

# ***Important Dates and Events - Fall 2018***

## **FAFSA Becomes Available for 2019-2020 School Year**

**Monday, October 1**

Students enrolling in college during the 2019-2020 school year may access and submit their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as October 1, 2018. Every student, regardless of family income, is strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA, which can make you eligible for a variety of scholarships, work-study programs and loans with preferred interest rates. Visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

## **Financial Aid Night at WHS**

**Wednesday, October 3**

Join us for a presentation by MEFA (the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority) on the ins and outs of the financial aid process. This program will be held in the high school auditorium at 7:30 pm. Learn about how financial aid is calculated, your EFC (Expected Family Contribution), the FAFSA and CSS Profile, Scholarships and Grants, State/Federal Loans, and Work Study Programs. All students and families are strongly encouraged to attend this informative event.

## **Parent-to-Parent Coffee Chat**

**Wednesday, October 17**

Please join the School Counseling Parent Advisory Council on Wednesday, October 17, from 7-8 pm for a Parent-to-Parent Coffee Chat. This informal get-together is a chance for parents to meet other parents and committee members, and an opportunity to share advice and lend support to one another. This month's theme will be on working through the college application process. You can also join us to learn about the various tools in Naviance that support college and career exploration. Feel free to stop by for five minutes or the whole hour. It will meet in the Ranger College and Career Center located on the second floor of WHS. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

## **Upcoming College Fairs/Events**

Links for more information and/or to register are on the School Counseling webpage  
<http://westboroughschoolcounselingdept.westboroughk12.org/>

**September 29** - BSA Architecture/Design College Fair (Boston)

**October 2** - "The Education Cooperative" College Fair (Waltham HS)

**October 16** - NEACAC College Fair (WPI in Worcester)

**October 18** - MA State Public College Fair (Nashoba Regional HS)

**November 7** - NACAC Performing & Visual Arts College Fair (Boston)