

Dear WAB Parents & Community,

08 September 2017

Please see information below related to upcoming events and updates in each grade level.

Please note that the ACT examination for this coming Saturday, 09 October 2017 has been cancelled throughout most of Asia, including all of China.

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**High School Parent Book Group** will be starting soon. If you are interested in joining, please contact Natasha Tavares [natasha\\_tavares@wab.edu](mailto:natasha_tavares@wab.edu) . Space is limited to 15 participants.

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### ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

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# THE REAL CAMPUS SCOURGE

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September 2, 2017 Frank Bruni

<http://comment-news.com/source/www.nytimes.com/2017/09/02/opinion/sunday/college-freshman-mental-health.html/page-3>

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### VIDEO OF THE WEEK

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[Make A Change World](#) The following link is to a video and organization founded by two brothers, Gary & Sam Bencheplib. Gary was only 15 when he decided along with his brother to make a change.

[https://www.facebook.com/makeachangeworld/?hc\\_ref=ARSdmRJHGJFyaU12q9Sz\\_WmQrdn-FoG4Q1Cq8NxtZ8cZ8eg4YJmplrV6VeEtILDk1Ww&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/makeachangeworld/?hc_ref=ARSdmRJHGJFyaU12q9Sz_WmQrdn-FoG4Q1Cq8NxtZ8cZ8eg4YJmplrV6VeEtILDk1Ww&fref=nf)

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Grade 12: Update:

- Grade 12 Flex block this month has been devoted to helping students with their university applications that are due in the next couple of months.
- Counselors are continuing to read and provide support on student essays and personal statements which are needed in several countries' application process.
- **United Kingdom:** Oxbridge and UK medicine/vet applications are quickly approaching- October 15th. Please see your counselor daily.
- **United States- Early Action (EA)/Early Decision (ED) deadline-** September 29th- is the deadline to notify counselors in writing if applying early decision or early action admissions to a university in the US. We ask students be thoughtful in the process hence you do not want an incorrect choice or a last minute rushed decision. We need to know of any October or November 1st deadlines by September 29th. We require two working weeks for processing applications. Please note that it takes time to put the documents together on our side and it also takes time to send/process on the university side

Mr Cifizzari works with students whose last name begins with **A-Lil** and **Ms. Michelle** works with students whose last name begins with **Lim- Z**.

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**Grade 11: Update:**

- Students were given registration forms for the PSAT exam last week, which will occur at WAB on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning. The forms should be completed and returned with payment if the student wishes to sit the examination by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A session explaining the PSAT will be provided.
- Any student considering Oxbridge or medicine/vet degree in UK should see their counselor

**Ms. Tavares** works with students whose last name begins with **A-Lo** and **Mr. Stokes** works with students whose last name begins with **Lu-Z**.

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Grade 10: Update:

- Students were given registration forms for the PSAT exam this week, which will occur at WAB on Saturday, October 14th in the morning. The forms should be completed and returned with payment if the student wishes to sit the examination by September 22nd. A session explaining the PSAT will be provided.

Mr Cifizzari works with students whose last name begins with **A-Lo** and **Ms. Michelle** works with students whose last name begins with **Liu- Z**.

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### **Grade 9: Update:**

- Counselors will be meeting with all of the students over the next couple of months to ensure that their transition to high school is smooth. Please keep your child's counselor updated if you are concerned about your child's emotional or academic progress and transition to WAB high school.

**Ms. Tavares** works with students whose last name begins with **A-Liu** and **Mr. Stokes** works with students whose last name begins with **Lo-Z**.

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TESTING:

The autumn ACT's/SAT's can only be taken by Grade 11 & 12 WAB students. Please see below for more information.

International testing dates for the SAT are in October, December, March, and May. SAT Subject Tests will be available in October, November, December, May, and June. Students cannot sit the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests on the same day. If you have any questions, please see your counselor.

SAT test dates and deadlines for 2017-2018 are:

<u>SAT Test Dates:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline Date</u>
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018

<u>SAT Subject Test Dates:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline Date</u>
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

** Please note that **Chinese** can only be taken on the November date.

Hard copy SAT information booklets are still available in our office. Please note that

all information on the SAT is available on the College Board website. (www.collegeboard.org)

ACT Test dates and deadlines for 2017-2018 are:

<u>ACT Test Date:</u>	<u>Registration Deadline Date</u>
September 9, 2017	----
October 28 th , 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018

All information required for registration (WAB high school code, WAB Test Center Code) is available in the high school guidance office. If you are having problems registering online, please come to the high school guidance office and we will assist you.

*IMPORTANT: Students will need to have **credit card information** on hand during the registration process.

PSAT TESTING:

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMSQT) will be offered again at Western Academy of Beijing on **Saturday, October 14th, from 7:30am – 12:30pm** in the **high school gym**. A letter will be sent out next month with more details regarding registration. The cost is 250RMB.

The PSAT/NMSQT is excellent preparation for the SAT, which measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. **This exam is for grade 10 & 11 students.**

This is an excellent opportunity for students to practice sitting standardized testing and is also highly recommended for students who are considering sitting the SAT exam in the future. An individualized preparation plan that identifies areas for improvement is available when the results return which allows for students to better prepare for the SAT. **There is no need for students to study for the PSAT.** The results are only viewed by the students, parents and counselors.

When students register for the PSAT/NMSQT, they will receive a Student Bulletin, which provides further information on the exam and includes a complete practice test to familiarize them with the actual test.

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### **UNIVERSITY VISITS:**

A complete and constantly updated list of university visitors can be found on Naviance. Please check this regularly as last minute changes can occur.

SEE BELOW...

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| <b>Bates College , US</b>                                        | Thu<br>September<br>14, 2017 | 11:50<br>AM |
| <b>School of the Art<br/>Institute of Chicago , US</b>           | Mon<br>October 9,<br>2017    | 10:00<br>AM |
| <b>Hobart and William<br/>Smith Colleges , US</b>                | Fri<br>October<br>13, 2017   | 11:50<br>AM |
| <b>Southern Alberta<br/>Institute of Technology ,<br/>Canada</b> | Mon<br>October<br>16, 2017   | 11:50<br>AM |

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