



# ORRHS Guidance Newsletter

## Current Guidance Happenings

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### Reminder ~ Term 3

Students who received an Incomplete have until **Monday, April 27th** to submit any missing work.

Any work not submitted within this timeframe may receive no credit and will be averaged into the final grade.

If there are extenuating circumstances, families should reach out to the Principal prior to the end of the two-week window to discuss possible extensions.

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### Sexual Assault Awareness Month – Lunch & Learn Opportunity

On Tuesday, April 28th, representatives from the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) will be present during lunches to provide information and resources in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Students are encouraged to stop by the table to learn more about healthy relationships, consent, and available supports. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and access important information in a supportive and respectful environment.

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### Denim Day – Wednesday, April 29th

Our school community will be participating in Denim Day on Wednesday, April 29th in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Students and staff are encouraged to wear denim as a visible show of support for survivors and to help raise awareness about the importance of consent and respect.

We hope you'll join us in supporting this meaningful initiative.

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### Attention Juniors and Seniors:

MassHire will be offering an Interview Skills Workshop on Wednesday, May 13th, during bulldog block in the library. If interested in the workshop, please sign up with your mentor or in guidance. Space is limited.

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### Scholarships:

You can find [AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS](#) on the Guidance website. Scholarships are updated often, so check back regularly.

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### FAFSA Information:

Seniors are able to start applying for financial aid as early as October 1st at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)

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### Summer Opportunities:

Please use this link to find [Summer Opportunities 2026](#).

## Upcoming Information Sessions with College Representatives:

\*Please sign up with your mentor

- [May 8 - MTTI Information Session](#)

*MTTI is a nationally accredited, family-owned technical trade school founded in 1985. It provides short-term, hands-on career training programs in fields like automotive, HVAC/R, construction, medical billing, etc.*

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## NEACAC College Fair at Bridgewater State University

Thursday, May 21, 2026 9 - 11:00am

Please register for NEACAC fairs at [www.StriveFair.com](http://www.StriveFair.com).

There will be over 100 Colleges/Universities at the fair.

Upon registration, StriveScan sends you a barcode via text message and email, which you will show to reps at each fair. Registering for a barcode provides students with more information on each institution and allows you to connect with schools even after the event. There is no cost for students to register for a barcode.

[BSU Sign-Up Link](#)

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## SAT Information:

Are you planning on taking the SAT? Here are some important deadlines to remember:

- May 22nd is the deadline to register for the June 6th test

Students register using their College Board accounts at [SAT College Board Registration](#). **Reminder: Fee waivers are available in guidance for eligible students - please see your counselor to learn more!**

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## Seniors Quick Reminder!

Local scholarship award letters are due to the guidance office by Monday, May 18. Please submit a copy or email your award notification(s) to your guidance counselor by the deadline if you would like to be recognized on the scholarship recipients list. (This list is for local scholarship awards only, not college/university scholarship awards.)

Please remember to bring a copy of your college decision letters to the Guidance Office as you receive them. Thank you for helping us keep your records up to date!

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## NACAC National College Fair – Boston:

Students and families are invited to attend the 2026 NACAC National College Fair to explore college options and connect with admissions representatives from colleges and universities across the country.

Dates & Times:

- Monday, April 27 | 5:30–8:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 28 | 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Location:

Hynes Convention Center, Boston

Free student registration and more information:

<https://www.nacacattend.org/26Boston>

## Ongoing Virtual Opportunities to Learn from MEFA Webinar series, Financial Aid 101, starting on 9/17.

Participating in the webinar will provide you with an overview of the financial aid process, including: financial aid applications and eligibility, types of financial aid, and how colleges determine financial aid offers. The Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority is here to help. Register for live sessions by visiting [www.mefa.org/events](http://www.mefa.org/events).

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## Interested in Marine Trades & Design?

Founded in 1978, The Landing School is a nonprofit, accredited marine trades school offering hands-on programs in Yacht Design, Wooden Boatbuilding, Composite Boatbuilding, and Marine Systems. Students can be career-ready in just 9 months, with diploma and associate degree options available. Financial aid and veterans benefits are available for those who qualify.

Learn more, explore programs, and view upcoming Open House dates using the link below:

<https://www.landingschool.edu>


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## Interested in a Service Academy? Information Fair ~ May 1:

Congressman Bill Keating, proudly representing Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District, is hosting a Service Academy Information Fair for students interested in attending one of our nation's service academies.

This event is a great opportunity to:

- Learn about the Congressional nomination process
- Understand what service academies look for in candidates
- Ask questions of service academy graduates
- Meet representatives from all major U.S. service academies and Massachusetts Maritime Academy

 Friday, May 1, 2026

 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

 Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Maritime Conference Center, 20 Tower Lane, Buzzards Bay, MA. If you plan to attend, please register by calling the Plymouth District Office at 508-746-9000 or emailing [Michael.Jackman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Michael.Jackman@mail.house.gov).

Students interested in military service, leadership, and earning a high-quality education are encouraged to attend!

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## Seniors: Deferred or Waitlisted ~ Now What?

### Deferred (Early Action):

- Your application is being reviewed again with the regular decision pool
- Follow the college's instructions to confirm your interest
- Keep your grades strong and consider submitting any allowed updates
- Final decision will come with regular admissions decisions

### Waitlisted:

- You may be considered if spots open after students commit
- Follow the college's instructions, but don't rely on the waitlist
- Move forward with another college plan and submit your deposit
- If admitted later, you can then decide

 If you're deferred or waitlisted, connect with your school counselor—we're here to help you make a plan.

# CAREER OF THE WEEK

## REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALES AGENTS



<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

- SOLICIT POTENTIAL CLIENTS TO BUY, SELL, AND RENT PROPERTIES
- ADVISE CLIENTS ON PRICES, MORTGAGES, MARKET CONDITIONS, AND RELATED INFORMATION
- COMPARE PROPERTIES TO DETERMINE A COMPETITIVE MARKET PRICE
- GENERATE LISTS OF PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR RENT, INCLUDING DETAILS SUCH AS LOCATION AND FEATURES
- PROMOTE PROPERTIES THROUGH ADVERTISEMENTS, OPEN HOUSES, AND LISTING SERVICES
- TAKE PROSPECTIVE BUYERS OR RENTERS TO SEE PROPERTIES
- PRESENT PURCHASE OFFERS TO SELLERS FOR CONSIDERATION
- MEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BUYER AND SELLER
- ENSURE THAT TERMS OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS ARE MET
- PREPARE DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS CLOSING STATEMENTS, PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, AND LEASES

### HOW TO BECOME ONE

- MUST HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
- COMPLETE REAL ESTATE COURSES (PRE-LICENSING)
- PASS A STATE LICENSING EXAM
- MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
- MANY TAKE COURSES IN BUSINESS, FINANCE, ECONOMICS, OR LAW
- SOME CHOOSE TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE (NOT REQUIRED, BUT HELPFUL)
- LICENSES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY FEW YEARS WITH ONGOING TRAINING
- ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING ARE REQUIRED TO BECOME A BROKER

### JOB OUTLOOK & SALARY

**PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY 3% BETWEEN 2024-2034**

**MEDIAN PAY: \$58,960**

## Stress Awareness & Coping Skills 😊

### Why it matters:

April can be a high-stress time with testing, sports, and end-of-year demands. Understanding how you respond to stress helps you manage it in healthy ways.

### Helpful tips:

- Identify your stress signals (headaches, irritability, trouble sleeping).
- Use quick coping tools: deep breathing, stretching, short walks.
- Break big tasks into smaller steps.
- Make time for activities that help you relax and recharge.

## 💙 SEL Tip ~ Checking In, Speaking Up & Supporting Each Other

### Why it matters:

Looking out for one another and speaking up when something feels off helps create a safe, respectful, and supportive school community.

### Helpful tips:

- Check in with friends—sometimes a simple “Are you okay?” can make a big difference
- Be aware of your surroundings and look out for others
- If something doesn’t feel right, trust your instincts and take action
- Speak up to a trusted adult if you’re concerned about a situation
- Remember: supporting others includes listening, respecting, and taking concerns seriously

💬 At ORR, we all play a role in creating a community where everyone feels safe, supported, and valued.