

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Calendar

March 9:
Progress Reports

March 10:
Junior Career Forum

March 26:
NACAC College Fair
Javits Center, NYC, 11am-4pm

March 27:
3rd Marking Period Ends

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

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

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

SAT Test Dates:

***3/11/17, Deadline Past**
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

Progress Reports / Report Cards: Third quarter progress reports will be available on March 9. Please review the report with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teacher(s) involved. March 27 marks the end of the third marking period. Report cards will be available on April 5.

Regents Exam Preparation: You will soon receive notification of the evening review schedule for June Regents Examinations. Regents review classes will be offered this spring. These supplementary sessions provide excellent support and encouragement for our students. Review the schedule and take advantage of these preparatory classes.

Course Selection 2017-2018: (Grades 9-11) Programming for next year has been completed. Parents/Guardians should carefully review their child's course selections, print and sign the form found on the parent portal, and have their child return it to the Guidance Office no later than March 1. Course selection confirmations will be provided in June and official schedules will be available in late August.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association

Many college sports are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and financial aid. The NCAA has three membership divisions - Division I, Division II and Division III. If students plan to enroll in college as a freshmen and wish to participate in Division I or Division II sports, they must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. Coaches, Mr. Luisi and Guidance Counselors are available to assist students with the process. The Clearinghouse will analyze a student's academic information (transcript and standardized test scores - either SAT I or ACT) to determine if they meet NCAA initial eligibility requirements:

Core Courses: 16 core courses are required for both NCAA Div. I and NCAA Div. II.

Test Scores: Div. I has a sliding scale for test score and grade point average (GPA). Div. II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 (critical reading and math only—writing section is not used) or an ACT sum score of 68 (sum of English, Math, Reading and Science). Beginning 8/1/18, Div. II will also use a sliding scale to match test scores and GPA.

Grade Point Average: Only core courses are used in the calculation of GPA. Students must look at OHS's list of NCAA approved core courses on the clearinghouse web site (www.eligibilitycenter.org) to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses.

• For more information about the NCAA, its rules and eligibility requirements, please visit the NCAA web site: **www.ncaa.org**. Eligibility applications must be completed on-line at: **www.eligibilitycenter.org**. After applying online, students must fill out a transcript release form in the Registrar's Office and send official test score reports (from the College Board and/or ACT) to the NCAA.



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CLASS NOTES

TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

At this time of year, families are considering post graduation options. Please have your child bring a copy of each college decision letter to his/her guidance counselor. This will ensure accurate information for our statistics and commencement booklet. If you have any questions concerning college letters, please contact your child's counselor.

College acceptances are contingent on the successful completion of courses in progress in the senior year. If a student changed their schedule mid-year, they must communicate those changes to the colleges to which they have applied. An acceptance offer may be revoked if a student's final report card shows a major decline in grades. It is important for seniors to continue to comply with all regulations to meet graduation requirements.

Financial Aid: If you have not filed your FAFSA form yet, please do so as soon as possible. FAFSA forms are available on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Oceanside District Scholarship: This scholarship is available to Oceanside High School students and is based solely on economic need. Those students who want to be considered must file their FAFSA form and submit their names and Social Security numbers to Mrs. Aiello in room S103A. The Deadline for filing is April 21, 2017.

ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

The guidance department continues to meet with students and their families to discuss post-high school planning. Students must complete a College Search Worksheet and Resume (that can be found online on Naviance - <http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>) before individual conferences can be scheduled. The college search and application process will be discussed at this important meeting, which all parents are encouraged to attend.

Career Forum - March 10: All juniors were invited to participate in the Career Forum on March 10, Periods 1 & 2. Sponsored by our District Professional Advisory Board, students who participate will be exposed to comprehensive career information from a variety of professionals.

Annual Spring College Expo - April 24: Nassau Counselors' Association's Annual Spring College Expo will take place from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Hofstra University's Mack Sports Complex. The Expo will provide an opportunity for students to network with representatives from 300 colleges and attend workshops on Financial Aid, College Admissions, Student Athletes & the NCAA, Students with Special Needs, and the "Selective College" Application Process.

H.O.L.L.E.R. College Night - May 15: This year's Consortium College Night will be held at Molloy College from 6 pm - 9 pm. Parents and students are invited to attend. College Night 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.

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 practice tests are available in the Guidance Office. Registration for the SAT and/or ACT can be done on-line: (collegeboard.com and/or actstudent.org). Students with special needs must apply for accommodations separately (see counselor for more information).

TENTH GRADE NEWS

Tenth grade students may apply to participate in the annual Teens on the Job Shadow Day program. Applications are due by March 24. Spots are filled on a first come / first served basis. On April 26, pairs of students will have the opportunity to spend the day shadowing a mentor at their place of business. Some popular sites include our elementary schools, the Nassau County courts, and South Nassau Communities Hospital. For more information, please see your guidance counselor or call Mrs. Melillo at 678-7540.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Many colleges offer summer programs for high school students. These include college credit programs, enrichment courses in specific areas of interest and/or SAT/ACT preparation. There is still time to apply to many of these programs.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Applications for summer Driver Education will be available in the guidance office and are due back no later than Friday, May 19, 2017. The mandatory evening class will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm in the High School Auditorium. Classes are going to start around Wednesday, July 5th and end around Thursday, August 17th (final dates TBA). Classes will be held at Oceanside High School.

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