

# Senior Notes

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## **Secondary School Report & Letters of Recommendation**

**\*\*\*\*\*Does your college application have a Secondary School Report that needs to be completed by your counselor? If it has a January 3 deadline or sooner, we need your paperwork in the Counseling Center and/or the email invite by Friday, December 2, 2016, so that it can be completed before we leave on Winter Break.**

**Do you need a Letter of Recommendation? If so, you must complete the Letter of Recommendation “green” sheet and return it to your counselor (and likely, your teacher recommender will also want a copy). Please request 2-3 weeks before the due date. [Click here for the OHS Counseling Center Letter of Recommendation \(Green Sheet\)](#).**

**Seniors can order transcripts on the following days and times:**

**Monday from 7:30-2:45 pm**

**Tuesday from 7:15 am-12:15 pm**

**Thursday from 7:15 am-12:15 pm**

**Friday from 7:15 am - 2:45 pm**

**Running Start** students must always send separate transcripts of their college credits for all college applications.

**Know your deadlines and plan ahead!!!\*\*\*\*\***

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## **COMMON APPLICATION**

**The Common Application allows you to fill out one application and submit it to several different colleges across the country. For the form and list of participating schools, go to [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).**

For the Common Application, you will use email to “invite” your counselor so he/she will be able to upload a transcript, complete the secondary school report and submit a letter of recommendation. Please request 2-3 weeks before the first due date.

Your counselor’s email address is available on the OHS website. You will need to complete the Letter of Recommendation, aka “green form”, and give a copy to your counselor (and teachers) so they can write your letter of recommendation.

**[Click here for the OHS Counseling Center Letter of Recommendation \(Green Sheet\)](#).**

## IMPORTANT DATES

December 2	Last day to <b>INITIATE</b> request for completion of a college letter of rec. (For Jan. 1 or December deadlines only)
December 15	<b>SUGGESTED</b> “be done” date for <u>all</u> college applications (yes, even Jan/Feb deadlines!)
December 15	Last day to request official transcripts for college ( <b>Dec. 15/Jan. 1 deadlines only</b> )
January 26-27	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Final Exams (Final class rank & Honor Cords are finalized using 1 <sup>st</sup> sem. grades!)

***Much of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is still TBD due to an unfinalized state testing calendar.... See website for updates!***

<b>February 28</b>	<b>High School &amp; Beyond Plan portfolio due</b>
March 3	Senior Class Meeting in Gym ~ during Showcase ( <i>Graduation Announcements delivery</i> )
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>

### Grad Night Tickets and Bus Signups & Poinsettia Sales

Every Friday during both lunches, the senior parents will be selling **Grad Night Tickets** and scheduling bus signups. Grad Night Party busses are starting to fill up – lock your senior's seat with friends by purchasing ticket ASAP - info [here](#). Permission slips will be distributed to students who purchase or have already purchased a ticket.

**Poinsettia** sales going on now - info is [here](#) - hoping each senior can sell 4 poinsettias to make our fundraising goals!

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### CAP & GOWN and GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

If you are a student or parent of the class of 2017 and you missed the order day at OHS, NO NEED TO WORRY! You still have time. You can go to [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) or [www.auto-grad.com](http://www.auto-grad.com) or you can email [mortonroffice@jostens.com](mailto:mortonroffice@jostens.com) to order your cap and gown and any other senior memorabilia or supplies you need.

The deadline to order under the current discounted group pricing is **December 9, 2016**.

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## *Senior Status Letters*

There is still time to turn your Senior Status Letter into the Career Center. Be sure to review the credits and information on your transcript for accuracy. Both you and your parents need to sign the blue colored form and return it to the Career Center ASAP.

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### **Scholarships**

The following scholarships will have a link to the paper application at <http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/ccenter/seniors/scholarships>

**The Women's Club of Olympia. Florence Brewer Memorial Scholarship. \$1000-\$3000** scholarships. Recipients need to be in good scholastic standing, good character, leadership ability, community involvement, and must be planning to attend an accredited college or university in the State of Washington. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: January 13, 2017

**Filipino-American Community of South Puget Sound.** \$1000 scholarship. Application, official transcript plus copy of current grades, GPA of 3.0 or higher. Evaluation will be based on academic performance, financial need, participation in school & community activities and educational goals. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: January 28, 2017

**Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association.** \$500-\$5000. Scholarship program to promote awareness of the use and contribution of ready mixed concrete as a significant building material. Essay and application. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: December 2, 2016

**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

**Thurston Group of Washington State REACH OUT PROGRAM: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.** \$1000. GPA of at least 2.5 or higher, application, official transcript, two letters of recommendations. [Click here for more information and a copy of the application.](#) Deadline: December 31, 2016

**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.](#)

### **Online Scholarships**

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

[Buick Achievers Scholarship](#) - Amount: 50 awards of \$25,000. Applicants must be either high school students planning to enroll full-time or current undergraduate students. Special consideration is given to underrepresented groups, including first-generation students and minorities. Recipients must enroll in one of about 20 majors focused on engineering, technology, design, or other programs of study related to the automotive industry. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years, or five years if you attend an approved five-year engineering program. Deadline February 29, 2017

[Gates Millennium Scholars](#) - Varies, but the average award between 2000 and 2014 was \$12,942. This program was designed to help talented low-income minority students attend college without taking on debt. Applicants must have a 3.3 cumulative GPA. The awards cover any unmet need after other grants and scholarship money have been applied to a student's college bills. Awards are renewable each year.

[National Society of High School Scholars Foundation](#) - Varies. These scholarships are meant for rising college freshman, with preference given to students from underrepresented minorities. The goal is to increase diversity in STEM fields as well as in business, economics, and public policy.

[Ron Brown Scholars Program](#) - \$10,000 a year, renewable for four years. This money is awarded to highly talented African-American high school seniors with significant financial need. Awards are chosen based on interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship, and global citizenship, but recipients may pursue any academic discipline.

[BBB Foundation Students of Integrity Scholarship](#) - \$10,000. Recognize high school juniors and seniors who personify and communicate ethics in the real world, as demonstrated through community service, personal integrity, and academic accomplishments. A scholarship of \$10,000 will be award to the winning application submitted by students residing in Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Washington, or Western Wyoming. High school juniors and seniors from across the Northwest are encourage to apply by creating a 90-second video that demonstrates how BBB helps people become smart consumers. We recommend getting as creative as possible, *telling us the story of a person harmed by unethical business practices and how the BBB can help educate consumers in advance to prevent scams or to help consumers report scams or bad business keeping other consumers safe.* Deadline February 13, 2017.

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship:** \$4000-\$100,000. Deadline: November 30, 2016. For graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship. For more information and how to apply, visit <http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

**ESA Foundation.** Amount varies. Epsilon Sigma Alpha Foundation awards numerous scholarships annually. Scholarship applications for the 2015-16 academic season are currently available at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org). Click on "Scholarships" and follow the information. Deadline: February 2, 2017.

**Washington Consortium for the Liberal Arts (WaCLA)** \$1000-\$3000 scholarship. Third Annual Liberal Arts Essay Contest. Open to all seniors. To enter, a student must write a 500 word essay in response to this prompt: Write an essay to your fellow high school students about why it's wise to pursue a liberal education. "Show how a liberal education helps you understand an ethical issue that concerns you and your peers when you think about the future. More details at: <https://collab.evergreen.edu/hessay/> Deadline: January 13, 2017.

**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.

### **School Specific Scholarships**

Each year we have the opportunity to nominate students from our school for scholarships given by specific colleges. If you are planning to apply to any of the schools below and have a high GPA, test scores, and activities, please see Mrs. Dale in the Career Center.

**Montana State University**

Presidential Scholarship

December 12, 2016