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# Senior Parent Night

## Class of 2026



# SCHOOL COUNSELOR CASELOADS

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## PRINCIPAL CASELOADS

<b>Mrs. Ellie Ellis</b>	<b>Head Principal</b>
<b>Dr. Suzie Kim</b>	<b>A - Ham</b>
<b>Mr. Ryan Sparks</b>	<b>Han-Pa</b>
<b>Mrs. Larissa Sauder</b>	<b>Pb-Z</b>



# Senior Class Meetings

- ❖ Counselors will be meeting with all seniors in English classes Wed. & Thurs 9/3 & 4, to review transcripts, honors and awards at graduation, the college admission process, applying for scholarships and financial aid, how to request transcripts, and SchooLinks training
- ❖ Senior without an English course may drop in to any Senior English class during study hall, or come in during their late arrival or early release. We will be doing makeups during FLEX the week of 9/9
- ❖ Seniors are required to audit their transcript for accuracy, decide if they would like middle school letter grades for HS credit, and whether to include class rank by **Friday September 19**.
- ❖ Transcripts will begin being sent on **September 29**



# TASKS OF SENIOR YEAR

- ❖ Keep senior schedule strong
- ❖ Five academic credits required for school sports and full time status
- ❖ Final ACT/SAT tests can be taken Sept. - Dec. 2025 to meet Feb. application deadlines
- ❖ College campus visits, meet with visiting college representatives, utilize SchooLinks for college and career research
- ❖ Develop a post-grad plan, visit schools/programs, research program requirements, meet application deadlines



# Resources and Important Information

- ❖ Schoology Course: OOHS Counselor Corner 2025-2026

The screenshot shows the Schoology interface for the course "OOHS Counselor Corner: 2023-2024" at Orlentangy Orange High School. The top navigation bar includes the school logo, "COURSES", "GROUPS", "RESOURCES", and "TOOLS", along with search, grid, and calendar icons. The left sidebar lists various course options such as "Materials", "Updates", "Gradebook", "Grade Setup", "Mastery", "Badges", "Attendance", "Members", "Analytics", "Workload Planning", "Access Pearson", and "Conferences". The main content area displays the course title and school name, followed by "Add Materials" and "Options" buttons. Below these are several sections: "Contact Your Counselors" with links to contact Mrs. Wittwer (A-Der), Mr. Olanrewaju (Des-Jd), Ms. Hanna (Je-M), Mr. Brown (N-Se), and Mr. Kloefer (Sf-Z); "Applying to College - School Links"; "Student Services Website"; and "Scheduling" with a note that all schedule change requests need to be entered in the parent PowerSchool portal under 'Fees'.

**OLENTANGY SCHOOLS™** COURSES GROUPS RESOURCES TOOLS

**Student Services**

Course Options

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**OOHS Counselor Corner: 2023-2024**

Orlentangy Orange High School

Add Materials Options

All Materials

Contact Your Counselors

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Applying to College - School Links

Student Services Website

Scheduling

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# Resources and Important Information

❖ Weekly Newsletter: Counselor Corner in the Pioneer Press

May 10th, 2024

**COUNSELOR CORNER**



Phone: (740) 657-5100 Fax: (740) 657-5198

## Quick Links:

- [23-24 School Calendar](#)
- [March to Graduation](#)
- [Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Student Services](#)
- [CCP Website](#)
- [Register for the ACT](#)
- [Register for the SAT](#)
- [FREE ACT/SAT Prep](#)
- [Delaware Area CC](#)

## Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal

Graduation rehearsal for the Class of 2024 is on **Friday, May 17th at 10 am at Grace Powell Church**. More information on rehearsal and graduation can be found [here](#).

## AP Testing Information

**AP Testing will be occurring May 6th - May 17th**. If you are taking any exams, please review the [AP Testing Newsletter](#) for important information. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Sparks, Mrs. Wittwer, or Mr. Olanrewaju.

## Requesting Final Transcripts

All seniors must complete the **'Senior Year End Activity' and 'Senior Exit Survey'** on SchoolLinks no later than May 17th, 2024. The 'Senior Year End Activity' includes selecting your admissions decisions on all college applications, then you will be prompted to say which school you will be attending in the fall. **This will**

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# Schoolinks - College Search & Records



The screenshot displays the 'College Applications' section of the SchoolLinks platform. At the top, a yellow navigation bar includes an 'Exit Student Demo' button, a user profile for 'Molly Wittwer', and various utility icons. Below this, a secondary navigation bar shows 'College applications' as the active tab, with other options like 'School search', 'Admission stats', and 'Enrollment decision'. The main content area is divided into three columns: '5 Incomplete', '0 Completed & pending', and '0 Accepted'. The 'Incomplete' column lists five universities: Louisiana State University, Purdue University-Main Campus, The Ohio State University, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and Vanderbilt University. Each entry shows a 'common app' status, a progress indicator (e.g., 2/3, 0/3, 1/4), and a 'Deadline passed!' warning. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation links for Home, Student, Explore, Plan, Engage, Career, and College, along with a 'Recommendation tracker' and 'Application setup' section. The 'Application setup' section is marked as 'COMPLETE' and includes links for 'Personal details', 'Fee waiver eligibility', and 'FERPA waiver'. A search bar and 'Add application' button are located at the top right of the main content area.



# What constitutes a complete college application?

- ❖ Complete the application
  - Directly to institution or CommonApp
- ❖ Official test scores from ACT and/or SAT unless university is test optional
  - Must be sent directly from [act.org](http://act.org) and/or [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- ❖ Requested through SchoolLinks
  - High school transcript
  - Teacher letter(s) of recommendation **if required**

Check the university application information page for application deadlines. Pay close attention to deadlines for honors/scholars programs, priority consideration for scholarships and particular program deadlines
- ❖ Application fee



# Admission Decisions

- ❖ **Regular Decision:** The process in which the applicant completes the application by the institution's specified date and then receives a decision by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ **Rolling Admission:** The process in which the institution reviews applicants as they complete the application and renders decisions throughout the admission cycle
- ❖ **Early Action:** The process in which applicants apply to an institution by their EA deadline and may receive a decision in advance of their regular response date. The institution may accept, deny or add the applicant to the regular applicant pool. Many institutions require applicants apply by the EA deadline to be considered for scholarships and/or honors programs
- ❖ **Early Decision:** The process in which students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted, they will enroll. Students may apply to other institutions, but may have only one ED application pending at any time



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ❖ Scholarships (Merit Based) are primarily awarded by universities upon acceptance. Most universities will consider if students meet scholarship criteria in the application process. Check scholarship/financial aid websites for each university to learn more about their scholarship opportunities
- ❖ National databases: Fastweb, Cappex, Scholarship Owl, U.S. Department of Labor
- ❖ Check with other organizations: employers, labor unions, credit unions, professional affiliations
- ❖ Scholarship list is on SchooLinks (most local ones are added in January/February)



# Scholarships and Financial Aid

- ❖ Financial Aid & Grants (Need Based): Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Projected to be available October 1.
- ❖ Many colleges set deadlines by which you must submit the FAFSA to be considered for the aid programs they administer. Check the university website for that information. The federal deadline to submit the FAFSA for the academic year 25-26 is June 30, 2026. You can find the FAFSA and detailed information at **studentaid.gov**
- ❖ Once your FAFSA is submitted you will receive the FAFSA submission summary including the Student Aid Index (SAI). This number is used to determine if you qualify for need based aid in the form of grants, work study, and subsidized and unsubsidized student loans



# To submit, or not to submit...

## When to submit a score

### **Strong Score:**

If your SAT or ACT score is significantly above the average for admitted students at the colleges you are applying to, it strengthens your application and demonstrates strong academic preparedness.

### **Test-Optional Policies:**

Even at test-optional schools, submitting a high score can be beneficial, as it provides more information to the admissions committee and can help you qualify for merit-based scholarships.

### **Placement:**

Some colleges may use your scores for course placement, so even if it's not for admission, it could still be helpful.



# To submit, or not to submit...

## When to consider not submitting a score

### **Average or Low Scores:**

If your scores are on par with or lower than the average for admitted students at your target schools, they may not be advantageous to your application.

### **Strong Academic Profile:**

If your high school GPA and [course selection](#) are exceptionally strong, you may choose to focus on those aspects of your academic record instead of submitting potentially weaker test scores.

### **Limited Impact:**

If the scores don't offer a clear advantage or could potentially hurt your chances, it is often better to focus on other parts of your application.



# Important Dates

- ❖ **October 17, 2025** - Transcript request deadline for November 1st college application deadlines
- ❖ **November 17, 2025** - Transcript request deadline for Dec. 1st college application deadlines
- ❖ **October 1, 2025** - FAFSA tentatively available
- ❖ **December 5, 2025** - Transcript request deadline for Jan. 1 college application deadlines
- ❖ **January 17, 2025** - Transcript request deadline for Feb.1 college application deadlines



# Important Dates

- ❖ **April 1, 2026** - Deadline for universities to communicate admission decisions and financial aid packages
- ❖ **May 1, 2026** - Most housing deposits for dorms due
- ❖ **Early May TBA** - District Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- ❖ **April 2026** - OOHS Senior Academic Awards Night
- ❖ **May 29, 2025** - Graduation rehearsal 10:00 A.M. Tentatively
- ❖ **May 30, 2026** - Graduation at the Schottenstein Center 6:00 PM



# **OLENTANGY: BridgED**

**Guests: Molly Preston & Ebone Ford**



# WHAT IS OLENTANGY:BridgED

**Olentangy:BridgED** is designed to bridge the gap between K–12 education and the business community. BridgED addresses the core challenges of aligning companies and school districts to foster meaningful collaboration that supports both workforce development and student success.

**ACCESS** - internships, job shadowing, classroom presentations, building experiences, teacher/staff externships, field trips, pre-apprenticeships

**AWARENESS** - industry needs and trends, workforce data from across Ohio

**UNDERSTANDING** - multiple pathways to career success



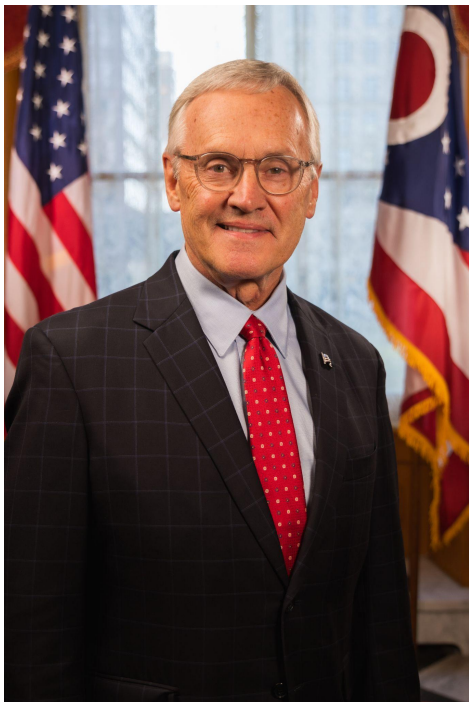
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# BridgED: PARTNERS



# 'BRIDGING THE FUTURE'



**Thursday, September 18th**

**7-8:30PM**

**Olentangy High School**

- Guest speaker **Lt. Governor Jim Tressel**
- Economic and jobs data presented by **One Columbus**
- Industry partner showcase

Discover how Olentangy Schools are bridging the gap between education and industry, creating real-world experiences that build **ACCESS, AWARENESS**, and **UNDERSTANDING** of future career paths.

**Register today!**





Please reach out to your student's School Counselor with any questions.