



# Guidance Notes

September 2009 by James Bilitz, Guidance Director

*“Whoever is thirsty, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” - Rev. 22:17*

## Senior Parent Meeting

Senior year can be a most stressful and confusing time for both students and parents, especially if one has not gone through “senior year” in the family before. Which college to choose? What to major in? Costs involved? Financial aid? How do we make the decision? These questions and many others face our young people throughout their senior year. The guidance office stands ready to assist you wherever possible. Once again we will be offering an opportunity for the parents of seniors to receive current information and advice to help guide their children with post-high school planning. We have set aside:

**Wednesday, Sep. 2nd – 7:00 - 8:15PM**

for an informational meeting. **This meeting is intended especially for parents who have their first child entering college next year.** I will be



providing much of the same information to the seniors during our meetings together during the first few weeks of school.

Throughout the year I (Mr. Bilitz) will meet with the seniors to discuss the process for registering for college or technical college and to provide current information on scholarships offered to seniors. These meetings are normally scheduled on Mondays during Noon B.

If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to call the guidance office. I will try to help out in any way that I can.

## Parent Conferences

After the first few weeks of work in the classrooms, a progress report will be filled out for each student to show parents of the students how they are doing in their courses. These progress reports will be given to each parent at the Parent Conference evening scheduled for **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30-8:00 PM.** A letter will be sent home with your student so that you can schedule an appointment time to meet with your child's **homeroom advisor** and discuss the progress report.



Please note that on this evening, you will not be able to meet with each of your child's teachers. If you would like to talk to a specific teacher or teachers, please make an appointment to meet with him/her another time. The purpose of the Parent Conference is to discuss your child's general progress after the first five weeks of school.

## Freshman Guidance

The guidance department, learning coordinator and homeroom advisors will be working with the freshmen three days each week to help them make the transition to high school as comfortable as possible.

Each advisor will try to get to know his advisees well during the homeroom sessions so that they can better serve each student. During the year they will aid students in exploring possible career choices and educational planning.

## Skyward Family Access

If any parent does not have a Skyward Family Access account as yet, you can email me to have one set up at [jbilitz@wlvikings.org](mailto:jbilitz@wlvikings.org). Family Access will provide information on your student's grades, attendance, schedule, and missing assignments. It is a good tool to use to check your child's progress and keep up to date.

### 2009-2010 ACT Assessment

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Deadline</u>
Oct. 24, 2009	<b>Sep. 18, 2009</b>	Oct. 2, 2009
Dec. 12, 2009	<b>Nov. 6, 2009</b>	Nov. 20, 2009
Feb. 6, 2010	<b>Jan. 5, 2010</b>	Jan. 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	<b>Mar. 5, 2010</b>	Mar. 19, 2010
Jun 12, 2010	<b>May 7, 2010,</b>	May 21, 2010

The optional writing test is available on all test dates.  
**ACT Fees: \$32 without writing test; \$47.00 with writing test.**  
Our school code for the application is:  
**500-685.**