

## Senior Notes

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### Senior Class Picture

The Senior Class portrait will be taken on Friday, March 3 during Bear Time A. If your child is a Running Start/New Market student we still would really like to have them in this photo. Please be out on the Ingersoll field by 9:30. The photograph will be taken between 9:45-10:00. Please be there!

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### HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

#### IMPORTANT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT INFORMATION..... PLEASE READ!

**The Class of 2016 High School and Beyond Plan is DUE!** Seniors should be at **93%** (in Career Cruising) by 3:00pm on **Monday, February 28, 2017**. Students not done as of that date will be temporarily placed on the Graduation No-Walk list until they complete this graduation requirement.

- Students can log-in to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) using "ohs-" in front of their normal OHS computer system login and their lunch ID# as their password (EX: ohs-dalecj). By clicking on "My Progress" from their "My Plan" page, students will access the list of components that must be completed, and can finish whatever is not yet done.

In addition to the work in Career Cruising, **seniors are also expected to complete their "Senior Reflection"** as part of their High School and Beyond Plan.

- The make-up option **for any senior who did not complete this reflection in an OHS Senior English class last fall** is on the OHS website. Click on Counseling Center, then High School and Beyond, and scroll down until you reach the Class of 2017 information.
- Any senior needing to complete their Senior Reflection must write out answers to the Senior Reflection Questions and then **upload your paper to "My Journal" or "My Files"**.
- Full-time Running Start/NCSC students may complete the above-referenced essay OR schedule a Senior Exit Interview with their high school counselor OR you can upload a college application essay to your "My Journal" in your Career Cruising portfolio.

Mrs. Dale ([cdale@osd.wednet.edu](mailto:cdale@osd.wednet.edu)) and Mrs. Boelts ([jboelts@osd.wednet.edu](mailto:jboelts@osd.wednet.edu)) are available in the Career Center for students needing help with their High School and Beyond Plan.

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### CAP & GOWN

Did you miss the opportunity to place your graduation announcement, cap and gown and/or class ring order with Jostens? NO NEED TO WORRY! You can still place your order at [www.grad-auto.com](http://www.grad-auto.com). For orders from this point forward, most items will be mailed directly to you from the plant. Caps and gowns that have already been ordered will be delivered to OHS on **April 12 for you to pick up** during both lunches and before and after school in the Commons.

## MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPTS

Now is the time to order your mid-year report/transcript! For colleges requesting mid-year information, please come into the Career Center to do so. Complete a MidYear Student Information form if you would like your counselor to write a short update on you. Colleges have often commented that the strong MidYear Report from OHS helps boost a student's chance of admission.

## DIPLOMAS

All your hard work has paid off and this June you will graduate from Olympia High School. At graduation, you will be handed an empty diploma cover and the true diploma will be mailed to your home about two weeks later. It would be beneficial to you to check Family Access to verify that your current address is correct. If you need to update your address, pick up an "Update Information Form" from Mrs. West in the Counseling Center.

## SENIOR MEN

When you turn 18, senior men need to register with the Selective Service system. You can do it online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). You cannot receive federal financial aid without being registered.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>February 28</b>	<b>High School &amp; Beyond Plan portfolio due</b>
March 3	Senior Class Meeting in Gym ~ during Showcase
May 1-12	AP Exams (go to <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> for schedule)
May 25	Graduation Speaker tryouts ~ 3:00-4:00pm in a TBD location
May 30	Honor Cord purchasing and Graduation ticket pick up begins during lunch & <b>before</b> school
June 5	Night of Stars ~ 6:00-7:00 Alumni Reception; 7:00-8:30pm awards program in OHS PAC
June ?	Senior Get-Together ~ Time & location TBD (seniors only ~ event not finalized yet)
June 9	Senior Awards Assembly ~ 10:50 am in the Gym
June 13	Baccalaureate ~ St. Mike's Church
June 14	Graduation Practice ~ Time TBD @ St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion
June 14	Graduation at St. Martin's Marcus Pavilion
	* Students arrive at Worthington Center at 6:00pm; doors open at 6:00pm
	* Ceremony starts at 7:00pm
	Grad Night Party ~ after graduation; <i>sponsored by Senior parents</i>

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Scholarships are regularly updated on the OHS website.**  
**For more information and a copy of the application, go to:**  
**<http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/ccenter/seniors/scholarships>**

**Ewing C Kelly Scholarship.** \$2500. Must be attending a 4 year college/university, have a composite score of 20 on the ACT or a composite score of 1400 on the SAT, must be a U.S. citizen or have a green card. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: March 10, 2017

**Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc: Epsilon Epsilon Sigma Chapter, Seattle, WA.** (3) \$500. This scholarship is open to seniors planning to attend a four year university or institution in the Fall of 2017. GPA of 3.0 or higher, application, essay, photo, two letters of recommendation. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: April 1, 2017

**Renton Community Foundation - Jeremy Gidlund Memorial Scholarship.** Up to \$5000. Scholarship will be awarded to high school seniors with identified learning disabilities who are eligible to receive services on an IEP and wish to pursue post-secondary education towards a degree or specific career. GPA of 2.0 or higher. Application, personal essay, high school transcript, two letters of recommendation and a completed School History & Information Form. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: April 10, 2017.

### **Online Scholarships:**

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

**Scholarships for students of families that have served or are currently serving in the United States military.** Amount varies. [Click here to see the list of scholarships.](#) Some Deadlines are based on previous year and may be subject to change. This list was provided by our Air Force recruiter and none of the links are connected. Deadline: Varies

**Cancer Unwrapped (formerly Gilda's Club Seattle).** Several \$1000 scholarships. Application and essay. For Washington State high school students who have survived cancer or watched a loved one or friend deal with cancer. The goal of this scholarship is to open a dialogue with teens about the emotions they have felt when dealing with cancer. <http://cancerpathways.org/cancer-unwrapped/> Deadline: March 12, 2017.

**Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ). American Justice Essay and Video Scholarships.** (2)\$2000. Application with essay or video option. Deadline: March 17, 2017. For more information, visit <https://www.washingtonjustice.org/Scholarship>

**Washington State Association for Justice (WSAJ). Past Presidents' Scholarship. (2)\$2000.** Winners must have a history of achievement despite having been a victim of injury or overcoming a disability, handicap, or similar challenge. Must have need and community service. For more information, visit <https://www.washingtonjustice.org/Scholarship> Deadline: March 17, 2017.

**Hearthstone Housing Foundation Scholarship Fund.** \$500-\$5000. Application, personal statement, and letters of recommendation. Awards will be based on financial need and determination to accomplish academic goals. For more information, visit [www.hearthstonehousing.org](http://www.hearthstonehousing.org). Deadline: March 30, 2016.

**Washington State School Retirees' Association.** (9) \$1500 & (16) \$900 x 4. For seniors who are committed to a career in education. For more information, visit [www.wssra.org](http://www.wssra.org) Deadline: March 1, 2017

**WSECU. Two-year college - \$1500, Four-year college - \$2500. Must be a WSECU member. For more information and how to apply, visit <https://wsecu.org/community/2016-scholarships-available>. Deadline: February 13, 2017.**

**WA State Opportunity Scholarship.** Up to \$22,500. The WSOS supports low-and middle-income students pursuing eligible, high-demand majors in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) or health care. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.waopportunitiescholarship.org/scholarship/overview>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

**Leadership 1000 Scholarship.** Up to \$20,000. Provides scholarships to students who will be attending an eligible four-year college or university in Washington State. Some scholarships are renewable. For more information and to apply,

visit <http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/students/leadership1000/eligibility>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

**Governor's Scholarship.** Up to \$20,000. The Washington's State Governors' Scholarship for Foster Youth helps young people from foster care continue their education and earn a college degree. For more information and to apply, visit <http://collegesuccessfoundation.org/wa/scholarships/governors>. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

**Edmund F. Maxwell Foundation.** Varies (Renewable). The Maxwell scholarship is designed to assist outstanding students with a portion of their cost of education. Other financial aid may be applied for and received. Students must reapply to the Foundation to renew their scholarships each year they meet eligibility requirements for a total of up to four years. Students who plan to attend accredited private colleges or universities (not state funded colleges or universities) and who are bona fide residents of Western Washington may apply for a scholarship. For more information, visit <http://www.maxwell.org/guidelines.aspx> Deadline: April 28, 2017.

**Lewis Family Member Scholarship Fund.** \$750-\$3000. Family members of active duty Army Soldiers, mobilized reservists and retirees are eligible to receive scholarships. Also eligible are family members of Soldiers who died while on active duty. Application packets are available online at: [www.fortlewis scholarship.com](http://www.fortlewis scholarship.com) Deadline: March 24, 2017

**Sound Credit Union.** \$500-\$1000. Member of Sound Credit Union and 3.0 or higher GPA. For more information and a copy of the application, visit <https://www.soundcu.com/about-us/our-community/scholarships/> Deadline: March 4, 2017

**TwinStar Credit Union.** (15)\$2000. Applicant must be a member in good standing with TwinStar Credit Union. Completed application, essay and transcript. For more information, visit <https://www.twinstarcu.com/scholarships>. Deadline: March 31, 2017.

**American Indian Endowed Scholarship.** Amount Varies. Applicants must have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington and plan to continue education to benefit the American Indian community in state. Have demonstrated financial need determined by their college's financial aid office. Be a Washington state resident. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: March 1, 2017.

**BECU Foundation Scholarships.** (25) \$3000. As a not-for-profit credit union, BECU is committed to social responsibility. As a result, scholarships are awarded based on a student's academic performance and passion for helping others. Applicants are required to submit their hours of community service, grade point average, and a recommendation. Selection is made without regard to applicant's race, color, national origin, religious belief, sex, marital status, age, or physical handicap. Eligibility: Only BECU members may apply. Accounts must be in the name of the applicant. [Learn more about membership.](#) Applicants must be students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students must be a graduating high school senior or a full-time college undergraduate. All scholarship recipients must attend college full time. [Click here for more information.](#) Deadline: March 31, 2017.

**Association for Learning Environments 2017 Merle Kirkley Merit Scholarship.** \$3000. The Merle Kirkley Merit Scholarship Award is a competitive merit-based scholarship program designed to provide financial support for Washington State high school students planning to obtain a post-secondary education. Applicants must demonstrate that their intent is to major, or obtain a certificate in, a field relating to educational facility planning and design. Fields related to educational facility design include (but are not limited to): school

planning, architecture, engineering, product services and construction management. [Click here for more information and a link to the application.](#) Deadline: April 21, 2017.