



Counselor's Newsletter

November 2018

A Message from the Counseling Staff

Important Dates

Nov 12—Veteran's Day

Nov 13—CKSD Fall Vocal Jazz Night @ CKHS Theater, 6:30 pm

Nov 14—Family Tech Night @ Barker Creek Learning Center, 6:00 pm

Nov 15th—Native American Heritage Cultural Celebration @ FMS 5:30—7:30 pm

Nov 15th—UW, Seattle Pacific University & U of Puget Sound College App Deadline

Nov 17—Bremerton Vocal Jazz Festival @ Bremerton HS Theater, OHS Jazz Choir sings @ 4:00 pm

Nov 22-23—Thanksgiving Break

Dec 24—Jan 4—Winter Break

Your Counselors are pleased to bring you our newsletter to help you and your student navigate high school and keep up-to-date on important opportunities. We work with students in a variety of settings, from one-on-one to classroom guidance. Our goal is to help your student make important decisions in high school and develop a meaningful post-graduation plan. Students and parents can now make their appointments online through our OHS Guidance Counseling website!

If you haven't seen the new location of our counseling office, it has moved to the 2nd floor of the Angora.

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Keep in touch with the Counseling Office website at:

<http://olympic.ckcschools.org>

Olympic College's Free

Financial Aid (FAFSA) Workshops

Tuesday, November 21, 2018

11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. (HSS122)

AND

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

3:30 p.m. —7:00 p.m. (HSS 120)

Olympic College Bremerton Campus,
Humanities & Student Services Building

Seniors & their Parent/Guardians

- ◆ Complete the FAFSA application
- ◆ Bring SSN's, pay stubs, W2 forms, 2017 tax returns, FSA ID# or former Pin number @pin.ed.gov

SAT/ACT TEST DATES

Seniors planning to attend a four-year college in the Fall of 2019 need to have their testing completed by December 2018. Juniors are encouraged to take their first SAT/ACT in the Spring. Students register online. Study aids are available in the Counseling Office and online to help prepare for the SAT/ACT tests.

Remaining ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	Remaining SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
December 8	November 2	December 1	November 2
February 9	January 11	March 9	February 8
April 13	March 8	May 4	April 5
June 8	May 3	June 1	May 3
July 13	June 14		

Apply on line at www.act.org

Apply online at www.collegeboard.org

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

If your student plans to attend any form of school after they graduate, such as a 4-year University, Community College, or Technical College, we are happy to help your student with the application process and to gain information about funding their education.

APPLYING TO COLLEGES

Hopefully, Seniors have been busy gathering information on college choices and are now working on their applications.

Juniors and Sophomores should be starting the research process by now. Students may pick up a copy of OHS Post High School Handbook and College & Career Events in the Counseling Office, or view it online.

Colleges have their own web page so you can learn useful information about each college and apply on the college website.

PAYING FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Financing a college education is one of the most important aspects of the college admission process. Some families mistakenly assume they cannot afford the cost or that they would not qualify. Filling out the right forms can be confusing and intimidating. Relax! We're here to help.

To find out more about the financial aid and college funding options, students and parents are invited to attend these informative events. A financial aid expert will discuss what kind of financial aid is available, how to apply, payment options and more.

College Application Process for Seniors

In most cases, students will need assistance from the Counseling Office to process their college application. Please follow these steps depending on the type of application:

- Seniors need to apply to the colleges of their choice online; Please refer to the Fall deadlines section. Fee may be involved.
- For applications requiring official transcripts, go to Parchment.com. There are no charges for students currently enrolled. See Ms. Orwin for your Parchment code. Transcripts requested in the counseling office can be mailed directly to the college or university. For more information, see Ms. Orwin, Registrar.
- Students will need to submit their college admission test scores to the college directly from the Collegeboard or ACT.

At the end of the year, the college you will be attending will require a final transcript. Students must indicate through their Senior Check-Out process for transcript to be mailed.

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The 19-20 FAFSA form is now available online in October www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Students entering college in the Fall of 2019 should access only the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

Tips for completing the FAFSA

- * Submit your FAFSA online as soon as possible after October 1st. Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving financial aid.
- * Submit the FAFSA even if you don't think you will qualify for aid. Sometimes being rejected for federal aid is a prerequisite for receiving private awards.
- Contact the financial aid office of your prospective colleges for FAFSA submission deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Counseling Technician, Mrs. Patti, publishes a weekly Scholarship Bulletin that is emailed to students who have requested to be on the email list. Additionally, a copy is available in the Counseling office, on our school website and on our Google classroom site.

If you would like to receive the Scholarship Bulletin via email, you may sign up through our OHS Counseling website or at <http://bit.ly/Scholarshipsbulletin>

Portfolios and resumes listing student activities, accomplishments, awards and other pertinent data are also helpful when applying for scholarships. Our Portfolio Specialist in the Career Center will assist students with putting together these important tools.

A great resource to get started on your scholarship search is www.thewashboard.org and www.fastweb.com. Once you create an account you will be notified of scholarships as they become posted.

STAY CONNECTED

Join *Google Classroom* by grade level-enter your code:

<https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6072456>

Class of 2022: smycyc7

Class of 2021: sg7ukg1

Class of 2020: 62cu91w

Class of 2019: elbhklf

OHS College Visits

Every year, admissions representatives schedule visitations to our campus to provide students the opportunity to hear what the different colleges have to offer.

October is the month for the majority of College visits. However, there will be Spring College visits, especially for Running Start in 2019/20 and also for Seniors planning to attend in the Fall of 2019. Keep your eyes posted. Don't miss out.

Sign up online through our OHS Counseling website or <http://bit.ly/OHSCollegeVisits>

College	Date	Time	Location

RESOURCES

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov> –apply for federal student aid
- <http://studentaid.gov>–FAFSA Essentials
- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e2s1>–FAFSA forecaster
- www.finaid.org–paying for college
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>–comparing college costs
- collegeboard.org–SAT registration, college planning
- readyssetgrad.org–college planning
- checkoutacollege.com–compare WA community & technical colleges

Seniors

Are You On Track to Graduate?

Seniors who have a full schedule but are in need of additional credits to graduate in June 2019 need to take online courses.

Contact your Counselor for additional information.

Washington State Public & Private Universities
Admissions Deadlines and Contact Information

College/University	Admission Deadline	FAFSA Priority Deadline	Website/contact info
WA Public Schools:			
University of Washington	11/15	1/15	www.washington.edu
Washington State U.	1/31	1/31	www.wsu.edu
Central Washington U.	2/1	2/1	www.cwu.edu
Eastern Washington U.	2/1	2/1	www.ewu.edu
Western Washington U.	11/1, 1/31	1/31	www.wwu.edu
Evergreen State College	2/1	2/1	www.evergreen.edu
WA Private Schools:			
Gonzaga University	11/15, 2/1	2/1	www.gonzaga.edu
Pacific Lutheran U.	10/15	10/15	www.plu.edu
St. Martin's University	10/15	1/1	www.stmartin.edu
Seattle Pacific University	11/15	1/1	www.spu.edu
Seattle University	11/15	2/1	www.seattleu.edu
University of Puget Sound	11/15 & 1/15	11/15 & 1/15	www.pugetsound.edu
Whitman College	11/15	2/1	www.whitman.edu
Whitworth University	11/15, 3/1	12/1	www.whitworth.edu

For Comparison purposes only.
 Information taken from the 2018/19 WA Council for High School–College Relations.

What is a High School and Beyond Plan?

The High School and Beyond Plan (HS&B) is a graduation requirement that requires all students to complete five requirements. Career Interest Inventory (CIA), Personal Education Plan (PEP), resume, cover letter, and personal statement. These documents are stored within the WOIS/The Career Information System website (www.wois.org) and are meant to be a resource to help plan for life beyond high school. The WOIS website also contains additional tools/assessments for determining student's career goals and interests, detailed information about more than 500 occupations, the educational programs and schools that offer the related training, as well as information about apprenticeships and military occupations.

For more information regarding the HS&B Plan graduation requirements, please contact the OHS Career Center at (360) 662-2735, located on the 2nd floor of the Agora.

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