

Senior Notes

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April 14	High School & Beyond Plan Due
May 1-12	AP Exams (go to www.collegeboard.org 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 & before school
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, Time TBD (seniors only ~ event not finalized yet)
June 9	Senior Awards Assembly ~ 10:50 am in the Gym
June 13	Baccalaureate ~ Westwood Baptist Church at
June 14	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 6:00pm; doors open at 6:00pm
	* Ceremony starts at 7:00pm
	Grad Night Party ~ after graduation; <i>sponsored by Senior parents</i>

Senior Class Workshop: Financing Your Future

Do you understand and know how to read your financial aid award letter from your colleges? This Workshop will help you understand what grants, unsubsidized loans, subsidized loans, Parent PLUS loans and work study all mean. In this Workshop, you will learn:

- How to complete or start your scholarship application.
- How scholarships affect your financial aid offers.
- How to financially prepare to live on your own.
- Making a Plan B for post high school planning.
- Opportunities to make money this summer.
- How to update your resume for employment.

Ms. Boelts will be hosting this Workshop on April 18th from 8:00 – 9:30 am in the Career Center (during the late start for State testing). Sign up in the Career Center, limited seating. Don't miss out!

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

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

If you have completed the High School and Beyond Plan, then give yourself a pat on the back. Great job!

For those who have not, the Class of 2017 High School and Beyond Plan is DUE! Seniors need to be at 100% in their Career Cruising Portfolio by 3:00pm on **Friday, April 14, 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 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 Plan, 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) and Mrs. Boelts (jboelts@osd.wednet.edu) are available in the Career Center for students needing help with their High School and Beyond Plan.

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 will wear gold, students with a 3.50-3.749 GPA will wear silver and students with a 3.00-3.499 GPA will wear bronze cords. The cords will be available for sale in late May. See Mrs. Dale in the Career Center if you have questions.

Baccalaureate Information

Baccalaureate, an inspirational, spiritual, nondenominational celebration honoring graduating seniors, will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Westwood Baptist Church. This is a time for family and friends to celebrate and acknowledge the many talents, experiences and dreams of the class of 2017 through vocal, instrumental, dramatic, artistic and literary works. More information to come regarding try-outs to be a performer.

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.](#)

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. You cannot receive federal financial aid without being registered.

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>

Olympia High School Scholarship. Fill out this application and be eligible for a number of local scholarships. If you only do one application, this is the one to do! Completion puts you in the running for many school scholarships including Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, memorials, etc. Deadline: April 28, 2017. Pick up a copy of the application in Career Center or [Click here for a copy of the application.](#)

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.

The Freemasons of Olympia Lodge #1. (1) \$1,000 scholarship and (5) \$500 scholarships to seniors graduating from Olympia, Tumwater, and North Thurston School District high schools. Through granting these scholarships, Olympia Lodge #1 seeks to promote the Masonic values of philanthropy and community by supporting the continuing education goals of local students. [Click here for more information and the application.](#) Deadline: April 5, 2017.

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, 2017.

Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship. \$2000. Applicant must be a former **Griffin School** student who attended a minimum of two years at Griffin School and is a high school senior in a public or accredited private high school in Thurston County as of September of the application school year. [Click here for more information and the application.](#) Deadline: April 21, 2017.

I-5 Toyota Scholarship. Application, essay, two letters of recommendation and resume. [Click here for more information and the application.](#) Deadline: Completed applications must be turned into Mrs. Dale by 8:00 am, Monday, May 1, 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

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. Deadline: March 30, 2016.

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.

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.

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.

BE the Whale Scholarship. \$1000. For Washington State High School students. 2D original artwork. Subject: Female Chinook Salmon. [Click here for more information and the application.](#) Deadline: May 1, 2017.

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.

Anacker Scholarship for the Arts Scholarship. \$1000. The award is designed to recognize, encourage and support a Thurston County scholar's study in the field of the arts. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.washingtoncenter.org/scholarship/>. Deadline: March 31, 2017.

Thurston County Democrats Evalyn Poff Memorial Scholarship. \$1000. Application, essay, and letter of recommendation. For more information, visit <http://www.thurstondemocrats.org/evalynpoffscholarship>.

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 program 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.

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound - Multiple scholarships available. Instructional materials for all scholarship available through the Community Foundation of South Puget Sound are now available at: <http://thecommunityfoundation.com/scholarship/>

- **L&E Bottling Company Scholarship** - \$1000 renewable for three years. The L & E Bottling Company, Inc. Scholarship Fund was established to assist graduating high school seniors in Thurston County in obtaining a higher education. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).
- **The Learning Seed Scholarship** - \$500 to \$2000 with potential to renew for three years. The Learning Seed Scholarship Fund was established by the Learning Seed Foundation to assist high school seniors in Thurston and Pierce County in obtaining a higher education. This scholarship is designed to benefit students of color who have overcome significant obstacles and demonstrate a commitment to others. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).
- **Dan R. Montgomery Scholarship** - \$1000 with possible one-year renewable. The Montgomery family established the Dan R. Montgomery scholarship fund in 2003 to encourage young women and men to pursue higher education in law enforcement careers. Applicants must plan to pursue a professional law enforcement career. Those planning to attend a college or university in Washington State will be given preference. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).
- **Next Step Scholarship** - \$1000. This scholarship was created by a local businessman to assist those planning to pursue vocational careers. Available to a graduating Senior from Olympia High School with a GPA between 1.75 and 2.75. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).
- **William and Dorothy Judah Scholarship** - \$1000. The Judahs' children created this scholarship as a legacy to honor their parents. Thurston County graduating seniors, with preference given to those planning a teaching career. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).
- **The Rod Hetland N.O.F.A. (North Olympia Fire Association) Memorial Scholarship Fund** (\$1000) was created in 1997 by Pam Hetland in memory of her husband, Rod Hetland. Rod was an avid supporter of education for young people, particularly in the greater Boston Harbor/Gull Harbor communities. Many other individuals and families, who all felt that post high school education is paramount for today's youth, have made contributions to honor family member and friends. High School seniors who attended Boston Harbor Elementary for any portion of their elementary education are eligible. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application](#).

- **John and Opal McGimpsey Scholarship** - Up to \$10,000 per year, for 4 years, to a Washington State **public** college or university. Application, GPA 3.0 or higher, participation in school activities and community service, personal statement, transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, copy of Student Aid Report. Deadline: Before 5:00 pm on April 14, 2017. [Click her for more information and a copy of the application.](#)

Olympia Tumwater Foundation Scholarship. \$5000-15,000 Scholarships. Applicant must be planning to attend a school within the State of Washington and will be screened for academic promise, 3.0 or higher GPA, work ethic, community involvement, and moderate financial need. Application, cover sheet, transcript, SAT and/or ACT score report(s), two letters of recommendation, FAFSA student aid report and any college financial aid offers. **Complete the application online, and return a printed copy to Mrs. Dale in the Career Center by the end of the school day, Monday, April 17, 2017.** [Click here for more information and access to the application.](#)

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.

Coldwell Banker's What makes a house a HOME? Scholarship. Up to \$1000. 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 Application is available April 10, 2017 through May 12, 2017.

American Hotel & Lodging Educational Foundation (AHLEF). \$500-\$6000. Visit www.ahlef.org to review the specific eligibility requirements for each scholarship and to access the online application. Deadline: May 1, 2017.