Summer Packet
Class of 2019
Congratulations! You are officially a SENIOR. The following packet includes helpful information if you are planning on applying to college in the fall. Included are counselor recommendation student and parent request forms, REMIND message, tips for college visits and SAT/ACT testing information.

Join the Class of 2019 Text Message Reminders from Ms. Carter, College & Career Center Specialist

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Counselor Recommendations

Letters of recommendation are a team effort. Counselor’s draw information from the student’s cumulative academic record, personal interactions with the student, student response form and parent/guardian response form to write a comprehensive letter of recommendation. Letters are considered confidential between WPHS and the college/university in which you are applying, best practice to waive your right to review. The Student and Parent/Guardian response forms are used to help your counselor write your letter of recommendation. Please complete the attached forms and e-mail your TYPED responses to your counselor beginning August 1st.
Student Information Form

Name:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Colleges/Universities you intend to apply to with the college application deadline:

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5. 

Intended Major or Career Interests: 

1) What are your personal strengths? What are your academic strengths?

2) Describe what makes you unique and/or something you are passionate about.

3) How have you used your time out of school? Attach a resume if available (Examples: hobbies, organizations, community service, employment, etc.)

4) What is your most rewarding academic experience for you at West Potomac High School?

5) Describe two significant events in your life and how they have had an impact upon you. What three things would you want a college admissions committee to know about you?

6) Is there anything on your transcript that you feel needs clarification? If yes, please explain.

7) Is there anything else that you want us to know about you, or anything that we may not know otherwise know that would help to distinguish you from the next applicant?
Parent/Guardian Information Form

Please submit comments and specific information about your son/daughter that will assist the counselor in writing an insightful, thorough college recommendation. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Student Name:

1) Choose 3 adjectives that best describes your child with an explanation for why you pick each adjective.

2) Describe some of your son/daughter’s outstanding personality traits.

3) What are some of your child’s accomplishments that have occurred over the past three years? (both in and out of school)

4) Are there any special circumstances that have affected your child’s academic performance (example: illness, death in the family, moving, personal situations). If so, please explain.

5) Please add any additional comments about your child that you feel would be pertinent to his/her letter of recommendation.

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSE FORMS AND EMAIL TYPED RESPONSES TO YOUR ASSIGNED SCHOOL COUNSELOR BEGINNING AUGUST 1ST!!

SAT/ACT Information

SAT Testing Information:  https://www.collegeboard.org/

ACT Testing Information:  https://www.act.org/
College Visit Checklist

Information to know prior to visit
(Check college website):
- Admission requirements
- Required Standardized test scores
- Does the school offer your intended major or degree?
- Application deadlines
- How much will it cost?
- What is the school population?
- Register online for a tour

Questions you may want to ask during the information session:

Admissions
- What are your criteria for your admission decisions?
- How would you describe your ideal college applicant?
- What is the retention rate from freshmen to sophomore years?
- Are interviews required?
- What are your most popular majors?
- Do you offer semester abroad and internships?

Classroom
- What is your average class size for freshmen and sophomores?
- What is your average class size for upperclassmen?
- Are your classes taught by professors or do teaching assistants conduct classes/labs?
- When must I choose a major?

- What student services are offered (tutoring, career counseling, study workshops)

Financial Aid
- What is the total cost per year?
- What financial aid options are offered?
- When is your financial aid deadline?
- Estimate the percentage of work study, loans, grants and scholarships awarded in your financial aid packages?

Housing
- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed all four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?
- How safe is the campus and surrounding area?

Questions for the Student Tour Guide
- What year are you?
- Did you start here as a freshmen?
- What other colleges did you consider?
- What do you like best about the school?
- What are you majoring in?
- What are the professors like?
- How’s the food?
- Do you live in a dorm now?
- What kind of activities are there for new freshman?
- How did you pick your roommate?
- Does campus have good security?
- Who teaches your classes?

Be sure to dress appropriately. You want to make a good first impression!
Remember to have fun...