sure you've heard, junior year is intense and important. If you can think about what you want to accomplish going in, it will seem less overwhelming and you will reach your goals more easily.

**Upcoming Workshops**

- **Student Workshop: Choosing the College That's Right for You** Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm JCC in Scotch Plains