

# GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

## OCEANSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Calendar

### October 2:

**LI National College Fair**  
Nassau Coliseum, 11am-4pm

### October 15:

**PSAT Administration**

### October 18:

**Last Day to Drop  
Full-Year Courses**

### November 10:

**Marking Period Ends**

### Fall SAT Test Dates:

10/1/11, Deadline Past  
11/5/11, 10/7/11 Deadline  
\*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:

10/22/11, Deadline Past  
12/10/11, 11/4/11 Deadline

\*OHS is not a test site for ACT

OHS Sailors



## PSAT Exam

The PSAT will be administered on Saturday, October 15, 2011. The fee to take the exam is \$20. Students who missed the deadline to register for the PSAT and who still wish to take it can contact Mr. Sloan in the Guidance Office.

***We recommend that all Juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT*** (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to become eligible for scholarships and academic recognition, to see how their academic skills compare with other college-bound students, and to help prepare for the SAT I. Look for more information about the PSAT/NMSQT at:

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### Oceanside District Scholarship Fund:



OHS Students will be making phone calls to our district residents during our annual Phone-a-thon from October 24-26. 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 20 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

Copies of high school transcripts were mailed home. Students and their parents/guardians were asked to check them for accuracy and return those with any corrections that need to be made by October 3. In addition, a signed transcript release form needs to be returned to either the Guidance or 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 November 1st. Please submit applications 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 the guidance web site as well as on Naviance. Students should sign up to meet with these college representatives by logging on to Naviance (<http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside>). An updated list of the college representatives who will be visiting us this Fall is posted. If you are interested in attending any of these visits click on the "sign up" link to the left of the listed college. After you sign up, stop by the guidance office to obtain a pass that you can show your teacher. Students who sign up for college information sessions on Naviance 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 must be requested by the student directly from the individual colleges or downloaded from the internet at the college's web site. The Common Application is also accepted and recommended by over 400 colleges ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)). Students should start obtaining college applications and begin working on them **now**.

Scholarships - Scholarship bulletins will be posted on the guidance web site each month. Scholarship information can also be obtained online at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com). Individual college catalogues 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 to discuss N.C.A.A. eligibility requirements. N.C.A.A. applications must be completed online at: **[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)**. 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.

## NINTH GRADE NEWS

Welcome to the incoming class of 2015! We enjoyed meeting and working with all of the ninth grade students who participated in the two-day 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 make use of their agenda books and to review 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 in the agenda book. The Student Projects Office (Room S154) can provide the times and locations of the various activities and meetings.

## NEWS FOR ALL GRADES

Through our partnership with Kaplan Test Prep, **free** PSAT, 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 PSAT: **PSATBTS711**; For SAT: **SATBTS711**; For ACT: **ACTBTS711**

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

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