

# Senior Notes

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**Senior Status Letters** – 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 by October 31, 2016.

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**Does your college application have a Secondary School Report that needs to be completed by your counselor? If it has a January 1 deadline or sooner, we need your paperwork in the Counseling Center and/or the email invite by Friday, December 2, so that it can be completed before we leave on Winter Break.**

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## OSD Career & College Fair at Capital High School

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Financial Aid Workshops, 2 & 4 year College Representatives,**

**Military Recruiters,**

**Community Service & Career Organizations**

**This is a FREE EVENT!**

**We now have over 100 confirmed colleges, universities, military representatives, community organizations, workshops, and more in attendance. This is not an event you want to miss!**

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### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

**[Click here to sign up for a session](#)**

Worried about completing the **Free** Application for **Federal** Student Aid (**FAFSA**) for your student? Or, do you have specific questions related to your own family's situation? Then come to our **FREE hands-on** financial aid workshop for parents on **October 26** from **Session 1 at 4:30-5:30 pm** and **Session 2 at 6:00-7:30 pm** in the **Library**. We'll be in the **Library** so that you can access your own account and get practical advice and help from local Financial Aid Officers! **You will need your Social Security Number, both the parent and student PIN Numbers and financial papers (2015 IRS tax form, W-2s, retirement account balances, bank account balances, etc.)** Remember, too, that you need to apply for a PIN Number (electronic signature) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) ASAP, as it is needed to submit your FAFSA.

Be sure to know the priority financial aid application deadline for the colleges you are applying to. October is FAFSA month for parents!

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## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

- Senior portraits are due to the yearbook staff by October 31. Please email photos to [ohsannual@gmail.com](mailto:ohsannual@gmail.com)
  - Senior ad nights are on October 25-27 and November 1-3, from 6-8pm each night. If you would like to place a senior ad in the yearbook, please sign up for a date and time. To signup go to [http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/departments/business/zarate/yearbook\\_info\\_sr\\_ads\\_sr\\_pics\\_purchasing](http://olympia.osd.wednet.edu/departments/business/zarate/yearbook_info_sr_ads_sr_pics_purchasing).
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### CAP & GOWN and GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT ORDER DAY, OCTOBER 21

Cap & Gown and Graduation Announcement order packets will be collected by Josten's at OHS during Bear Time on October 21<sup>st</sup> during Bear Time A & B in the Gym. Online orders are also accepted at [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com) or [www.auto-grad.com](http://www.auto-grad.com).

\* IF a senior had a sibling who graduated in the LAST THREE YEARS (2013, 2014, 2015) and is planning to use that gown, then only a cap, tassel and stole needs to be purchased. If you plan to use a sibling's cap and gown, then your order is a custom order that needs to be filled during Bear Time on the October 21 or by calling 1-800-JOSTENS

## Class of 2017 IMPORTANT DATES! Some dates TBA

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| <b>October 18</b> | <b>OSD Career &amp; College Fair ~ 4:30-7:00pm in the CHS Commons</b>  |
| October 25-27*    | Senior Ad Sales ~ Room 004 (Mr. Zarate) 6:00-8:00pm <i>(For parents only)</i>  |
| November 1-3*     | Senior Ad Sales ~ Room 004 (Mr. Zarate) 6:00-8:00pm <i>(For parents only)</i><br><i>*sign up on OHS website – go to Class Pages → Business → Zarate → Yearbook</i> |
| <b>October 28</b> | <b>Graduation Announcement and Cap &amp; Gown orders due ~ during lunch in Commons</b>   |
| <b>October 31</b> | <b>Senior Status Letter due back to Career Center</b>  |
| October 31        | Senior Photos due ~ Email pics to <a href="mailto:ohsannual@gmail.com">ohsannual@gmail.com</a>   |
| December 2        | Last day to <b>INITIATE</b> request for completion of a college letter of rec.<br><i>(For Jan. 1 or December deadlines only)</i>                                   |
| 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 or scholarship with Winter Break deadlines<br><b>(Dec. 16 - Jan. 3 deadlines only)</b>                        |
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## STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS

### Know your deadlines and plan ahead!!!

Most (but not all) 4-year colleges require transcripts for admission. Be sure to understand what your specific college requires. All transcript requests are tracked in the career center. To send a transcript, pay the \$5.00 fee (which is good for 10 transcripts) in the ASB Office and bring your

receipt and the completed tracking form to Mrs. Dale in the Career Center. Transcript requests are processed within 48 hours. No transcripts will be sent until all student fines are paid. The hours you can request transcripts are:

**Monday from 7:15-2:45 pm**  
**Tuesday from 7:15 am-12:15 pm**  
**Wednesday OFF**  
**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.

### COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES AT OHS

In the next couple of months, many colleges will be sending representatives from their admissions offices to OHS to talk with interested students. These meetings offer the opportunity for you to meet with someone who has the answers to all your questions about a specific school. Teachers are usually cooperative in excusing serious students from class for this purpose, but always remember to check with your teacher before coming to the Career Center. Schools pay attention to which students attend their presentation, so it's always a good idea to come meet the representative if you can.

**All visits are in the Career Center. Visits listed as "lunches" means that the representative will be available for both first and second lunch.**

#### OCTOBER

October 13	1:30 pm	Central Washington University
October 17	8:00 am	Macalester College
	9:55 am	University of Montana
	12:30 pm	Willamette University
October 18	7:45 am	Montana State University
	8:30 am	Portland State University
	9:00 am	Pomona College
	10:00 am	Seattle Pacific University
	4:30-7:00 pm	OSD Career & College Fair at Capital High School
October 19	9:40 am	Pacific University
	10:35 am	Whitman College
	10:35 am	Colorado Mesa university
	12:50 pm	University of British Columbia
	1:00 pm	Cornish College of the Arts
	1:40 pm	Concordia University
October 20	8:50 am	College of Idaho
October 21	10:30 am	University of Southern California
	2:00 pm	Reed College
October 24	10:15 am	University of Portland
October 25	12:30 pm	Corban University
October 27	9:55 am	Whitworth University
	12:30 pm	Western Washington University

#### NOVEMBER

November 1	8:50 am	Oregon State University
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November 7	Lunches 12:30 pm	Marines Recruiter University of Washington (Seattle)
November 10	Lunches	NAVY Recruiter
November 14	Lunches 12:30 pm	University of Washington TACOMA

## **UPCOMING COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS**

**Imagine Education Au/In Canada** on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Century Square Building, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 1501 Fourth Avenue, Seattle at 4:00 pm. An Information Workshop & Networking Reception to introduce University & College opportunities in Canada.

**National Portfolio Day** at Cornish College of the Arts on January 7, 2017 at 10:00 am. Portfolio reviews are from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. This is an event specifically for visual artists and designers. It’s your opportunity to meet with college reps who will be available to review your artwork, discuss their programs and answer questions.

### **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>

### **Scholarships With Paper Application**

**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.

### **Online Scholarships**

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

**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:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/provost/wacla/waclahighschoollessay.htm>. Deadline: January 15, 2017

[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.

### 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.

#### DEADLINES

Montana State University	Presidential Scholarship	December 12, 2016
Washington University in St. Louis	Danforth Scholars Program (Tuition)	November 15, 2016
Seattle University	Sullivan Scholars (Full-Ride Scholarship)	November 15, 2016