

# ***WHHS Guidance Senior News***

**Welcome to your Senior Year! Your School Counselors will be publishing this newsletter on a bi-monthly basis to help you transition to Life After High School. This edition focuses on:**

## **Preparing for College: August/September Checklist**

- Start working on college applications for schools of interest, identifying all of the different pieces of information you will need to compile to complete applications. **Pay special attention to application and scholarship deadlines for each school.**
- Visit with your School Counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and to fulfill college admission requirements.
- Take every opportunity to get familiar with colleges: Meeting with college representatives who visit the high school during the Fall, attending local college fairs (**Vol State College Night is 9/18/18 from 6 – 8 pm**), visiting college campuses.
- Narrow down your list of colleges and begin to seriously consider “realistic” schools. Think about what is important to you in a school choice (i.e. cost, location, size, programs of study, etc.).
- Contact colleges of interest to explore what scholarships are available to incoming students and how to apply.
- All seniors will be taking a “free” ACT on Tuesday, October 2, 2018. No registration is required.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> TN Promise meeting will be held Oct. 15 at 1:00 pm at WHHS.

### **THIS MONTH'S TIPS:**

***\*\*\*STAY ORGANIZED to make sure you do not miss important dates and deadlines by creating a checklist and/or calendar to chart standardized test dates, application/scholarship deadlines and fees, as well as required documents to complete each application for each college of interest\*\*\****

***\*\*\*HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN in the case your first choice does not work out\*\*\****

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Scholarship opportunities are posted throughout the school year on our website. You can find them listed under the Parents and Students tab (Scholarship Information).**
- **Contact your schools of interest to inquire about College specific scholarships.**
- **Complete the FAFSA starting October 1 to be eligible for federal financial assistance/including the HOPE Scholarship.**