

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Calendar

**April 21 (Rescheduled):**  
Junior Career Forum

**April 25 - 26**  
Accuplacer at OHS  
(for registered seniors)

**April 25:**  
NCA College Fair  
Hofstra University, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

**April 26:**  
Teens on the Job Day  
(Selected 10th Graders)

**May 1 - 12:**  
AP Testing

**May 15:**  
H.O.L.L.E.R.  
Molloy College, 6 - 9 pm

**May 18:**  
Alumni College Experience  
HS Little Theater, 7 pm

**SAT Test Dates:**  
5/6/17, 4/7/17 Deadline  
6/3/17, 5/9/17 Deadline

**ACT Test Dates:**  
\*4/8/17, Deadline Past  
6/10/17, 5/5/17 Deadline  
\*OHS is now a test site for this ACT



**OHS Sailors**

### **REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES**

Review Classes for the June Regents Examinations will begin shortly and will continue through the middle of June. These supplementary sessions provide excellent support for students. A schedule of review class times will be emailed home and posted on the high school website. All students are encouraged to attend.

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS**

Advanced Placement Tests are scheduled to take place during regular school hours for the weeks of May 1 - 5 and May 8 - 12.

### **HOMEBOUND POLICY**

In order to qualify for homebound instruction, a student must be absent for more than three consecutive days. Parents should call the homebound office (#594-2360) and submit or fax (#678-4757) a doctor's note stating the diagnosis and anticipated dates out of school in order to start the process.

### **SAT II - SUBJECT TESTS**

These tests are best taken at the end of a specific course such as biology, chemistry, or history. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are doing well in these subjects may wish to take these exams. Registration for these exams can be done on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). See your counselor and subject teachers for more information.

### **NASSAU COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION COLLEGE FAIR**

**April 25, 2017: 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Hofstra University's Mack Sports and Exhibition Complex.** Approximately 300 college representatives will be present to distribute literature and information about their institutions. In addition, students will have opportunities to attend workshops on Financial Aid, College Admissions, Student Athletes & the NCAA, Students with Special Needs, and the "Selective College" Application Process. Students can preregister at [www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com).

### **H.O.L.L.E.R. COLLEGE FAIR**

**May 15, 2017: 6 pm at Molloy College.** This year's Consortium College Fair will be held at Molloy College. Parents and students are invited to attend. H.O.L.L.E.R. provides an opportunity to meet with college representatives from approximately 40 colleges and gain valuable information about the college search and application process. H.O.L.L.E.R. was designed to provide Oceanside residents and our five neighboring districts with a comfortably sized college fair. Mark your calendar for this beneficial program.

**APRIL 2017**

# CLASS NOTES

## TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

At this time of year, families are considering post graduation options. Please have your child inform his or her guidance counselor of his/her college decisions. A copy of each college response must be given to counselors. If you have any questions concerning college letters, please contact your child's counselor.

**Financial Aid:** If you have not already completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CSS Profile (if required) forms, we urge you to do so as soon as possible. The FAFSA can be completed on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Oceanside District Scholarship:** Procedures have been outlined for those interested in applying for the need-based Oceanside District Scholarship. Students should obtain an application from Mrs. Aiello in S-103A. Anyone that completes the FAFSA form is eligible to apply for this scholarship. ***The deadline is April 21, 2017.***

**Graduation Requirements:** Students are reminded to meet with their counselors to review graduation requirements. All requirements for graduation must be successfully completed by the last day of classes in June in order for students to participate in the graduation ceremony.

**Accuplacer:** Students who plan on attending Nassau Community College are required to sit for the Accuplacer prior to registering for courses. The purpose of these placement exams is to determine whether or not a student requires remedial coursework upon entrance to NCC. We have been offering after-school workshops to help students prepare for these exams. Math Review has been/is on Tuesdays: 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4 and Wednesday 4/19 in Room N119 and English Review has been/is on Thursdays: 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/20 in Room S117, from 2:45pm-3:30pm. These workshops focus on preparing students to be successful on the official NCC placement exam, which will be administered by NCC at OHS on April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Students must see Mrs. Raymond in the Guidance Office (S111A) to sign-up to take the Accuplacer on one of these two dates.

**NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Incentive Program:** The NYS STEM Incentive Program provides a full SUNY tuition scholarship to the top 10 percent of students in each NYS high school if they pursue a STEM degree in an associate's or bachelor's degree program and agree to live in NYS and work in a STEM field in NYS for five years after graduation.

### Eligibility

An applicant must:

- be a NYS resident and have resided in NYS for 12 continuous months prior to the beginning of the fall college term;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- be a high school senior/recent high school graduate who will be enrolled full time at a SUNY or CUNY college, including community colleges and the statutory colleges at Cornell University and Alfred University, beginning in the fall term following his or her high school graduation;
- be ranked in the top 10 percent of his/her high school graduating class at a NYS high school;
- be matriculated in an approved undergraduate program leading to a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics at a SUNY or CUNY college;
- earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher each term after the first semester;
- execute a Service Contract agreeing to reside and work in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics in NYS for five years.

Visit the following website for more information about this program:

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/nys-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-stem-incentive-program.html>

Please contact the HESC Scholarship Unit at [scholarships@hesc.ny.gov](mailto:scholarships@hesc.ny.gov) (email) or # 888-697-4372 with questions about this Program. See your guidance counselor for more information and to help determine eligibility.

**Visit our website: [www.oceansideschools.org/7hs/guidance/guidance\\_resources.htm](http://www.oceansideschools.org/7hs/guidance/guidance_resources.htm)**

# **CLASS NOTES**

## **ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS**

**SAT Testing / ACT Testing:** All juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT during their spring semester. Review test dates and registration deadlines carefully. SAT and ACT registration booklets and practice tests are available in the guidance office. Registration for the SAT and/or ACT can be done by mail or on-line: **SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)** and/or **ACT: [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)**. The Oceanside School Code is **334270**. Students with special needs must apply for accommodations separately (see counselor for more info.). The SAT test fee is \$43 (\$54.50 with essay). The ACT test fee is \$39.50 (\$56.50 with the optional writing section). *Oceanside High School is now a test site for the April 8th ACT.*

**Reminder:** Free SAT and ACT online preparation is being offered to all OHS students through their Castle Learning accounts. Students can log on to Castle Learning and click on "Method Test Prep - Online SAT/ACT Preparation" to access this valuable resource for our students. Consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity for additional test preparation.

**Post-High School Planning:** Once your child has completed and submitted the College Search Worksheet and Resume on Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>), an appointment should be scheduled with your child and his/her counselor. The completed Worksheet and Resume must be handed in at least three school days prior to the requested appointment date. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting, which should be scheduled ASAP!

**College Visitations/ \*College Fairs:** Many colleges and universities host Open Houses on their campus for prospective students and their families. Beginning in the fall, numerous college representatives will be visiting our high school to meet with interested prospective students. College Fairs are also wonderful resources to obtain information about colleges, network with admissions counselors and attend workshops on various topics. Students can preregister at [www.gotocollegefairs.com](http://www.gotocollegefairs.com) and print out a bar-coded pass beforehand so that they no longer have to fill out contact cards while there.

\* See the front page of this Newsletter for information about the upcoming **NCA** and **HOLLER** College Fairs.

**NCAA Requirements:** Student athletes should meet with their counselors, athletic coaches and Mr. Luisi to review eligibility requirements for participation in Division I and II intercollegiate athletics. The certification process starts during a student's junior year. The NCAA eligibility application must be completed on-line at: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). After completing the application, students must obtain and fill out an NCAA transcript release form in the Registrar's Office so that transcripts can be sent to the NCAA for review. Students must also send official test score reports (from the College Board and/or ACT) to the NCAA.

## **NINTH AND TENTH GRADE NEWS**

Parent involvement during the high school years is essential for each child's success. The counseling department suggests that parents review homework assignments and notebook organization on a regular basis. Studying with your child and regular teacher contact are also recommended at this level.

Students who are experiencing academic difficulties should see their teacher at least one time per week for extra help. Parents can provide additional structure by requesting weekly progress reports.