

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Calendar

October 1:

LI National College Fair
Suffolk Community College
11am-3pm

October 13:

Progress Reports

October 14:

PSAT Administration

October 19:

Last Day to Drop
Full-Year Courses

November 29:

Getting into College Night,
7:00pm (see attached flyer)

Fall SAT Test Dates:

10/7/17, Deadline Past
*11/4/17, 10/5/17 Deadline
*12/2/17, 11/2/17 Deadline

*OHS is not a test site for these
SAT test dates

*Fall ACT Test Dates:

10/28/17, 9/22/17 Deadline
12/9/17, 11/3/17 Deadline

*OHS is not a test site for these
ACT test dates

PSAT Exam

This year, the PSAT will be administered on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The deadline to register has been extended to September 29. The fee to take the exam is \$20. **We strongly encourage all 11th Grade students who plan to attend college to take this exam.** Though 10th Grade students who choose to take the exam do not earn scores that count towards participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program, the PSAT is still an excellent opportunity to begin preparing for the SATs. Look for more information about the PSAT/NMSQT at:

www.collegeboard.org

Oceanside District Scholarship Fund:



OHS Students will be making phone calls to our district residents during our annual Phone-a-thon from October 23-25. Your pledges and donations are needed to help some of our graduating seniors continue their education after high school.



High School Club Fair

The Oceanside High School Club Fair was held on September 14 in the cafeteria. Students who were unable to attend can get information about clubs and activities in the Student Projects Office, located in Room S154. Extracurricular activities afford students an opportunity to expand their interests and enhance their high school experience. Please encourage your child to participate. Clubs are open to new members throughout the school year.

Nurse's Office Procedures:

The importance of providing current emergency phone numbers and contact information cannot be underestimated. Should a student become ill during the school day, the parent or guardian will be contacted and the student will be released to the parent/guardian from the Nurse's Office. At the request of the parent or guardian, alternate transportation arrangements can be made.



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CLASS NOTES

TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

High school transcripts were posted on the parent portal for your review. Any corrections that need to be made should be returned to Guidance by October 6. In addition, a transcript release form needs to be returned, signed by both the student and parent, to the Registrar's Office before applications and/or academic records can be sent out.

All seniors should make appointments with their counselors to discuss post-secondary school plans. College applications cannot be processed until this important meeting is held. NOTE: We highly recommend that college applications be submitted by the end of October. Please submit college application tracking forms ("pink sheets") to the Registrar's Office **at least two weeks** in advance of the application deadline to allow time for processing them.

A schedule of college representatives visiting OHS is posted on Naviance. Students can sign up to meet with these college representatives by logging on to Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>) and clicking the "sign up" link to the left of the listed college. After students sign up, they should stop by the Guidance Office to obtain a pass that can be shown to their teacher. Students who sign up for college information sessions will be sent a reminder via email the day before the visit.

State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) applications are available on-line. Private school applications can be found at the college's individual websites. The Common Application is also accepted and recommended by over 700 colleges (www.commonapp.org). Students should start working on their college applications **now!** Counselors will be available Periods 1-9 in the high school library computer lab on the following days: 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 and 10/26 to assist students with their college applications. Students can come during a free period to receive assistance with setting up their Common App. account, have questions answered, or use the time to independently work on their applications.

Scholarships - A list of scholarships is posted on Naviance. Log on to your account to view available scholarships, which are updated on a regular basis. Scholarship information can also be obtained online at www.fastweb.com. Individual college websites and brochures are also an excellent resource for scholarship and financial aid information.

N.C.A.A. Candidates: College bound student-athletes who are interested in playing Division I or II sports are reminded to meet with their counselors as well as Mr. Luisi to discuss N.C.A.A. eligibility requirements. N.C.A.A. applications must be completed online at: **www.eligibilitycenter.org**. After filing, students must obtain and sign a release form in the Registrar's Office so that official transcripts can be sent to the N.C.A.A.

On-Site Admissions: The following colleges will be coming to Oceanside High School to offer students an opportunity to meet with an admissions representative for on-site admissions:

LIU C.W. Post: 11/1/17

Molloy College: 11/6/17

Hofstra University: 11/9/17

SUNY Farmingdale: 11/21/17

Adelphi University: 11/28/17

St. Johns University: 12/4/17

Nassau Community College: 12/12/17

* More information regarding requirements to participate and procedures will follow...

NINTH GRADE NEWS

Welcome to the incoming class of 2021! We enjoyed meeting and working with all of the ninth grade students who participated in the orientation program in August. As our ninth graders begin their high school careers, the Guidance Department extends a warm welcome and encourages students to make appointments with their counselor whenever they have any questions or concerns. Counselors will be meeting with ninth grade students throughout the school year. The guidance staff is looking forward to working closely with all of our new students in the years to come.

The guidance counselors encourage students to review the student handbook (which can be found on the high school web site) and the important information it contains about Oceanside High School policies and procedures. Careful completion of all homework assignments is essential for academic success. Clubs and service opportunities are also listed on the high school web site. The Student Activities Office (Room S154) can provide the times and locations of the various activities and meetings.

Visit our website: <http://oceansideschools.org/guidance/>

SAT / ACT PREPARATION



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 (castlelearning.com) and click on “Method Test Prep - Online SAT/ACT Preparation” to access this valuable resource.

Method Test Prep allows you to:

- Watch over 500 video explanations
- Read or listen to explanations
- Complete full-length practice tests
- Track students strengths on each test
- Access 24/7 from any web-connected computer
- Utilize a student-guided, weekly practice plan

Consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity for additional test preparation.



Oceanside High School Proudly Presents...

Getting Into College Night

The Down and Dirty About the College Admissions Process



Discover who gets in and why!

Wednesday, November 29th

7 PM, HS Auditorium

Featuring keynote speaker

Peter Van Buskirk

*Author, Motivational Speaker and Former Dean of Admissions
Featured in the Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, USA Today,
Family Circle and "Oprah & Friends" with Jean Chatzky*

Go inside the admission process to learn:

- ◆ Application Strategies - When do Early Decision or Early Action make sense?
- ◆ Cost and affordability factors in the equation
- ◆ Strategies for getting on colleges' "radar screens"
- ◆ The biggest mistakes students make in applying to college