

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Calendar

### May 1 - 12:

AP Testing

### May 12:

Progress Reports

### May 15:

H.O.L.L.E.R.  
Molloy College 6-9 pm

### May 16:

NUWHE College Tour  
Half Hollow Hills High  
School West, 7 pm

### May 18:

Alumni College Experience  
HS Little Theater, 7 pm

### May 23:

SUNY College Fair  
SUNY Old Westbury 5:30 pm

Exploring College Options  
Melville Marriott, 7 pm

### May 31:

Common App. Workshop  
HS Library Computer Lab (Juniors)

### June 8:

Senior Honor Night  
HS Auditorium, 7 pm

### June 23:

Graduation, 5 pm

### SAT Test Dates:

5/6/17, Deadline Past  
6/3/17, 5/9/17 Deadline

### \*ACT Test Dates:

6/10/17, 5/5/17 Deadline

\*OHS is not a test site for this ACT

## REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES

Regents review classes are being offered during the afternoon and evenings. These supplementary classes provide excellent support and preparation for our students. The regents review schedule is posted on the high school website. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these helpful classes.

## 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. Students with morning exams are required to return to the high school and attend periods 7,8 and 9. Students with afternoon exams are required to attend periods 1,2 and 3 at the high school before coming to the test site. These periods allow the students to have ample time for lunch on the day of an exam.

## Upcoming College Events

**H.O.L.L.E.R.: May 15, 2017: 6 pm at Molloy College.**

This year's Consortium College Fair will be hosted at Molloy College. H.O.L.L.E.R. provides an opportunity for students and parents to meet with college representatives from over 40 colleges and gain valuable information about college admissions and the application process. H.O.L.L.E.R. was designed to provide Oceanside residents, as well as our five neighboring school districts, with a personal, comfortably-sized college fair.

**NUWHE College Tour: May 16, 2017: 7 pm at Half Hollow Hills High School West, Dix Hills.** Admissions representatives from The University of Notre Dame, the University of Virginia, Washington University in St. Louis, Johns Hopkins University, and Emory University will be conducting a student/parent information session regarding their institutions and the application process. Visit [www.thenuwhetour.org](http://www.thenuwhetour.org) for more information and to register.

**Alumni College Experience: May 18, 2017: 7 pm at OHS Little Theater.** Parents and students are invited to meet with recent OHS graduates to hear about their experiences in college. *More information to follow...*

**2017 Spring SUNY College Fair: May 23, 2017: 5:30pm - 8 pm at SUNY Old Westbury, Clark Athletic Center.** Meet with representatives from over 30 different SUNY campuses to discuss academic offerings, student life, financial aid and more. Pre-register at: [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents)

**Exploring College Options: May 23, 2017: 7 pm at Melville Marriott, Melville.** Admissions representatives from Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn and Stanford will be conducting a student/parent information session regarding their institutions and the application process. Visit [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org) for more information and to register.

**MAY 2017**

# CLASS NOTES

## TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

At this time of year, families are considering post graduation options. Please have your child notify his or her counselor of all college admissions decisions, including the college they are planning to attend, and provide them with a copy of each decision letter. Students should complete the "**Graduation Survey**" listed under the "about me" tab on their Naviance homepage. The information provided will ensure accurate information for our statistics and graduation program. It will also assist the Registrar, who must send the final transcript to the selected college. If you have any questions concerning college letters, please contact your child's counselor.

Most colleges require a final decision (deposit) from students by May 1st. Students should notify the schools they have been accepted to whether or not they will be attending.

For more information about the new **Excelsior Scholarship** and **Enhanced Tuition Awards**, visit the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation web site: [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)

**Graduation Requirements:** Students who have questions or concerns about graduation requirements should meet with their counselor. Remember that all requirements for graduation must be completed in June to participate in the commencement ceremony. Daily class attendance is essential in all scheduled classes.

## ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

**Post-High School Planning:** Students should be in the process of exploring their post-high school plans. Counselors are eager and available to help students with this process. Every student, if they haven't done so already, should schedule an appointment with his/her counselor when the College Search Worksheet and Resume (on Naviance) are completed and submitted. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Meetings will continue until the end of May.

**Remember to...**Explore college web-sites and plan college visits. Attend Open Houses when possible. It is important to call ahead to schedule a campus tour and group information session. If an interview is recommended, it may be scheduled during your campus visit or with a local alumnus.

Submit green sheets and teacher evaluation forms to teachers **now!** Comments from the "green sheets" are often incorporated into the counselor's letter of recommendation. These forms are **not** sent to colleges but are an important part of the college application process. The teacher evaluation forms must be provided to teachers who have agreed to write a formal letter of recommendation (to be submitted to colleges) in support of a student's college application. Students should request these letters and then provide the forms to their teachers as soon as possible. "Green sheets" and teacher evaluation forms can be obtained in the guidance office.

Students should be aware that their junior year final grades are extremely important in the admissions process. Both your unweighted and weighted cumulative GPA will be calculated at the end of the academic year. Maintaining good grades can keep doors open for your future!

On **May 31**, Guidance Counselors will be in the HS Library Computer Lab throughout the day to assist Juniors with setting up their Common Application account and to answer questions about navigating the web site and the application process. Students can come during a free or lunch period only.

**NCAA Requirements:** Athletes are reminded to complete the necessary N.C.A.A. Clearinghouse paperwork by the end of Grade 11. Registration must be done on-line. After filing, students must obtain and sign an N.C.A.A. release form in the Guidance Office so that transcripts can be sent to the N.C.A.A. See our guidance department web page or the N.C.A.A. web-site: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for additional information.

## NINTH AND TENTH GRADE NEWS

Ninth grade students are encouraged to attend regents review classes for science and mathematics. Tenth grade students are encouraged to attend regents review classes in mathematics, science and global history. The review sessions will help your child prepare for these rigorous examinations. The class will assist your child with test information, subject content, and organizational skills.

Students who are experiencing academic difficulties should see their teacher at least one time per week for extra help.

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