



## School Counseling Department News



### PSATS

The 11th graders who took the PSATs in October should be getting their scores back in the coming days, either through their college board account or in Naviance. Students can get their scores in their college board account as well as access more practice questions.

10th Graders and any 11th grader that did not take the PSAT in October, will have the opportunity to take the exam January 26th. More details to follow.

### JANUARY REGENTS EXAMS

New York State has canceled the January regents exams. Students in the following categories will get the Exemption:

1. A student who is retaking a course that was previously failed and would have taken the regents in January (Ex. A student who had an incomplete in English 3 last year and is currently passing the course in our extended day program and would have sat for the English Regents in January, would get the exemption)
2. Students that transferred in this year, had already passed the required course but were expecting to take the regents in January (Ex. A student that moved here from New Jersey, and had already passed the US History class and was expecting to take the January US regents exam).
3. A student that needs to retake a regents exam in order to graduate in January.

### BOCES

AM BOCES will be virtual through December 10th due to the need for students and staff needing to quarantine.

PM BOCES is still in session until further notice.

While NRHS is virtual the BOCES bus follows the Bee Line bus route. When NRHS is hybrid the bus will be leaving from the high school. Students are asked to check their email each day for any last minute changes to buses or for any issues regarding BOCES.

## AP Exams

Students registered for the AP exams last month through their MYAP college board account. Exam fees can be paid now through March 1, 2021. Families can pay online or via check. College board fees include administrative fees for test administration, however, we lowered the administrative fee to offset the fee for paying online so that the overall cost is the same. Students approved for free/reduced lunch can pay the reduced rate provided by College Board.

To pay for AP exams online click [HERE](#).

To pay by check or money order (payable to New Rochelle High School) send to:

New Rochelle High School  
Guidance Department  
265 Clove Road  
New Rochelle NY 10801

## Seniors (Class of 2021)

**Caps and Gowns:** Keep your eyes out next week for an email from Ms. Herzog regarding caps and gowns. Students will order them through the company's (Zolnier Graduate Supply Co.) website.

**Scholarships:** Check out the Scholarship section on Naviance for information and scholarship applications. Check back frequently as new scholarships are added throughout the year.

**Essay Writing:** My Brother's Keeper of New Rochelle is offering a virtual version of its College Essay Assistance Program in December using Microsoft Teams. Please sign up in advance to participate using the Sign-up Genius link. Please see the Student Infographic to see how you can prepare for your College Essay meeting with a trained volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact MBK at [info@mbknewro.com](mailto:info@mbknewro.com).

You must sign up for an appointment to meet with an essay writing helper. Use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45afa829a5f5c25-mbkcollege>

**Instant College Decision Days:** After the winter holiday break we will have Instant College Decision days for Iona College and Mercy College. We will send out more information about those events in January.

**Westchester Community College:** On Wednesday December 9th at 4:00 there will be a college visit from WCC. Students will be given a code to submit a free application at that time. Check Naviance for the meeting link.

**College Applications:** Students that have not applied for college yet should set up a meeting with their counselor to go over the process and finalize plans. You can also view this video that reviews the college application process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWgZjK8xmLU&feature=youtu.be>

For any student that would like assistance with their college applications, reach out to Ms. Hope Herzog from our College and Career Office. Her email is: [hherzog@nredlearn.org](mailto:hherzog@nredlearn.org)

Always be sure to use the correct school code for New Rochelle High School on your college applications: **333366**

**Financial Aid Night** - We are finalizing details for our financial aid night to take place this month, a separate announcement will go out with that information shortly.

## Juniors (Class of 2022)

Counselors are meeting with their Juniors in small groups starting this week to go over post secondary planning. There will be another round of small group meetings to go over the college application process in January/February. Students and parents will then set up a time to meet with the counselor in the spring for a Junior Postsecondary Planning conference to review academic progress and plan for senior year and beyond.

**ACT/SAT Preparation:** Each year the New Rochelle Fund for Excellence sponsors ACT and SAT prep classes through Appleroth. There is a parent meeting Thursday December 3rd. Click [HERE](#) for information on the parent meeting. For information about the classes you can click [CLASSES](#) (English).

## Sophomores (Class of 2023)

Counselors will be meeting with 10th graders later in the year to do the Career Interest Inventory which starts the process of looking at options after high school and planning for the future. Naviance has a number of resources available to explore careers. One resource is Roadtrip Nation which has thousands of videos related to self discovery and career exploration. It is worth the trip!

In March we will have our trip to Southern Westchester BOCES for interested students to learn about the Career and Technical Education programs offered there. This will be an option for students who could attend BOCES in 11th grade. For information regarding the BOCES program, check out the website for Career Services by clicking [HERE](#).

## Freshmen (Class of 2024)

There will be a virtual Club Day coming soon. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear about the many exciting clubs and activities at New Rochelle High School. Clubs are a great way to get involved, meet new students, and help grow our school community. Once school resumes, involvement in clubs is a great way to be connected to school and pursue areas of interest.