

WESTBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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Dear Class of 2020 Students:

Congratulations on officially becoming seniors! This year will be filled with intellectual pursuits and personal achievements that will help you grow as individuals. We in the School Counseling Department are eager to help you make the most of your final year in high school and to support you in achieving your goals.

We are also excited to welcome two new counselors to our department this year: Mr. Thomas Woodbury and Ms. Kathryn Adams. Mr. Woodbury will be joining our team and taking over Ms. Vavruska's caseload, after previously serving as a high school counselor in Farmington, Maine. Ms. Adams joins our department after working as a high school counselor in Navasota, Texas, and will be covering Ms. Sylvestre's caseload while she is on maternity leave for the 2019-2020 school year. We encourage those of you who will be working with Mr. Woodbury or Ms. Adams to connect early in the fall so you can begin to get to know one another.

For most of you, the beginning of senior year will include college application work, especially those of you with early application deadlines. There are still some things you can do before the school year begins to take ownership of the process and to ease your responsibilities in the fall. Some suggestions are listed in the Announcements Slideshow on the School Counseling Website (<http://westboroughschoolcounselingdept.weebly.com>). In this mailing, we are also including a copy of your transcript for you to review for accuracy, as well as the Counselor/Teacher Recommendation Request Form, which lists:

- important deadline dates for you in the WHS college application process, to ensure documents are sent in a timely manner, and
- tasks that are required as part of the process

We will go over this form and many other items in detail during senior seminar meetings with your counselor in early September and at Senior Night on September 19th. We also encourage you to reach out to your counselor at the start of the year to schedule an individual conference. No matter where you are in your planning, we are eager to help.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. We look forward to seeing you and helping make senior year the best year yet!

Sincerely,

The WHS School Counselors