

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Calendar

February 6:
Report Cards Available

February 15:
Junior Conferences Begin

March 9:
Progress Reports

March 10:
Junior Career Forum

SAT Test Dates:
*3/11/17, 2/10/17 Deadline
5/6/17, 4/7/17 Deadline
6/3/17, 5/9/17 Deadline
*OHS is not a test site for March

ACT Test Dates:
*4/8/17, 3/3/17 Deadline
6/10/17, 5/5/17 Deadline
*OHS is now a test site for this ACT

OHS Sailors



COURSE SELECTION 2017-2018

(Grades 9 - 11)

The course selection process for the 2017-2018 school year is in progress with an emphasis on meeting all high school graduation requirements. Advisement and approvals for course selection will continue through February 10th. We strongly urge parental involvement in the scheduling process. A listing of course selections will be posted to the campus backpack on the parent portal for your review. Please print and sign your child's course selection sheet and return it to the counseling department by February 16th. Feel free to contact your child's counselor if you have any questions.

AP Registration

(Grades 10 - 12) AP Exams are scheduled to take place during regular school hours during the weeks of May 1 - 5 and May 8 - 12. The district will pay for all AP Exams administered. Therefore, students do not need to register for exams - they will automatically be signed up if they are enrolled in an AP course. A student who is not enrolled in an AP course, but wishes to challenge an AP Exam, should speak with his/her teacher, acquire the appropriate form, speak with and acquire the signature of the supervisor of the appropriate department and return the form to Mrs. Mazun by March 1, 2017 so that a test can be ordered for him/her. Students in AP courses recently received the informational brochure published by the College Board along with other information regarding our testing locations and procedures. Your child's teacher should be able to answer most questions or you can contact Mrs. Mazun at 678-7531.

SAT II - Subject Tests

These tests are best taken upon completion of a subject such as biology, chemistry or history. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are doing well in a particular subject area may wish to take these exams, which some competitive colleges and universities recommend or require as part of their admission process. Students can register online at:

www.collegeboard.com.

See your counselor and teachers for more information.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

H.O.L.L.E.R.

H.O.L.L.E.R. is an annual college fair that our district hosts in conjunction with our neighboring school districts (Hewlett, Lynbrook, Lawrence, East Rockaway and Rockville Centre). It will be held on May 15, 2017 at Molloy College. Save the date!

(More information will follow)

FEBRUARY 2017

CLASS NOTES

TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

College acceptance letters are arriving! Students *must* update Naviance with all decisions and bring a copy of each college letter, both acceptances and denials, to their counselor who needs this information for our statistical records.

Graduation Requirements: Seniors need to carefully review their spring programs in order to ensure that they are in compliance with graduation requirements. Students must attend a minimum of 5 credit-bearing classes plus physical education and Personal Finance (if not taken already). All academic and physical education requirements must be completed prior to the graduation ceremony in June. Counselors are available to review transcripts and programs with all Seniors.

- Diploma order forms are posted on the parent portal in the campus backpack. Any corrections must be returned to the Registrar's Office by February 17, 2017.

Scholarships: Please continue to review scholarship materials that are posted on Naviance. Spring deadlines are approaching. The **Oceanside District Scholarship** is now available. The scholarship is based primarily on financial need and you must have your social security number to apply. Sign up with Mrs. Aiello in Room S103. The deadline to apply for the Oceanside District Scholarship is April 21, 2017.

Financial Aid: FAFSA forms are available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please apply as soon as possible to ensure a prompt response from the colleges of your choice. Check individual college websites for school specific FAFSA filing priority deadlines.

ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Beginning February 15, counselors will be meeting with students and their families to discuss post-high school planning. Students must complete, and submit to their counselor, a College Search Worksheet and Resume (found online at Naviance - <http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>) before individual junior conferences can be scheduled. There is an optional Parent Brag Sheet that students can download as well so that parents can provide feedback to counselors to assist with post-secondary planning.

SAT Testing / ACT Testing: Mark your calendars for the upcoming spring test dates and deadlines.

All Juniors are encouraged to take the March, May or June SAT and/or the April or June ACT. Students are *required* to provide a photo to register for all SAT, SAT II and ACT exams. The ACT Assessment Test can be taken in place of, or in addition to, the SAT for most colleges. In addition to English, math and writing, the ACT tests science reasoning and reading comprehension. Oceanside High School is now a test site for the April ACT. Students who have questions regarding obtaining testing modifications for the SAT and/or ACT should see their counselor as soon as possible.

Students can register online at www.collegeboard.com & www.actstudent.org

Career Forum: Juniors who participate on March 10, Periods 1 and 2, will be exposed to career information from a variety of professionals. Sponsored by our District Professional Advisory Board, comprehensive information will be presented. If parents wish to share their expertise about a particular career, or if they have any questions, contact Mrs. Melillo at 678-7540.

NINTH and TENTH GRADE NEWS

Second Semester: It is important for **all ninth and tenth grade students to continue to refine their organizational and study skills.** **Parental 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 keeping in contact with his/her teachers is 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 monitor their child and provide additional structure by requesting weekly progress reports and checking the parent portal.

Clubs/Sports: Extracurricular activities afford students an opportunity to enhance their interests and become involved in their school and community. The Oceanside High School web page provides information on the meeting times and locations of clubs and sports. Please encourage your child to participate. Clubs are open to new members throughout the year.

Teens on The Job: Tenth grade students will be hearing more information about this optional job shadow opportunity which takes place on April 26.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Many colleges offer summer programs for high school students. These include college credit programs, enrichment courses and SAT preparation. Counselors are available to assist students with obtaining information about these programs.

Visit our website: www.oceansideschools.org/7hs/guidance/guidance_resources.htm