

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

### GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



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## Calendar

**November 10:**  
Marking Period Ends

**November 13:**  
Special Ed. College Fair  
Vincent Smith School  
Port Washington, NY  
365-4900  
Noon - 3:00 pm

**November 19:**  
Latino College Fair  
Fordham University  
518-436-4781 x23  
10:30 am - 3:45 pm

**December 2:**  
Career Awareness Day

**December 3:**  
Kaplan Practice SAT

**December 14:**  
Financial Aid Night  
HS Auditorium, 7:30 pm

**December 15:**  
Quarter 2 Progress Reports

**Fall SAT Test Dates:**  
11/5/11, Deadline Past  
\*12/3/11, 11/8/11 Deadline  
\*1/28/12, 12/30/11 Deadline  
\*OHS is not a test site for these SAT test dates

**\*Fall ACT Test Dates:**  
12/10/11, 11/4/11 Deadline  
\*OHS is not a test site for ACT

### Upcoming College Representative Visits:

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

Nov. 3: Wagner College - 8:35 a.m.

Nov. 3: Sacred Heart University - 9:24 a.m.

Nov. 7: SUNY Delhi - 10:09 a.m.

Nov. 9: SUNY Geneseo - 9:24 a.m.

Nov. 9: Manhattanville College - 10:09 a.m.

Nov. 16: York College of Pennsylvania - 10:09 a.m.

Nov. 16: SUNY Stony Brook - 11:39 a.m..

Nov. 23: Utica College - 9:24 a.m.

Please note: This list is subject to change. Please check the guidance web page and/or 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.

### Kaplan Test Preparation

Through our partnership with Kaplan Test Prep, **free** SAT and ACT online preparation is being offered to all OHS students - a \$149 value! Please contact Kaplan at 1-646-335-4901 for more information. To activate your free account, you will need one of the following promotion codes:

For SAT: **SATBTS711**; For ACT: **ACTBTS711**

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

### The Armed Services



The military is well-represented here at Oceanside High School with occasional visits that provide students with information about the services. Each spring, a day is set aside for all the services to visit the high school and participate in Armed Services Day. More information will follow. 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.



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*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. If students are submitting paper applications, please remember to provide the Registrar with a **10x13 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 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 3rd SAT I and II are NOT offered at Oceanside High School. You may take these exams at local high schools such as Freeport H.S. and South Side H.S. in Rockville Centre. Information regarding all SAT services is listed in the SAT registration booklet or is available online.

**REMINDER:** Please check the guidance department website regularly for important and timely information, including the dates and times that college admissions representatives will be visiting. Also, don't forget **Financial Aid Night** -12/14/11 - 7:30 pm at the high school. Dr. Jacquelyn Nealon, Vice President of Enrollment at NYIT, will present an overview of scholarships and the financial aid process as well as detailed information on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (F.A.F.S.A.).

**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. You may register on-line at the N.C.A.A. web site. 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. Visit **www.eligibilitycenter.org** for additional information.

## **ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS**

Eleventh Graders had the opportunity to take the P.S.A.T. on October 15. 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 spring of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. P.S.A.T. scores are usually returned in early December. **On 12/3/11, Kaplan Test Prep will be offering an opportunity to Juniors, at no charge, to take a practice test for the SAT I at OHS.** More information will be sent home shortly.

## **TENTH GRADE NEWS**

All 10th grade students will participate in "Career Awareness Day." Our annual event, to be held on Dec.2, affords each student an opportunity to be interviewed by a community member. Each student fills out a job application/resume and practices interview techniques. In addition, every 10th grader is invited to participate in the selective Teens on the Job program. On April 25, 2012, approximately 50 students will shadow a person at their place of business. This is the 17th year OHS is participating in this program. P.S.A.T. scores for those 10th graders who took the test in October will be sent home in early December.

## **NINTH GRADE NEWS**

Ninth Grade group meetings took place in October. Each student met with his or her guidance counselor to learn about the guidance program at Oceanside High School 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.