



Northwestern High School

Counseling Department Newsletter

August 2023—Welcome Back, Trojans!!!

Connect with your counselor



9th grade is important for building a strong foundation in your classes

- ✓ **Your High School GPA starts now.** We are on a 10 point scale and honors and AP courses give higher weighting. A's and B's will give you a lot of great options for whatever you want to do after high school
- ✓ **Explore Extracurricular Activities.** Get involved in clubs/sports/fine arts or something that sparks your interest
- ✓ **TESTING:** Algebra I, Biology, and English 2 will require state testing (EOC) at the end of the semester



10th grade is for exploring career and college options

- ✓ **Explore Careers!** Use the website below for free career assessments and more
<https://portal.sccis.intocareers.org>
Username: Northwestern
Password: Trojans
- ✓ **Explore Colleges!** Find colleges that meet your goals. Research options at
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
- ✓ **Testing:** English 2 will require state testing (EOC) at the end of the semester.
October 31st: The PSAT is offered to all 10th graders



11th grade narrows down your future goals

- ✓ **Interested in a 4 year or 2 year college?**
-Sign up to take the ACT OR the SAT this year
- ✓ **Interested in the military?**
-Take the ASVAB (sign up with Mrs. Dean)
- ✓ **Interested in the workforce?**
-Take the work readiness assessment in the spring
-Look into internships for your senior year to build your resume
- ✓ **Sign up for the Works Program with our career counselor, Ms. Tucker.** This program offers "on-the-job" experience for many careers including Fire. Police. CvberSecurity. etc...

MEET YOUR COUNSELOR

Counselors are here to support your academic, social/emotional, and career needs.

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Meet the new Career Counselor!

This semester I have a lot in store for our students. Students will have the opportunity to participate in lunch and learn, the works program, job shadowing, career game day and much more! I am located in **A104**, just right outside of A building. You can also email me at ctucker@rmail.org.

September 6th—Lunch and Learn Finances! Learn how to save money

Scan this QR code to fill out a career interest survey!



It's hard to get through life alone. Your school counselors are here to support you every day at school but if you feel like you have ongoing concerns Northwestern High School has mental health counselors on campus you can see regularly. Please see your school counselor for a referral.