

Senior Notes

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IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES:

May 1-12	AP Exams (go to www.collegeboard.org for schedule)
May 5	Day of Intent – Wear your school, military, employment attire! During lunches in the Commons
May 25	Graduation Speaker tryouts ~ 2:45-3:45pm in a TBD location
May 26	Final Transcript and Scholarship & Awards form due
May 30	Honor Cord purchasing and Graduation ticket pick up begins during lunch & before school
May 30	Senior Survey Due
June 5	Night of Stars ~ 6:00-7:00 Alumni Reception; 7:00-8:30pm awards program in OHS PAC
June 9	Senior Breakfast ~ OHS Commons, 9:45 am (seniors only)
June 9	Senior Awards Assembly ~ 10:50 am in the Gym
June 13	Baccalaureate ~ Westwood Baptist Church at 6:30 pm *Seniors wear caps & gowns
June 14	Mandatory Graduation Practice ~ 10:00 am @ St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion
June 14	Graduation at St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion * Students arrive at Worthington Center at 5:45pm; doors open at 6:00pm * Ceremony starts at 7:00pm Grad Night Party ~ after graduation; <i>sponsored by Senior parents</i>

Final Transcript Request/Scholarship & Awards Form

Every senior needs to complete the Final Transcript Request/Scholarship & Awards Form now available in the Career Center. You can have your one free final transcript sent to the college of your choice or to your home by filling out this form. Along with sending your final transcript to the college you will be attending next year, we would like to recognize all scholarship and award winners at the Awards Assembly and in the Class of 2017 Commencement Program. So if you have received (and plan to accept) any scholarships from a college or outside organization, please list those on the form. This form is DUE MAY 26, 2017. If you turn in the information after that date, we are unable to guarantee the information will make the print date. [Click here for a copy of the Final Transcript Request/Scholarship & Awards Form](#)

Senior Day of Intent

Friday May 5th is declare your intent during both lunches in the commons! Wear your career or college gear. Join in to be recognized, treated and participate in the “do you know your high school” quiz for prizes!

Graduation Speaker Tryouts

Here's a chance to get in the last word with your classmates! Each year two students are chosen to present brief speeches during the graduation ceremony. Any senior who wishes to be a graduation speaker may try out on Thursday, May 25, after school in Room 109/111. Speeches should be 2 – 3 minutes in length. The graduation ceremony is a festive occasion and often includes guests from throughout the nation so the speech should be positive. Challenges specific to your generation, reflections on the graduating class, etc. are typical subjects. If you are interested in trying out as a Graduation Speaker or would like more information, see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center. Sign-ups

will begin on May 3rd in the Career Center and you must turn a copy of your speech to Mrs. Dale by the start of school on Monday, May 22.

Graduation Speaker Peer Judges

Each year, there are two student graduation speakers. One is selected by OHS staff and the other by their peers. Sign up in the Career Center if you are interested in being a graduation speaker peer judge. Tryouts are on Thursday, May 25, starting at 2:45 in Room 109/111.

Graduation Tickets Required

In order to comply with city fire codes and St. Martin's University regulations, tickets will be **required** of all family and friends attending graduation on Wednesday, June 14. Each graduate will be given 6 free tickets. Tickets will be available to be picked up in the **Career Center** on:

May 30 – during lunches and after school

May 31 – before school and during lunches

June 1, 6, 7 & 8 – before school and during lunches

June 2, 5 & 12 – before and after school and during lunches

SENIORS MUST SHOW PICTURE ID TO PICK UP TICKETS. Tickets can only be given to senior students and cannot be released to family or friends. A limited number of additional tickets will be available the day of graduation if families need extra tickets, but we cannot guarantee how many. Since not all graduates may need all 6 tickets, you are encouraged to inquire about availability from friends and classmates.

Graduation Attire

All students in the graduation ceremony will wear navy blue caps and gowns and a white stole. The only ornamentation allowed will be honor cords, Drama cords, AVID cords and Olympia Scholar medals. Students cannot wear or carry leis or flowers or any other decoration into the ceremony. The graduation cap cannot be decorated. Also, St. Martin's does not allow balloons in the Pavilion.

Honor Cords

Seniors with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA at the end of the seventh semester will have the opportunity to wear an honor cord during the graduation ceremony. Students with a 3.75-4.00 GPA wear gold, students with a 3.50-3.749 wear silver and students with a 3.00-3.499 wear bronze cords. Pay the \$7.00 fee in the ASB office and bring your receipt to Mrs. Dale in the Career Center on the following days:

May 30 – during lunches and after school

May 31 – before school and during lunches

June 1, 6, 7 & 8 – before school and during lunches

June 2, 5 & 12 – before and after school and during lunches

If you are not sure whether you are eligible, see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center.

Night of Stars

The Night of Stars will be on June 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center. This is a night to honor Olympia High School graduates, both past and present. Students receiving OHS Scholarships will be invited to attend, as well as their families. All students and parents are welcome to attend this event.

Awards Assembly

The Awards Assembly will be on June 9th, at 10:50 a.m., in the gym. At this assembly, we will recognize seniors in the areas of memorial and community scholarships, collegiate scholarships,

academic achievement, community service, and leadership. Parents are welcome to come to this assembly.

Senior Walk

This tradition is for seniors who attended OHS feeder elementary schools. It's a walk through the elementary school they attended in their cap & gown; meet at your elementary school at 9:00 am. This is organized by senior parents; no district transportation is provided. Seniors who did not attend a feeder school are still welcome to walk with their friends. Seniors choosing to not walk will attend classes, as usual. We are in need of a parent to coordinate Madison Elementary - all other schools are secured. Please contact Kelli Jackson at adamandkelli@comcast.net if you have questions.

Senior Men

When you turn 18, senior men need to register with the Selective Service system. You can register online at www.sss.gov. You **cannot** receive federal financial aid without being registered.

Baccalaureate Tryouts

CALL FOR STUDENTS TO PERFORM AT BACCALAUREATE

The Senior Baccalaureate will be held at Westwood Baptist Church on Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30pm, with doors opening at 6pm. All are welcome and tickets are not needed. Baccalaureate is a non-denominational spiritual service that allows time to reflect upon senior students' personal growth and achievement. It is often a moving and emotional experience for all attending (bring tissues!). In addition to a few short speeches, the event is filled with musical performances, drama, and readings by students. The ceremony will last from an hour to 1 ¼ hours, with a reception following.

We are planning to have a professional photographer, as Baccalaureate is a great opportunity to take family photos before the craziness of graduation night. (A donation of \$5-\$10 per family is requested for photos. We will use a website or email to get photos to families.)

In addition to having senior students perform at Baccalaureate, we would like to have a senior student serve as emcee/master of ceremonies to introduce speakers and performers during the evening. Students may involve friends and family in their performance. Each performance should be limited to no more than 5 minutes.

Tryouts for performing or emceeing at Baccalaureate will be held in the Orchestra room on

- Wednesday, May 24th from 7:30-8:30am
- Friday, May 26th during Bear Time, 9:30-10:30am

If you would like to tryout, please email Connie Harper at charper@osd.wednet.edu by Friday, May 19th to schedule the date and time.

Grad Night Party Update

Students will load onto the busses in the St. Martin's parking lot about 15 minutes after the graduation ceremony ends. Students will return the next morning for pick-up around 6am and they will have their cell phones and be able to give you a better estimated time of arrival.

Tickets are still on sale: ticket sales are every Friday in May in OHS cafeteria during both lunches. The cost is \$195 per person and includes transportation, two full meals, snacks, prizes, professional entertainment, reserved venues for just our seniors, professional security, & surprises!!! Full & partial scholarships available. Want to sponsor a senior? Your donation is tax deductible - contact Ryan@olympiaconsulting.net

Print Your Vaccination Records from Family Access

This is a reminder to print your vaccination records from Family Access before you graduate and no longer have access. Due to this information being available online, vaccination records are no longer sent home. Most colleges and universities require proof of **immunizations** BEFORE you register for fall classes. Please download/save/print a copy before you graduate!!

Olympia Scholar Award

The top academic honor at Olympia HS is the Olympia Scholar medal, worn at the graduation ceremony. Students with a 3.5 GPA, honors and AP classes, and community or school activities will receive this award at the Awards Assembly on June 9. Seniors who are eligible must have the verification form turned into Mrs. Violette's mailbox in the main office by 9:00 am on Thursday, May 18 2017. [Click here for a copy of the Verification Form.](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are regularly updated on the OHS website.

Go to: <http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/ccenter/seniors/scholarships>

Also, available on this website is a link to each scholarship application that you can print!

Be sure to check often as new scholarships are added frequently!

Careers That Work. \$1000. Graduating students awarded the *Careers That Work!* Scholarship receive a tuition scholarship to pursue an education at a participating private career college in the Northwest. Without the restriction of state borders students are able to select the private career college that meets their career goals in any of the three states (Washington, Oregon, Idaho) that meets their career goals! For more information, visit <http://www.nwcareercolleges.org/scholarships/careers-that-work/>. To be nominated, see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center or send email to cdale@osd.wednet.edu.

IAHA Scholarships: If you would like to be nominated for one of the following scholarships, see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center or send email to cdale@osd.wednet.edu:

International Air & Hospitality Academy – Airline Scholarship \$500

International Air & Hospitality Academy – Hotel, Restaurant & Event Mgr. \$1000

Northwest Culinary Institute – Culinary \$2000

Northwest Renewable Energy Institute – Wind Turbine Technician \$1000

Northwest Railroad Institute – Rail Operations \$1000

Larson Family Scholarship. \$1,000-\$2000. Must be intent on majoring in political science or pursuing a career in public policy, government, or politics. Application, essay and letter of recommendation. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: May 25, 2016.

The Ultimate Bear Scholarship. \$500. This is the **Austin Kelley Memorial Scholarship** who was a natural leader and a calming presence in life who bettered everyone around him through his work ethic, compassion, selflessness and kindness. [Click here for a copy of the application.](#) Application due to Mrs. Dale by 8:00 am on May 12, 2017.

Online Scholarships:

We have no other information in the Career Center on these scholarships; go online to get applications and details

CGTrader Scholarship. (1) \$1000, (2) \$500. Each semester, CGTrader challenges students to dig into the field of technology by writing different essays on how innovative technologies are transforming our lives. For the following Spring semester the topic is: "The future of technology in education". All information and eligibility requirements can be found here: <https://www.cgtrader.com/scholarships> Deadline: June 1, 2017.

Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW). (2) \$10,000. Washington state residents only, must be applying to any Washington state accredited community, vocational/technical college or university and can demonstrate a need for additional funding to complete a programs in a construction industry-related field of study. Application, 3 letters of recommendation, transcript and essay. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#). Deadline: May 5, 2017.

SPSCC Foundation Scholarships. Amount Varies. If you are planning to attend SPSCC next year, the Foundation Scholarship application is now available. Apply to the college at spscc.edu/start then click on the <https://spscc.academicworks.com/> to complete your scholarship application. You will need your student ID# to sign into the application. Application requirements are two letters of recommendation, a biographical essay, transcript, income information and FAFSA student aid report. Deadline: May 5, 2017.

What Makes a House a Home? Coldwell Banker Evergreen Olympic Realty presents the annual scholarship essay contest. Write a short essay (up to 500 words) on What Makes a House a Home? This is open to all high school student. Three prize winners with the top prize \$1000. For more information, visit www.cbolympia.com/scholarship or pick up a flyer in the bins next to the receptionist desk. Deadline: May 7, 2017.