



ORRHS Guidance Newsletter

Current Guidance Happenings

Important Term Dates

Term 1 ends on **Wednesday, November 1st**. Report cards will be distributed to students on Wednesday, **November 15th**, 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.

Attention Seniors - Yellow Sheets Due, October 18th

Students who are applying to schools with a **November 1st** deadline should return all yellow sheets to Guidance by **October 18th**. Students with a **November 15th** deadline, should return all yellow sheets to Guidance by **October 31st**.

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.

Grade 9 Meetings - Happening Now

Attention Freshman - Beginning **Friday, October 13**, the guidance counselors will be meeting with small freshmen groups to discuss the transition to the high school and making the most of the high school experience. Meetings will last approximately 30 minutes during directed study halls in the Guidance conference room. Students should check e-hall pass for appointment times.

Herstory - Intergenerational Opportunity, Grades 9-12

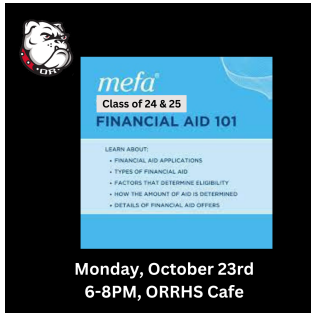
[Herstory](#) is an intergenerational oral history project pairing students in high school and college with women over the age of 65 who have ties to New Bedford's fishing community. There is a small stipend being offered through the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center for successful completion of the project. **Interested students can contact Mr. Everett.**

NHS Tutoring, open to Grades 9-12

The ORRHS National Honor Society would like to invite any students who would benefit from peer tutoring (in any subject) to take advantage of our free NHS tutoring program. Contact Heather Bichsel at

heatherbichsel@oldrochester.org or Theo Jacobsen at theojacobsen@oldrochester.org to learn more.

COMING SOON - MEFA College Financing Seminar - 10/23, for Grades 11 & 12



Attention '24 and '25 Parent/Guardians SAVE THE DATE: Join us as our ORRHS Guidance Department hosts a MEFA College Financing Seminar on **Monday, October 23rd at 6 pm in the high school cafeteria**. This seminar will provide information and clarity on the entire financial aid application process. You will learn about financial aid applications and types of financial aid, the factors that determine your aid eligibility, how colleges determine the amount of aid to offer, and the details of the financial aid award letters. *Seniors are able to start applying for financial aid as early as December 1st.* (Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority; www.mefa.org) Want a copy of MEFA's presentation? [Click here](#)

LAST CALL- Financial Literacy Info Sessions - 10/25 or 10/26, Grades 10-12



Students in grades 10-12 have an opportunity to sign up and learn from representatives from Abington Bank on **October 25** or **October 26** in their Financial Literacy Series.

Students will learn the following:

- What is Financial Literacy?
- Budgeting
- Online and Mobile Banking
- How to balance a checkbook and write a check
- Filling out a credit application and using credit responsibly
- Scams and Fraud alerts
- Planning for the Future—retirement planning, investing, etc.

This will be a fun and educational training. The topics discussed will be real world examples. The reps will answer student questions and have some tools for the kids to take home and practice. [RSVP here](#)

Ongoing Virtual Opportunities to Learn from MEFA

Check out MEFA's valuable resources and tools to help you prepare for the future and navigate the college planning process. The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority is here to help. Register for live sessions by visiting www.mefa.org/events

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.

Local College Events for Juniors and Seniors

- UMass Boston - October 21 [UMASS Boston Open House](#).
- Bristol Community College - October 22, Fall River Campus [BCC Open House](#)
- Lasell - October 22 [Lasell Open House](#)
- Merrimack - Oct 21, Nov 5 [Undergraduate Open House](#)
- Boston University - Oct 27 [BU Fall Visit Day](#)
- UMass Dartmouth - Nov 12 [UMASS D Open House Information](#)
- Framingham State - Nov 4 [Framingham State Open House](#)
- Bridgewater State - Oct 28, Nov 4 [Bridgewater State University Open House](#)
- Bryant University - Oct 21, Nov 11 [Bryant Fall Open House](#)

- Southern New Hampshire University - Oct 27, Nov 5 [SNHU Open House](#)
- Curry College - Oct 29 [Curry College Open House](#)
- Suffolk University - Oct 22, Nov 5 [Open House Suffolk University](#)
- Western New England - October 28 [WNE Open House](#)
- LeMoyne College - Nov 5 [Fall Open House LeMoyne](#)
- UMass Lowell - Oct 22, Nov 18 [UMASS Lowell Open House](#)

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

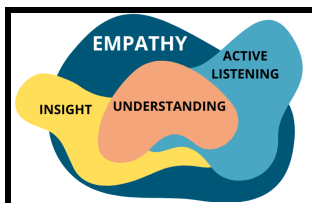
The virtual fair is a great opportunity to connect with colleges and pursue your college dreams. Have a quick video chat with a rep, drop in on a virtual presentation, send a question through chat - make a connection YOUR way! NACAC fairs will also feature MatchMaking! At the time of registration, you 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](#)

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.

SEL Tip of the Week



Continuing with our theme of anti-bullying for the month of October, this week's SEL tip focuses on empathy and understanding. To promote anti-bullying behavior, start by cultivating empathy and understanding for others' experiences, realizing that everyone carries their own unique burdens. Be a supportive friend, actively listening and offering kindness to those in need, and remember that your words and actions have a profound impact. Stand up against bullying, whether you witness it online or in person, and encourage open conversations about this issue. Embrace the power of inclusion and the strength of unity, working together to create a safe and respectful environment for all. By doing so, you not only contribute to a culture of kindness and acceptance but also become a part of the solution in eradicating bullying from our lives.

Breton is Back!



ORRHS is very pleased that Mrs. Lenore Everett and Breton (therapy dog) will be visiting our community again on Tuesdays! If you are at the library for a class or study, midway through block 1 and into block 2, you are welcome to greet and interact with Breton (and Mrs. Everett). You might see them walking the hallways and visiting other classrooms. Breton is a very experienced, certified therapy dog, having visited many varied settings with great success. Breton's goal is always to show he cares about everyone he greets and to provide comfort during a busy day. His certification means that Breton has completed a strict test for behavior and interaction in different settings. Breton is VERY excited to see you again or to meet you for the first time!!