



# ORRHS Guidance Newsletter

## Current Guidance Happenings

### ***Important Term Dates***

Term 1 ends on **Wednesday, November 1st**. Report cards will be distributed to students on Thursday, **November 16th**, during Bulldog Block.

The deadline to make-up incomplete grades is November 15th. Please refer to the Handbook rules below if this applies to you.

#### **Incomplete Grades:**

- Students have two weeks from the day grades close to make up any Incomplete Grades issued by teachers, including 4th term and the summer.
- All work not completed within the specified period will be given no credit and averaged with the completed work to determine a grade.
- In the case of extenuating circumstances, any extension of this policy must be arranged with the Principal before the end of the two-week time period.

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### ***Attention Seniors - Yellow Sheets Due, October 31st***

Students with a **November 15th** deadline should return all yellow sheets to Guidance by **October 31st**.

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### ***Financial Aid Information for Seniors***

Over 200 private colleges require the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is available now and can be found at <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>. Colleges have deadlines for financial aid applications, including the CSS Profile. Please check your schools to see if they require the CSS Profile and the timeline for submission.

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### ***Grade 9 Meetings - Happening Now***

The guidance counselors have been meeting with small freshmen groups to discuss the transition to high school and making the most of the high school experience. Meetings last approximately 30 minutes during directed study halls in the Guidance conference room. Students should check e-hall pass for their appointment times.

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### ***SAT Information for Juniors and Seniors***

Are you planning on taking the SAT? Reminder: **Nov 2nd** is the deadline to register for the **Dec 2nd** test. Students register using their College Board accounts at [SAT College Board Registration](#). Reminder - fee waivers are available in guidance for eligible students.

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### ***AP Payments DUE THIS WEEK***

AP Exam down payments are due by Friday, November 3rd. The non-refundable payment amount is \$40 per exam. Payments can be made by check or cash and will be accepted in the Guidance office. The full cost per exam is \$98 with the exception of Seminar and Research, which are \$146 per exam. If you miss the deadline, an additional \$40 per exam late fee will be added to your exam cost.

If you qualify for Free or Reduced lunch and would like to apply for a waiver, you must contact Guidance prior to Friday, November 2nd, for approval. Students that are approved for a waiver will be responsible for a payment of \$15 per exam, due by November 2nd, to avoid the \$40 per exam late fee.

### **Local College Events for Juniors and Seniors**

- Bridgewater State - Nov 4 [Bridgewater State University Open House](#)
- Framingham State - Nov 4 [Framingham State Open House](#)
- Suffolk University - Nov 5 [Open House Suffolk University](#)
- Merrimack - Nov 5 [Undergraduate Open House](#)
- LeMoyne College - Nov 5 [Fall Open House LeMoyne](#)
- Southern New Hampshire University - Nov 5 [SNHU Open House](#)
- Bryant University - Nov 11 [Bryant Fall Open House](#)
- UMass Dartmouth - Nov 12 [UMASS D Open House Information](#)
- UMass Lowell - Nov 18 [UMASS Lowell Open House](#)

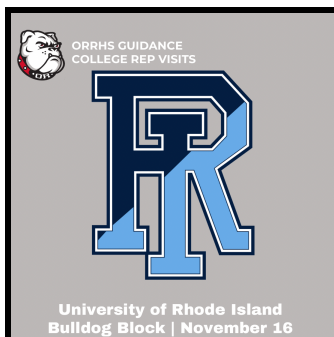
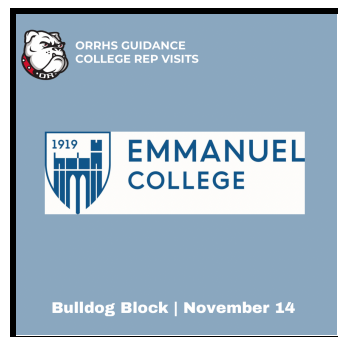
### **CPA Info Session, November 9th**



Students interested in learning about accounting should sign up with their mentor for our CPA session on November 9th. This is a 45 min interactive presentation that covers topics including:

- How accounting is the heart of a business
- The benefits of being an accountant e.g., Work-life balance, travel etc.
- What does CPA mean?
- Career opportunities that open up from studying accounting.
- AICPA and MassCPAs FREE dual student membership

### **Upcoming College Rep Visits for Juniors and Seniors**



College/University information sessions will be held during Bulldog Block.

**Juniors and Seniors** must sign up online through Naviance and with your Bulldog Block Mentor to attend. To access Naviance use your student username and password.

## ***Virtual College Fairs for Juniors and Seniors, Now through November 12th***

The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! NACAC fairs will also feature MatchMaking! At the time of registration, you will select the attributes that are most important to you in a college. You'll then receive an email that best matches you to the specific colleges and universities based on the criteria you provide. Check out a [video](#) on how it all works! [Register HERE for free](#)

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### ***Job Opportunity:***

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for a part-time assistant for our after-school programs. Additional responsibilities may include some Saturday mornings, and other responsibilities. The Marion Natural History Museum is undergoing some substantial upgrades and this position will be helpful on resumes and for references. This is a paying position and programs will be starting soon. If interested, please contact the museum director at [Director@marionmuseum.org](mailto:Director@marionmuseum.org).

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### ***SEL Tip of the Week***



**You can do hard things!** To maintain confidence during challenging times as a student, it's essential to celebrate your past small victories as reminders that you can overcome difficult situations. Reflect on the times you've succeeded, no matter how minor they may seem. Whether it's acing a quiz, completing a challenging assignment, or simply showing up to class on a tough day, these achievements showcase your resilience and capability. Recognizing these victories can boost your self-esteem and provide motivation to tackle current challenges. When doubt creeps in, remind yourself of these accomplishments and use them as stepping stones to build confidence in your ability to overcome adversity. **You've done hard things before, and you can do them again!**