PSAT Exam

This year, the PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. The fee to take the exam is $20. **We encourage all Sophomores and Juniors to take the PSAT/NMSQT** (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) to become eligible for scholarships and academic recognition (juniors only), 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.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

Oceanside District Scholarship Fund:

OHS Students will be making phone calls to our district residents during our annual Phone-a-thon from October 26-28. 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 16 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.
TWELFTH GRADE NEWS

Copies of high school transcripts were mailed home for your review. Any corrections that need to be made should be returned to Guidance by October 2. 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 October 30. Please submit applications/record requests (“pink sheets”) 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 Naviance. Students can sign up to meet with these college representatives by logging on to Naviance (http://connection.naviance.com/oceanside) and clicking the "sign up" link to the left of the listed college. After students sign up, they should stop by the guidance office to obtain a pass that can be shown to their teacher. Students who sign up for college information sessions 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 can be found at the college’s individual websites. The Common Application is also accepted and recommended by over 600 colleges (www.commonapp.org). Students should start working on their college applications now! Counselors will be available Periods 1-9 in the high school library computer lab on the following days: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15 and 10/22 to assist students with their college applications. Students can come during a free period to receive assistance with setting up their Common App. account, have questions answered, or use the time to independently work on their applications.

Scholarships - Scholarship bulletins will be posted on the guidance website each month. Scholarship information can also be obtained online at www.fastweb.com. Individual college websites and brochures 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 as well as Mr. Luisi to discuss N.C.A.A. eligibility requirements. N.C.A.A. applications must be completed online at: www.eligibilitycenter.org. 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.

On-Site Admissions: The following colleges will be coming to Oceanside High School to offer students an opportunity to meet with admissions representative for on-site admissions:

- LIU C.W. Post: 10/27/15
- Adelphi University: 11/10/15
- SUNY Farmingdale: 12/8/15
- Hofstra University: 11/6/15
- St. Johns University: 11/24/15
- Nassau Community College: 12/15/15

* More information regarding requirements to participate and procedures will follow...

NINTH GRADE NEWS

Welcome to the incoming class of 2019! We enjoyed meeting and working with all of the ninth grade students who participated in the 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 review their agenda books (which can be found on their iPads) and 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 Activities Office (Room S154) can provide the times and locations of the various activities and meetings.

Visit our website: www.oceansideschools.org/7hs/guidance/guidance_resources.htm
SAT / ACT 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 (castlelearning.com) and click on “Method Test Prep - Online SAT/ACT Preparation” to access this valuable resource.

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

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