



# Counselor's Newsletter

November 2017

## A Message from the Counseling Staff

### Important Dates

Nov 10—Veteran's Day

Nov 14th—Fall Instrumental Music Concert,  
6:30 pm, OHS Gym

Nov 15th—UW College App Deadline

Nov 23-24—Thanksgiving Break

November 29—Senior Parent Meeting  
Wednesday, - H1 6:00 p.m.

Dec 14—OHS & FMS Winter Choir Con-  
cert, all day, Gracepoint Church

Dec 18-Jan 1—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 Counseling website! ***This year our office is located in H13.***

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Keep in touch with the Counseling Office website at:

<http://olympic.ckcschools.org>

### Olympic College's Free

### Financial Aid Workshop

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

11:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

AND

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

3:30 p.m. —7:00 p.m.

Olympic College Bremerton Campus,

HSS 122

**Seniors & their Parent/Guardians**

- ♦ Complete the FAFSA application
- ♦ Bring SSN's, pay stubs, W2 forms, 2015 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 2017, need to have their testing completed by December 2017. 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 9	November 3	December 2	November 2
February 10	January 12	March 10	February 9
April 14	March 9	May 5	April 6
June 9	May 4	June 2	May 3

Apply on line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Apply online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://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 only official transcripts, complete the online *Transcript Request form* on the Counseling website. Transcripts will be mailed directly to the college; just ask.
- 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 18-19 FAFSA form is now available online in October [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Students entering college in the Fall of 2018 should access only the 2018-2019 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. Dobson, 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](http://www.thewashboard.org) and [www.fastweb.com](http://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 2021: sg7ukg1

Class of 2020: 62cu91w

Class of 2019: elbhklf

Class of 2018: i3ibnx

## Washington State Public & Private Universities

### Admissions Deadlines and Contact Information

### 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.

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

College	Date	Time	Location
Seattle University	Nov 15	1:40 pm	Band portable

### 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](http://www.finaid.org) –paying for college  
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org> –comparing college costs  
[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) –SAT registration, college planning

### Seniors

#### Are You On Track to Graduate?

Seniors who have a full schedule but are in need of additional credits to graduate in June 2018 need to take online courses. Contact your Counselor for additional information.

College/University	Admission Deadline	FAFSA Priority Deadline	Website/contact info
<b><u>WA Public Schools:</u></b>			
University of Washington	11/15	1/15	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>
Washington State U.	1/31	1/31	<a href="http://www.wsu.edu">www.wsu.edu</a>
Central Washington U.	2/1	2/1	<a href="http://www.cwu.edu">www.cwu.edu</a>
Eastern Washington U.	2/1	2/1	<a href="http://www.ewu.edu">www.ewu.edu</a>
Western Washington U.	11/1, 1/31	1/31	<a href="http://www.wvu.edu">www.wvu.edu</a>
Evergreen State College	2/1	2/1	<a href="http://www.evergreen.edu">www.evergreen.edu</a>
<b><u>WA Private Schools:</u></b>			
Gonzaga University	11/15, 2/1	2/1	<a href="http://www.gonzaga.edu">www.gonzaga.edu</a>
Pacific Lutheran U.	10/15, 12/15	12/1	<a href="http://www.plu.edu">www.plu.edu</a>
St. Martin's University	12/15	1/1	<a href="http://www.stmartin.edu">www.stmartin.edu</a>
Seattle Pacific University	11/15	2/1	<a href="http://www.spu.edu">www.spu.edu</a>
Seattle University	11/15	2/1	<a href="http://www.seattleu.edu">www.seattleu.edu</a>
University of Puget Sound	1/15	1/15	<a href="http://www.pugetsound.edu">www.pugetsound.edu</a>
Whitman College	11/15, 1/15	2/1	<a href="http://www.whitman.edu">www.whitman.edu</a>
Whitworth University	11/30, 3/1	3/1	<a href="http://www.whitworth.edu">www.whitworth.edu</a>

For Comparison purposes only.

Information taken from the 2017/18 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](http://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.

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