

Senior Notes – Olympia High School

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Greetings to the Class of 2016! Senior Notes is a monthly newsletter designed to provide information on opportunities for seniors. Most of the information will be geared to those who are planning further education after high school, but other news will be of importance to everyone. Look for copies of Senior Notes in the Career Center and online around the 15th of each month. It will also email to students' OSD email and parents who provide an email address.

Senior Class Parents Meeting

With counselors to discuss applications,
Senior-year events, and post high school planning
Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the OHS Performing Arts Center

OSD Career & College Fair

at Capital High School
Tuesday, October 18th, 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!

Senior Class Meeting

Oct. 21st during Bear Time A & B in the gym
Covering High School and Beyond Plan, Grad Nite, and
Cap & Gown/Graduation Announcement orders

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.

SEPTEMBER

September 26	8:50 am	University of Washington BOTHELL
September 27	12:30 pm	Calvin College
	1:30 pm	Arizona Christian College
September 28	1:40 pm	CalArts *(IN THE BLACK BOX)
September 29	9:55 am	Oberlin College

September 30	1:30 pm	SCAD (Savannah College of Art & Design)
	9:00 am	Johns Hopkins University

OCTOBER

October 3	10:00 am	Saint Martin's University
October 4	Lunches	NROTC Presentation (Marines)
October 5	9:45 am	Pacific Lutheran University
October 7	Bear Time A&B	Navy Recruiter
	12:50 pm	Washington State University
October 11	1:30 pm	Seattle University
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
	1:27 pm	University of Chicago
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
October 21	10:00 am (Bear B)	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
	Lunches	Marines Recruiter

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

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 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!



Class of 2016 IMPORTANT DATES! *Some dates/info. still tentative*

- September 28 Senior Parent Meeting ~ 6:30pm in PAC (*Info. on what to expect/do during the senior year*)
- October 18** **OSD Career & College Fair ~ 4:30-7:00pm in the CHS Commons**
- October 25-27* Senior Ad Sales ~ Room 004 (Mr. Zarate) 6:00-8:00pm (*For parents only*)
- November 1-3* Senior Ad Sales ~ Room 004 (Mr. Zarate) 6:00-8:00pm (*For parents only*)
- *sign up on OHS website – go to Class Pages → Business → Zarate → Yearbook*
- October 28** **Graduation Announcement and Cap & Gown orders due ~ during lunch in Commons**
- October 31** **Senior Status Letter due back to Career Center**
- October 31 Senior Photos due ~ Email pics to ohsannual@gmail.com
- December 2 Last day to **INITIATE** request for completion of a college letter of rec.
(*For Jan. 1 or December deadlines only*)
- December 15 **SUGGESTED** “be done” date for all college applications (yes, even Jan/Feb deadlines!)
- December 15 Last day to request official transcripts for college or scholarship with Winter Break deadlines
(Dec. 16 - Jan. 3 deadlines only)

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 7:30-2:45 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.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC BACCALAUREATE COLLEGES

Each of the public 4-year colleges in Washington State has its own application available online at the school’s website. Some of the schools have scholarships for those who apply early. Give yourself the best chance for acceptance and apply now! All of the colleges require a personal statement as part of the application.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The UW Seattle application is only available online at <http://admit.washington.edu/Apply/Freshman/Apply>. Students self-report classes and grades, thereby eliminating the need to send a high school transcript. However, Running Start students will need to send an SPSCC transcript. Be sure to send your SAT or ACT scores officially from the testing service. **Application deadline is December 1, 2016.**

University of Washington Bothell application deadline is January 15, 2016 (priority date)

University of Washington Tacoma application deadline is January 15, 2016 (priority date)

COMMON APPLICATION

The Common Application allows you to fill out one application and submit it to several different private colleges across the country. For the form and list of participating schools, go to www.commonapp.org.

For the Common Application, you will use email to “invite” your counselor and teachers to upload a transcript, recommendation and secondary school report. You should invite your counselor and recommenders as soon as possible to allow them enough time to do comprehensive recommendation. Do not wait until you are finished with your application. Your counselor and teachers’ email address are available on the OHS website. You will need to complete the Student Information Sheet, aka “green form”, and give a copy to your counselor and teachers so they can write your letter of recommendation.

To have your transcript posted to the Common App, pay the \$5.00 fee in the ASB Office and bring your receipt and completed tracking form to Mrs. Dale in the Career Center.

UPCOMING COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS

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

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Most colleges will accept either the SAT or the ACT tests for admission. Information, registration, and practice tests are available online at:

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.actstudent.org

Pay attention to registration deadlines so you do not have to pay late fees. **There will no longer be a standby option so get registered on time!**

Information fliers are also available in the Career Center. The school code for OHS is **480835**.

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>

ONLINE SCHOLARSHIPS

(We have no other information in the Career Center on the following 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/waclahighschoolessay.htm>. Deadline: January 15, 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.

WSU	Regents Scholars Program (\$16,000)	October 17, 2016 deadline
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

Here are a few sites to explore for further scholarship information.

www.TheWashBoard.org

www.finaid.com

www.fastweb.com

Western Undergraduate Exchange at <http://www.wiche.edu/studentExchange>

Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide at <http://www.collegeplan.org/>