**Saturday Session**: February 11, 2012, 9AM-12PM, 58 Science Center (Downstairs in the Science Center)
Other dates: **March 10**, **April 14**, **May 12**, **June 9**. These are important and mandatory for all students; parents are only required to attend the session on June 9th. Meriden bus info: Pick–up’s at Platt **8:15AM**, Train Station **8:25AM**, Burger King (East Main Street) **8:35AM**. Drop-off’s: Burger King 12:30PM, Train Station 12:40PM and Platt High School 12:50PM.

**Summer Program Dates**: Tentative dates for the 2012 Summer Program are June 25th – August 2nd. Snow days and other school closings may change this slightly. Please plan vacations accordingly. Students may not miss more than 3 days of the summer program.

**Let’s Get Ready!** SAT Prep Classes for juniors begin in February and run through the first Saturday in May, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:15-8:45PM. Make any necessary arrangements with work, community service and other activities so that you will not have conflicts. See enclosed information for details and registration link.

**TRiO Day**: Sophomores and juniors are eligible to participate in TRiO Day, sophomores, juniors and seniors are also eligible to be on the host committee (same application, extra essay) which will be held on February 23-24 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell. Students participate in college tours, workshops, a college fair and other activities at this fantastic event.

**FAFSA**: Seniors and parents, FAFSA deadlines are coming up. For most students, February 1 is the target date for completion. You can complete the FAFSA in January using the 2010 tax information and update it as soon as your 2011 taxes are done. We are available to work with families to complete the FAFSA now. Please call to schedule an appointment. Call (860) 685-2970 ask for Ronnie or Jenn.

**Tutors**: Tutors are available by appointment. Please call the office at (860) 685-2970 to schedule sessions. Tutors are not just for people who are struggling, although they really help in that situation, they are for strong students to help you improve and learn new study skills, challenge your ideas, learn about college from those there now and have a partner in the grind of all that work. You never know what opportunities it could open up for you.

**9th Grade Meetings**: Will be held after school on Monday February 6th, February 13th, and February 27th. If you are unsure about where to go, transportation or what to do if you are an athlete in season, call or email Ronnie or Jenn.
**Leadership Conference:** The Spring CT Student Leadership Conference will be held at Wesleyan on March 16\textsuperscript{th} and 17\textsuperscript{th}. Applications are included in this mailing. Please return them to the UB box at your school or fax them to the office, email them to Ronnie or Jenn or mail them to the office. Students may apply as a participant, workshop facilitator or host committee member. See application for details. This event is open to all students. You must have participated in a previous leadership conference to serve on the host committee.

**Course Selection:** As you select your courses for next year, please remember the following information. A college prep curriculum consists of 4 years of each of the core 5 subjects: English, Math, Science, Social Studies or History and Foreign Language. There may be some variation due to a particular talent in the arts, computers or a love of science or math, language, etc. however, any core class removed must be replaced with a suitable academic or elective. There is no such thing as a senior slide year and no reason to finish early because you have enough credits. Remember the requirements to graduate are not the same as the requirements to go to college. Also, the entrance requirements for community colleges are not the same as the entrance requirements for bachelors programs. Financial aid, SAT scores, and admission to your desired school are all tied to achieving a certain level of academic knowledge and skill. Use your high school curriculum to the fullest. You will be a more attractive candidate for admission and scholarships and grants and you will be less likely to need remedial classes in college. Remedial classes cost the same amount as credit classes but do not count towards college graduation. You could end up paying to learn information you should have learned in high school for free! We will talk about course selection at the Saturday Session in February.

**Any questions?** Call the office (860) 685-2970 or email Ronnie at rhendrix@wesleyan.edu or Jenn at jbuckley@wesleyan.edu.