

West Running Brook Middle School

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FRIDAY FOCUS

This week, UNH announced that it was redefining admission requirements as part of a three (3)-year pilot program to begin in the fall of 2020. Specifically, the largest public college institution in New Hampshire will no longer require students to include standardized test scores, including results from the SAT or ACT, as part of their application materials. You can read a brief news report, [here](#). The program is based on data that suggests that student high school grades are more reliable predictors of success in college than standardized test scores. The decision of UNH follows [national data](#) that suggests standardized measures of student achievement are increasingly less important in the totality of the college admission process. This undoubtedly raises many challenging questions for families and public educational systems to consider. At its core for me as a principal of middle school students, it pushes me to think about exactly what knowledge, skills, and habits we emphasize in school correlates to a successful adult life and those that we currently emphasize that may be more loosely correlated to the same end.

Be well, Justin Krieger - Principal

[A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest](#)

- [Week of Notices](#) - A review of all notices from morning meeting this week is [here](#).
- [GRADE 8 FAMILIES: Promotion and End-of-Year Planning](#) - On Monday of this week, I blasted a flyer to all grade 8 families detailing promotion activities and all things related to end-of-the-year events. You can find that same communication, [here](#).
- [Last Box Tops Submission: Monday \(5.13.19\)](#) - The PTSA is organizing one more box top drive with a new wrinkle. Students who submit box tops by 5.13.19 will earn raffle tickets to attempt to win a raffle basket of their choice. Raffle baskets will be on display at WRB to spur participation. Let's close the year strong here.
- [Creating Safer, More Peaceful, and Loving Schools: Wednesday \(5.15.19\) @ GHH 3:30 PM](#) - The DCSD is hosting a discussion with Scarlett Lewis of the Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement. All members of the community are invited to attend. More specific details and RSVP information is [here](#). As I have previously shared, I highly recommend attending and learning.
- [PTSA Meeting: Wednesday \(5.15.19\) @ 7 PM](#)
- [GRADE 8 FAMILIES: Wednesday \(5.29.19\)](#) - 8th grade students will be participating in a CU4 Reality Fair at WRB during the school day. Students will be exploring a specific career title and a starting salary and then interacting with vendors to develop a living budget. Many thanks to the members of the Service Credit Union and St. Mary's Bank for supporting this experience.
- [PTSA Board Membership 19-20](#) - The PTSA is searching for a President and Secretary for the 19-20 executive board. The group is a huge asset to WRB students and engages in meaningful work. If you have an interest in serving, please contact current PTSA President, [Laura Peterson](#).
- [CTE Summer Camp Opportunities](#) - The Career and Technical Education Department at Pinkerton sponsors summer camps for incoming 7th and 8th graders in the 2019-2020 school year. Tons of selection and interests are represented. Info is [here](#).