

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Calendar

### January 10:

Elective Fair  
3pm in HS Cafeteria

### January 22 - 26:

Mid-Year Exam Week  
(Refer to OHS website for  
a full schedule of mid-  
term exams)

### January 29:

Second Semester Begins

### February 8:

Report Cards Available

### SAT Test Dates:

\*3/10/18, 2/9/18 Deadline  
5/5/18, 4/6/18 Deadline  
6/2/18, 5/3/18 Deadline

\*OHS is not a test site for this  
SAT test date

### ACT Test Dates:

\*4/14/18, 3/9/18 Deadline  
6/9/18, 5/4/18 Deadline

\*OHS is now a test site for this ACT



**Course Selection 2018-2019:** The Course Offering Guide for the 2018-2019 school year is now available for review. In an effort to reduce the amount of paper that is used to copy this document, it is now available online on the high school web site. Students and parents should review the course guide thoroughly and select electives carefully to ensure appropriate placement for next year. Students may not be able to make changes to their schedules once the new school year begins; therefore it is imperative that students give **serious** consideration to the electives they choose. Every student (Grades 9-11) will be assigned an appointment time to meet with his/her counselor to review graduation requirements and to select courses for next year. Appointment times and scheduling worksheets will be posted in the campus backpack on the parent portal. These meetings will take place beginning in January and will continue into February.

**PSAT Scores:** For students who took the PSAT in October, 2017, scores were released by the college board on December 12, 2017. Score reports, along with the test booklets, were distributed to students who took the test on December 18-19 in the HS Lobby. The PSAT score report is a valuable resource to help students with their future test-taking endeavors. If students did not receive their score report, have questions or need assistance interpreting their scores, they should make an appointment to meet with their counselor.

**HOMEBOUND POLICY:** When a student is absent for more than three consecutive days, a doctor's note should be brought to the Counseling Department. Homebound tutoring services may be available if the student is absent for more than three consecutive days due to a documented medical condition.

**EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT:** Students are reminded about the importance of participating in extracurricular activities. Why not join a club or get involved in community service? It is never too late! The winter sports season is in full swing. The spring sports season begins in March. See your counselor, visit the high school web site or go to the Office of Student Activities to obtain a list of clubs and organizations and their meeting times.

**SUMMER PROGRAMS:** Many colleges offer summer programs for high school students. These include college credit programs, enrichment courses in specific areas of interest and SAT preparation. Counselors are available to assist students with obtaining information about these programs.

## JANUARY 2018

# CLASS NOTES

## TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

**Graduation Requirements:** Remember that all graduation requirements must be completed prior to the announced date in June for students to be eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony. Students who have questions should meet with their counselor to review high school graduation requirements.

**College Applications: REMINDER:** Students should obtain and submit all of their college applications via the internet or by mail. If students are submitting paper applications, please remember to provide the Registrar with a **9x12 envelope with 4 first class stamps**, as well as a college tracking form (pink sheet), along with each application. Stamped, addressed envelopes also need to be submitted for colleges that do NOT accept electronic submission of academic records. *Do not* put a return address on the application envelope - the high school address will be printed on the envelope. It is recommended 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.

As students receive decisions from colleges (accept, deny, wait list, defer), a copy of each letter or email **must** be given to his/her counselor. When students make their final decision regarding the college they will attend, they must send a deposit and notify the other colleges to which they have applied. Students who are accepted under *Early Decision* must notify all other colleges to which they have applied and withdraw their applications accordingly.

Remember, the remainder of senior year is important. Many college acceptances are conditional upon the satisfactory completion of senior courses as listed on the transcript. **Mid-year grades will automatically be sent to colleges if a student applied using the Common Application.** Any other mid-year grade requests will require students to complete a request form that is available in the Registrar's Office. For those schools, mid-year grades will be sent either electronically or by mail, depending on how original records were sent out. If records were originally mailed, students must also provide the Registrar with an additional standard letter-sized addressed envelope (with 1 stamp) for each college so that mid-year grades can be mailed.

***Those students who have not yet applied to any colleges should see their counselor immediately.***

**Scholarships:** Procedures have been outlined for those interested in applying for the **Oceanside Scholarship Fund Scholarship**. This scholarship is based on need only, not on academic merit. Students should obtain an application from Mrs. Aiello in S-103A in February. Anyone filing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is eligible to apply for this scholarship. **Senior Award Night** scholarship applications are due by **January 19, 2018**. In addition, please review the scholarship opportunities that are posted on Naviance.

**Financial Aid:** If not done already, the FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible. The various Financial Aid Offices at local colleges can be utilized as a resource for families with questions about the form and/or the application process. The FAFSA can be found on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will also find links to additional resources on this website. Remember, you may also need to complete the C.S.S. Profile if the colleges you applied to require it. You can access this form at the following web-site: [css.collegeboard.org](http://css.collegeboard.org).

## ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

**Junior Groups:** Counselors met with each junior in small groups between December 4th - 8th. Counselors reviewed how to interpret PSAT scores and how to prepare for the SAT and/or ACT, which most students will take for the first time in the spring of junior year. In addition, important information was discussed concerning a College Search Worksheet and Resume found in Naviance, a computer based college and career planning resource, that **must be completed** prior to setting up individualized Junior Conferences which will begin in February. Students were also encouraged to participate in our annual "Career Forum", to be held on 3/23/18. Any parent who would like to share information about their career with a group of 11th grade students from 7:50-9:20am on 3/23/18 can contact Mr. Carbonetti at #678-7540. Please discuss the above meeting with your child. **Any student who missed this important meeting or does not remember how to access their Naviance account should see their counselor immediately.**