

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Calendar

**November 6:**  
Marking period Ends

**November 16:**  
Armed Forces Day  
Periods 4-6, Main Lobby

**November 17:**  
Report Cards Available

**November 18:**  
SUNY Financial Aid Day  
(Various Locations)  
[www.suny.edu/attend/events/](http://www.suny.edu/attend/events/)

**November 29:**  
Getting into College Night,  
7:00 pm (see attached flyer)

**December 1:**  
10th Grade Interview Day

### Fall SAT Test Dates:

\*11/4/17, Deadline Past  
\*12/2/17, 11/2/17 Deadline

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

### Fall ACT Test Dates:

\*12/9/17, 11/3/17 Deadline

**OHS Sailors**



### Upcoming College Representative Visits:

The following college representatives will be coming to the high school this month:

- Nov. 1: University of Scranton - 2nd Period  
Nov. 2: SUNY Canton - 2nd Period, Washington College- 3rd Period,  
SUNY Brockport - 7th Period, LeMoyne College - 8th Period  
Nov. 3: U Conn - 4th Period, Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Tech - 7th Period  
Nov. 6: Alfred University- 8th Period  
Nov. 8: Rider University - 2nd Period, Seton Hall University - 6th Period  
Nov. 9: Springfield College - 5th Period, LIU Brooklyn - 6th Period  
Nov. 13: Mitchell College - 2nd Period; Nov. 14: Island Drafting & Tech - 3rd Period  
Nov. 19: St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus - 4th Period

Please note: This list is subject to change. Please check Naviance for updates. Students interested in attending these informational sessions should sign up on Naviance and obtain a pass from the Guidance Secretary prior to the date of the visit.

### ON-SITE ADMISSIONS

LIU C.W. Post - Nov. 1 Molloy College - Nov. 6 Hofstra University - Nov. 9  
SUNY Farmingdale - Nov. 21 Adelphi University - Nov. 28  
St. John's University - Dec. 4 Nassau Community College - Dec. 12

\* All required materials must be submitted to Mrs. Roemer in the Registrar's Office at least two weeks prior to the date of the On-Site visit.

### Method Test 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 and click on "Method Test Prep - Online SAT/ACT Preparation" to access this valuable resource. Consider taking advantage of this excellent opportunity for additional test preparation.

### The Armed Services



Representatives from the various military service branches will be visiting the high school on 11/16/17, Periods 4-6. There will be another Armed Forces Day in the spring (date to be determined). Students who are interested in the military should see their guidance counselor.

### Guidance Web Site

The guidance department web page has links to many useful web sites. Information on college applications, scholarships, financial aid, career planning and study skills can be found on our web page.



**NOVEMBER 2017**

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

# CLASS NOTES

## TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

At this time, all students should have met with their counselors for post-high school planning. Students should obtain and submit all of their college applications via the internet or by mail. When requesting that academic records be sent to colleges, students are required to provide the Registrar with a **9x12 addressed envelope with 4 first class stamps**, in addition to a college tracking form (pink sheet), under the following circumstances: when submitting paper applications or when applying to colleges that do not accept electronic submission of academic records. In such cases, do not put a return address on the envelope - the high school address will be printed on the envelope. It is strongly recommended that all applications be submitted by early November and that pink sheets (for both on-line and/or paper applications) be given to the Registrar **at least two weeks** prior to any college deadlines.

Please check the requirements for SAT II Subject Tests for all colleges to which you are applying. Be certain to have the College Board send your official SAT I and SAT II scores to all colleges. ACT scores (for those students who took the test) must be sent officially through ACT.

**Please note:** The December 2nd SAT I and II are NOT offered at Oceanside High School. You may take these exams at local high schools such as Long Beach H.S. and John F. Kennedy H.S. in Bellmore.

Information regarding all SAT services is available online: [www.sat.collegeboard.org/home](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/home)

**N.C.A.A. Candidates:** In order to be eligible to play N.C.A.A. Division I or II sports, you must register with the N.C.A.A. Clearinghouse. Register on-line at the N.C.A.A. web site: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) In addition, you must bring a signed release form to the Registrar's office so that we may send your high school transcript to the Clearinghouse.

## ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Eleventh graders had the opportunity to take the P.S.A.T. on October 14. Eleventh grade students take the exam as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. It is also taken as practice for the SAT which is typically taken for the first time in the winter or spring of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. P.S.A.T. scores will be available online between December 11-13.

## TENTH GRADE NEWS

All tenth grade students will participate in "Interview Day." This annual event, to be held on Dec. 1st affords each student an opportunity to be interviewed by a community member. Each student fills out a job application, develops a resume and practices interview techniques. In addition, every tenth grader is invited to participate in the selective Teens on the Job program. On April 25 2018, approximately 50 students will shadow a professional at their place of business. This is the 23rd year OHS is participating in this program.

P.S.A.T. scores for those tenth graders who took the test in October will be available online between December 11-13.

## NINTH GRADE NEWS

Ninth grade group meetings took place in September. Each student met with his or her guidance counselor to learn about the guidance program at Oceanside High School, to review high school graduation requirements and to follow up on the ninth grade orientation program. Additionally, counselors discussed the importance of becoming involved in extra-curricular activities at the high school.

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

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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

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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