**Walt Whitman High School**

**It’s Time Packet**

**Background for Rising Seniors/Seniors**:

You must have an *It’s Time* (college preparation) meeting with your counselor in order to give your counselor the necessary background information to write your counselor letter of recommendation. At this meeting, your counselor will review your completed *It's Time* packet (this document), conduct an informal interview, and review the college application process with you. You will need to reach out to your counselor to arrange your It’s Time meeting.

**Directions**:

Before the meeting, you must complete your *It's Time* packet (sections 1-5 of this packet). Please answer all of the following questions/information in detail. You may type or handwrite the information; however, if your handwriting is hard to read, please type! Please work hard on the packet as it will help you with your college applications. The more detailed and specific your packet is, the more detailed and effective your counselor’s letter of recommendation will be! Your parents must complete a section as well (section 6 of this packet).

***>>>> Packet begins on the following page >>>***

**PART 1: NAME, CONTACT INFO & TEST SCORES**

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| **Name and Student ID #** |  |
| **Email: (that you actually check often!)** |  |
| **Counselor:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

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| **PSAT** | | | |
| Critical Reading: | Math: | Writing: | TOTAL SCORE: |

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| **SAT I** | | | |
| Critical Reading: | Math: | Writing: | TOTAL SCORE: |
| Critical Reading: | Math: | Writing: | TOTAL SCORE: |
| Critical Reading: | Math: | Writing: | TOTAL SCORE: |

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| **SAT SUBJECT TESTS (if taken)** | |
| Subject: | Score: |
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| **ACT** | | | | | |
| English: | Math: | Reading: | Science: | Writing: | Composite: |
| English: | Math: | Reading: | Science: | Writing: | Composite: |
| English: | Math: | Reading: | Science: | Writing: | Composite: |

**PART 2: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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| **List other high schools you have attended, if any:** |  |

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| **Are you fluent in any foreign languages? If so, please list them:** |  |

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| **Are you using a private college counselor? (circle or put a \* next to the answer)** | YES | NO |
| **If you said YES, please provide their name:** |  | |

**PART 3: COLLEGE PLANNING & PREFERENCES:**

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| **TYPE OF COLLEGE (Put a star (\*) next to all types you are open to):** |
| Two-year |
| Four-year |
| Public |
| Private |
| All Men |
| All Women |
| Coeducational |
| Type unimportant |

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| **SIZE OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (Put a star (\*) next to all types you are open to):** |
| Less than 1,000 |
| 1,000 – 3,000 |
| 4,000 – 7,000 |
| 7,000 – 15,000 |
| 15,000 and over |
| Size unimportant |

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| **COST TO ATTEND: (Put a star (\*) next to the one that best matches you/your family’s situation** |
| Very Important |
| Somewhat Important |
| Not Important |

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| **GEOGRAPHY OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (Put a star (\*) next to all types you are open to):** |
| New England |
| Midwest |
| Mid-Atlantic |
| Southwest |
| South |
| West |
| Location is unimportant |

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| **List specific states you are interested in (if any):** |
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| **LOCATION OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (Put a star (\*) next to all types you are open to):** |
| Rural |
| Small Town |
| Suburban |
| Small City |
| Large City |

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| **ACADEMIC INTERESTS** | |
| First Choice Major (if known): |  |
| Second Choice Major (if known): |  |

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| **INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Put a star \* next to the item that best represents you)** | |
| Important | |
| Not Important | |
| If IMPORTANT, list area of interest: |  |

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| **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (Put a star \* next to the item that best represents you)** | |
| Important | |
| Not Important | |
| If Important, which religion? |  |

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| **List other features important to you, e.g. study abroad, cooperative/interest-based living, programs for students with disabilities, specific clubs/intramural athletics, programs, etc…** |
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| **List your tentative college choices, if known, below each category. Put a start (\*) next to specific colleges/universities that you are particularly interested in/are favorite choices at the moment:** | | |
| REACHES (it would be a stretch for you to get in) | TARGETS (you have about a 50/50 chance of getting in) | LIKELIES (you are likely to be admitted; comfortable, choices) |
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| **Do you plan to apply Early Decision or Early Action?**  **(Put a star \* next to your answer to the right)** | YES | NO |
| **If you said YES above, please list the school(s) to the right:** |  | |

**PART 4: ACADEMIC REFLECTION**

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| **1) Name your three most challenging courses and grades in these courses:** | |
| Course Name 1: | Letter Grade you Earned: |
| Course Name 2: | Letter Grade you Earned: |
| Course Name 3: | Letter Grade you Earned: |

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| **2) Describe what you believe are your academic strengths. How do you show these strengths? Be as specific and as detailed as possible!** |
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| **3) In which academic areas do you need to improve? Please be specific and detailed.** |
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| **4) What courses did you enjoy the most? Why?** |
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| **5) What are your tentative career plans? What are you interested in studying in college?** |
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| **6) Is your academic record an accurate measure of your ability? Are there any health problems or personal problems which may have affected your school performance that you would like to share with your counselor?** |
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| **7) Discuss any awards/distinctions you have earned for extracurriculars, sports, workplace, or academic activities:** |
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**PART 5: PERSONAL INFORMATION & REFLECTION**

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| **1) Name 3 adjectives which you think best describe you:** | |
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| **2) How would your friends describe you?** |
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| **3) In what in-school or out-of-school activities have you participated? What offices/leadership roles have you held? Include activities from Grade 9 to present, indicating the year of each activity. Please attach a resume if you have one!** |
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| **4) Discuss the extracurricular activity or activities that have had the most meaning to you, and why.** |
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| **5) How have you used your time outside of schoolwork? Examples: hobbies, organizations, volunteering, working, caring for your family, etc:** |
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| **6) Have you held any jobs? If so, state dates of employment, approximate hours per week, and the name of the business. What do you do there?** |
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| **7) Tell about your travel experience. Any memorable trips?** |
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| **8) What is your favorite kind of leisure-time (not classroom required) reading?** |
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| **9) What books outside of required reading have you read lately?** | |
| Book Title 1: | Author: |
| Book Title 2: | Author: |
| Book Title 3: | Author: |

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| **10) Family College/Postsecondary Education Information:** | |
| **FATHER:** | |
| Attended College? (Yes/No): |  |
| College/University Attended: |  |
| Degree: |  |
| Occupation: |  |
| **MOTHER:** | |
| Attended College? (Yes/No): |  |
| College/University Attended: |  |
| Degree: |  |
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| **11) Siblings:** | |
| Do you have brothers? (Yes/No) |  |
| Age(s) of brother(s): |  |
| Do you have sisters? (Yes/No) |  |
| Age(s) of sister(s): |  |

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| **12) Where do your older siblings attend/have attended college?** |
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| **13) What other information would you like your colleges to know about you that could help set you apart from the other students? Take advantage of this opportunity to help me present you in the best light possible to your colleges. Please take the time to respond to this question with the same attention you would give to your college essay. Feel free to attach an additional typed page, or continue typing in the box below until you have conveyed all the information you would like. The box will expand to accommodate all your text.** |
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**PART 6: PARENT THOUGHTS**

*(Please note that this is a required part of the It’s Time Packet. Your parent must have completed their portion below before you come in for your It’s Time meeting with your counselor. Make sure your parent does his/her/their homework!)*

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| **Parent Email(s):** |  |
| **Parent Phone Number(s):** |  |

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| **PARENTS/FAMILY: Please share any comments or information you would like your son/daughter’s counselor to know. What do you believe are your son/daughter’s special talents? What do you wish the college to know about your son or daughter? The more specific and detailed you can be, the better!**  *Feel free to type in the box below (it will expand to accommodate all your text) or attached a typed page.* |
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