

WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Class of 2023 Parent/Guardian:

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family as your student enters Westborough High School as a member of the Class of 2023! We are excited to meet your student and are looking forward to building our working relationship with you.

Over the next four years, the School Counseling Department will help your student become empowered in his or her academic, personal, and social development. This journey begins for students at **Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 21st**, where they will have a chance to get to know their School Counselor, interact with the WHS New Student Ambassadors, learn more about life at WHS, and discover over 50 different clubs and organizations at our activity fair. During the rest of the year, counselors will meet with all ninth grade students both individually and in small groups to help build their ability to self-advocate, stay organized, inquire to learn more, and take ownership of their actions to reach their goals.

Throughout this journey we invite you to partner with us in supporting their growth and development. To begin this process, we ask that you complete two things prior to the start of the year:

1. Fill out the **Freshman Parent/Guardian Questionnaire** included in this envelope to help us get to know your student and your family a little better, and have your student return it at Freshman Orientation on August 21st.
2. Register your **Naviance Account** (your personal instructions will be emailed later this summer to the address you have saved in PowerSchool). Naviance is the most commonly used communication tool by our department. It is also a comprehensive website for career and college exploration. Each student and parent/guardian will have their own personal Naviance account throughout all four years of high school. Parent/guardian accounts connect directly to their student's account.

Our department website (<http://westboroughschoolcounselingdept.weebly.com>) has a wealth of information, and is updated regularly with important dates, special events, valuable content, and a variety of interactive features. We also welcome your emails and phone calls, so please reach out to your student's counselor whenever there is something we can do to support your student.

We are looking forward to working with you and your student throughout the next four years. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

The Westborough High School Counselors