

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Calendar

February 10:

Career Forum, Period 2
11th Grade Students Only

February 13:

Spring Club Fair
2:35 pm, HS Cafeteria

February 20 - 24:

Winter Recess

February 29:

Getting Into College Night
7:30 pm - HS Auditorium

March 12:

Progress Reports

March 30:

3rd Marking Period Ends

SAT Test Dates:

***3/10/12, 2/10/12 Deadline**

5/5/12, 4/6/12 Deadline

6/2/12, 5/8/12 Deadline

*OHS is not a test site for March

***ACT Test Dates:**

4/14/12, 3/9/12 Deadline

6/9/12, 5/4/12 Deadline

*OHS is not a test site for ACT

OHS Sailors



COURSE SELECTION 2012-2013

(Grades 9 - 11)

The course selection process for the 2012-2013 school year is in progress with an emphasis on meeting all high school graduation requirements. Advisement and approvals for course selection will continue through February. We strongly urge parental involvement in the scheduling process. Copies of student selections were or will be provided to students after they meet with their counselor. Please sign your child's final course selection sheet and return it to the counseling department by February 17th. Feel free to contact your child's counselor if you have any questions.

AP Registration

(Grades 10 - 12) AP Exams are scheduled to take place during regular school hours during the weeks of May 7 - 11 and May 14 - 18. The district will pay for all AP Exams administered. Therefore, students do not need to register for exams - they will automatically be signed up if they are enrolled in an AP course. A student who is not enrolled in an AP course, but wishes to challenge an AP Exam, should speak with his/her teacher, acquire the appropriate form, speak with and acquire the signature of the supervisor of the appropriate department and return the form to Dr. Wayne by March 31, 2012 so that a test can be ordered for him/her. Students in AP courses will soon be receiving the informational brochure published by the College Board along with other information regarding our testing locations and procedures. Your child's teacher should be able to answer most questions or you can contact Dr. Wayne at 678-8571.

SAT II - Subject Tests

These tests are best taken upon completion of a subject such as biology, chemistry or history. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are doing well in a particular subject area may wish to take these exams, which some competitive colleges and universities recommend or require as part of their admission selection process. Students can pick up registration packets in the guidance office or register online at:

www.collegeboard.com

See your counselor and teachers for more information.

H.O.L.L.E.R.

H.O.L.L.E.R. is an annual college fair that our district hosts in conjunction with our neighboring school districts (Hewlett, Lynbrook, Lawrence, East Rockaway and Rockville Centre). It will be held on May 14, 2012 at Molloy College. Save the date!

(More information will follow)

FEBRUARY 2012

CLASS NOTES

TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

College acceptance letters are arriving! Students *must* bring a copy of each college letter, both acceptances and denials, to their counselor who needs this information for our statistical records.

Graduation Requirements: Seniors need to carefully review their spring programs in order to ensure that they are in compliance with graduation requirements. Students must attend a minimum of 5 credit-bearing classes plus physical education and Personal Finance (if not taken already). All academic and physical education requirements must be completed prior to the graduation ceremony in June. Counselors are available to review transcripts and programs with all Seniors.

Scholarships: Please continue to review scholarship materials that are posted on our website and on the kiosk in the South Wing near the Office of Student Activities. Spring deadlines are approaching. The **Oceanside District Scholarship** is now available. The scholarship is based primarily on financial need and you must have your social security number to apply. Sign up with Mrs. Aiello in Room S103. The deadline is April 16, 2012.

Financial Aid: FAFSA forms are available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please apply as soon as possible to ensure a prompt response from the colleges of your choice.

- To obtain information and/or register for any SUNY Statewide Student Financial Aid Day program (to be held on 2/11/12 at various SUNY campuses), visit the website: www.suny.edu/studentevents or call 1-800-342-3811.
- NYS Higher Education Services Corp. (HESC) offers live help to students and parents who have questions about completing the FAFSA on Tues. & Thurs. from 12pm to 5pm through February 28th: FAFSA Hotline –1-800-808-1790

ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Beginning March 1st, counselors will be meeting with students and their families to discuss post-high school planning. Students must complete, and submit to their counselor, a Personality Type Inventory, a College Search Worksheet and Resume (found online at Naviance - <http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>) before individual conferences can be scheduled.

Getting Into College Night: To be held on February 29 at 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. William Shain, a professional college consultant, will be our guest speaker. Please plan to join us for this informative program.

SAT Testing / ACT Testing: Mark your calendars for the upcoming spring test dates and deadlines.

All juniors are encouraged to take the March, May or June SAT. The ACT Assessment Test can be taken in place of, or in addition to, the SAT for most colleges. In addition to verbal, math and writing, the ACT tests science reasoning and reading comprehension. All students that are entitled to testing modifications should see their counselor as soon as possible.

Students can pick up registration packets in the guidance office or can register online at www.collegeboard.com & www.actstudent.org

Career Forum: Juniors who participate on February 10, Period 2, will be exposed to career information from a variety of professionals. Sponsored by our District Professional Advisory Board, comprehensive information will be presented. If parents wish to share their expertise about a particular career, or if they have any questions, contact Mrs. Melillo at 678-7540.

NINTH and TENTH GRADE NEWS

Second Semester: It is essential for all ninth and tenth grade students to continue to refine their organizational and study skills. The counseling department recommends that each student use his or her agenda book regularly. Parental involvement during the high school years is essential for each child's success. The counseling department suggests that parents review homework assignments and notebook organization on a regular basis. Studying with your child and keeping in contact with his/her teachers is also recommended at this level.

Students who are experiencing academic difficulties should see their teacher at least one time per week for extra help. Parents can monitor their child and provide additional structure by requesting weekly progress reports.

Clubs/Sports: Extracurricular activities afford students an opportunity to enhance their interests and become involved in their school and community. The Oceanside High School web page provides information on the times and locations of clubs and sports. Please encourage your child to participate. Clubs are open to new members throughout the year. A spring club fair will be held on 2/13/12 after school in the cafeteria.

Ninth Grade Groups: Counselors met with all ninth grade students in small groups during the first week of January. The course selection and scheduling process were discussed and graduation requirements for both the Regents and Advanced Regents Diplomas were reviewed.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Many colleges offer summer programs for HS students. These include college credit programs, enrichment courses and SAT preparation. Visit the guidance website for an updated list of colleges and universities that offer summer programs for high school students. Information will also be posted on the bulletin board near the guidance office.

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