O'Fallon Township
HIGH SCHOOL



ELEVATING EVERY STUDENT

CLASS OF 2028 Junior Presentation

OTHS School Counseling Department

AGENDA:

- ✓ Meet the Assistant Principal
- ✓ Meet the School Counseling Office
- ✓ Meet the Social Workers
- ✓ Pathful – Career Planning Platform
- ✓ Graduation Requirements
- ✓ Eligibility
- ✓ Course Selection Process for Senior Year Classes
- ✓ Dual Credit/AP Course Offerings
- ✓ Post-High School Options
- ✓ College & Career Resources
- ✓ Standardized Testing Junior Year
- ✓ Support





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OTHS
social work

MEET OUR TEAM



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EXT. 5626

CLASS OF 2028

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Explore. Focus. Prepare.

Pathful is an online career planning platform available to all OTHS students

Can help your Junior explore and plan for the next phase of life

The class of 2028 has all taken the Career Readiness Assessment in both their Freshman and Sophomore years.

Junior year is the time to connect interests with real options.

Pathful

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CAREER LAUNCH INNOVATION MOVING BOUNDARIES
O'FALLON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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How Pathful Helps Your Junior

For juniors, Pathful helps turn “What if?” into a stronger plan.

1. Use assessments to connect interests, values, skills, and lifestyle to careers.
2. Research careers using profiles, salary data, outlook, and education requirements.
3. Watch Virtual Job Shadows and hear from real professionals
4. Compare postsecondary schools at a glance
5. Set SMART goals and shape a plan for senior year and beyond.

Turn possibilities into a plan.

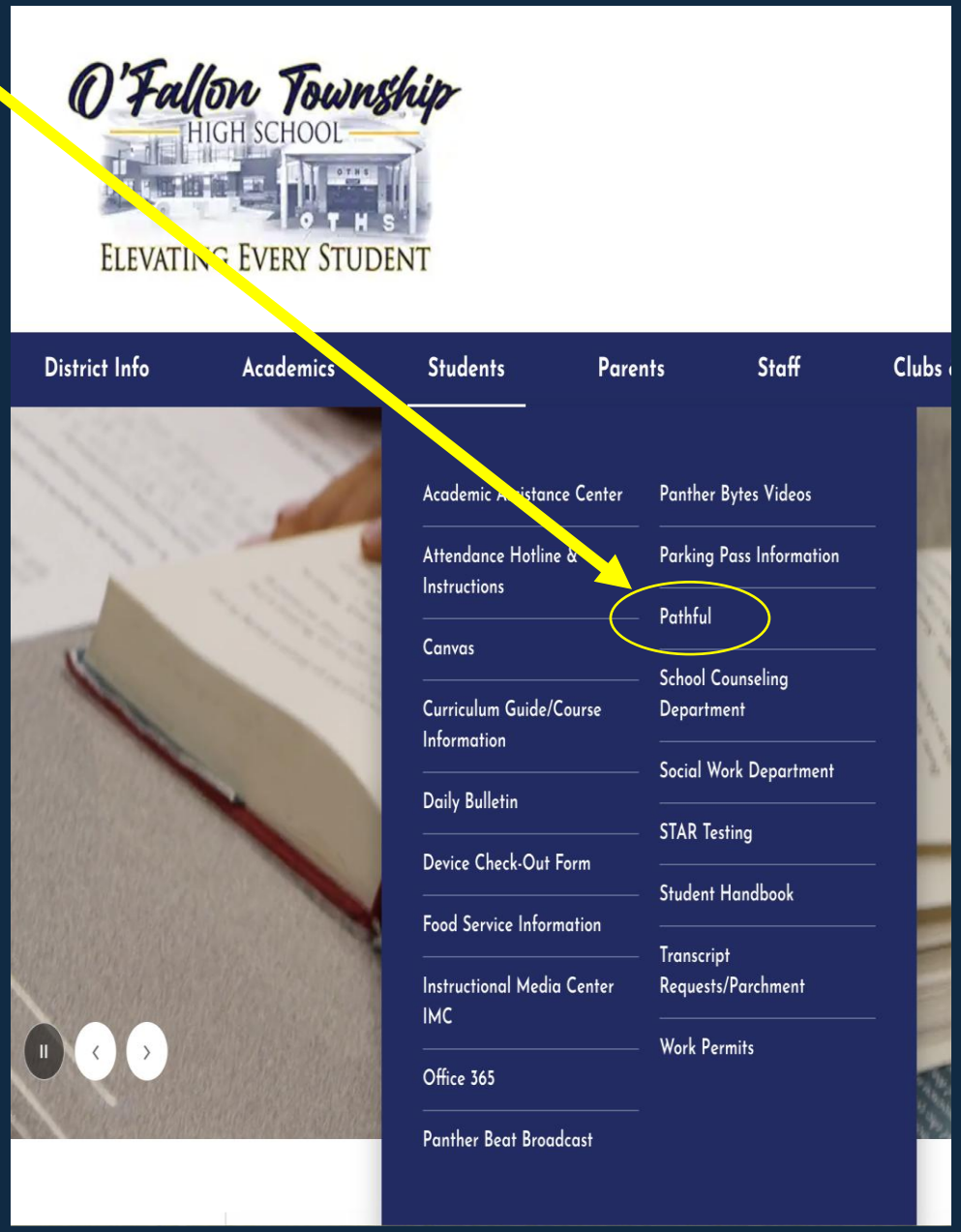
JUNIOR PARENTS

How to access Pathful

1. Log in to the student school account.
2. Open the district portal or single sign-on page.
3. Select the Pathful icon/app.
4. Start with assigned activities or explore careers, colleges, and tools.

Tip for tonight

Ask your student to show you their saved careers, assessment results, and next-step plan.



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Questions?

Email Mrs. Buehler: Buehlerc@oths.us

Stop by my table in the 600 hall anytime during tonight's Open House

OTHS Coursework Required for Graduation:

- **21 Cumulative Credits**
  - 4 Years of English
  - 3 Years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 & Geometry Content)
  - 2 Years of Lab Science (1 Life/1 Physical)
  - 2.5 Years of Social Science
  - 2 Years of Physical Education
  - 1 Semester Health/ 1 Semester Personal Finance
  - 2 Semesters of Additional Courses from Art, Music, World Language or Career & Technical Education



Recommended Coursework for College Readiness...

Typical 4-year College:

- 4 Years of English
- 3 Years of Math (Algebra and above)
- 3 Years of Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)
- 3 Years of Social Sciences (US History, World History, Government, SS Elective)
- 2 Years: World Language, Music, or Fine Arts (Varies between colleges)

Highly Selective Institutions:

- 4 Years of English
- 4 Years of Math (Algebra 1 and above)
- 4 Years of Science
- 4 Years of Social Studies
- 4 Years of World Languages
- Exemplary ACT-SAT scores

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATION?

Bachelor's Associate's Vocational

- Research majors in advisory
- Complete Financial Aid (FAFSA Nights)
- Scholarship Page

Military Enlistment

- Meet with Recruiters
- Take the ASVAB in October

Skilled Trade/ Workforce

- Attend Skilled Trades Fair in the spring
- Take OTHS Elective Courses

One Click College Admit

One Click is a new program offered through the Common Application.

- Students can apply as early as the **summer of their junior year**
- No application fee, essays or letter of recommendation required
- Includes **10 IL colleges** and **all IL community colleges**



Do you plan to be a *COLLEGIATE ATHLETE*?

NCAA Eligibility

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is an organization dedicated to providing a pathway to opportunity for college athletes.

There are three NCAA Divisions:

- Division I, Division II and Division III
- If you want to compete at an NCAA school, you must meet academic and/or amateurism standards set by NCAA members.
- NCAA Planning Worksheet is on the last page of the Curriculum Guide.
- Let your counselor know of your future athletic plans so you can work together planning eligibility!

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

4 x 4 = 16

9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
(1) English	(1) English	(1) English	(1) English
(1) Math	(1) Math	(1) Math	(1) Math
(1) Science	(1) Science	(1) Science	(1) Science
(1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) Social Science and/or additional	(1) Social Science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES

NCAA eligibility is a holistic process, involving the student, parents/guardians, school counselor, high school athletic coaching staff, NCAA eligibility center staff and post-secondary institutions. More information about NCAA eligibility can be found on our Guidance website.

ELIGIBILITY

Weekly Eligibility: Students must be passing at least **5 academic** classes (equivalent to 2.5 credits) **each week** to remain eligible for athletic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities, including National Honor Society.

Semester Eligibility: Students must pass a minimum of 5 academic classes (equivalent to 2.5 credits) each semester to maintain eligibility for the following semester.

- Ineligible Students
  - Regular meetings with school counselor
  - Summer School opportunities (can allow a student to regain eligibility for the fall semester)
  - On-Site, online PACE credit recovery coursework (does not count towards eligibility during the school year)

Course Selection for Senior Year:

Students will receive a *2026-27 Senior Course Selection Sheet* and *Rising Senior Scheduling Request Form* in advisory class.

Students are encouraged to research options and complete this form noting preferences prior to the scheduled meeting with the school counselor.

October through December - School Counselors will meet individually with Juniors in the School Counseling Office.

Counselors will complete a credit check and discuss options for future plans.

Bring the *Scheduling Request Form* to the meeting.

Things to Consider:

Balance, Rigor vs. Risk, and Career Interests/Exploration through electives!

Electives:

Choose electives which support your possible career(s) and meet college entry requirements

AFJROTC
Art/Music
Business
Family & Consumer Science
Industrial Technology
Foreign Language

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Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities!

CEO is a program designed for seniors interested in the business field:

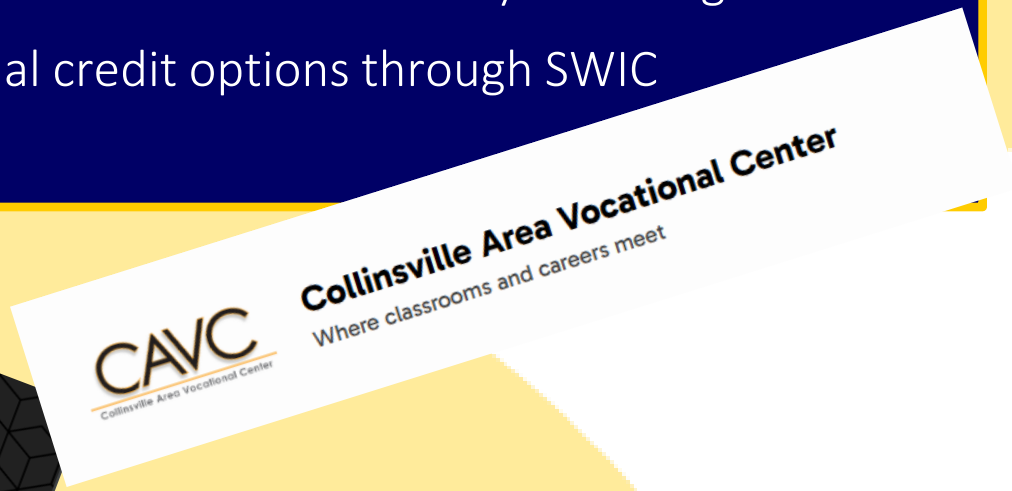
1. Students will participate in a class business, write business plans, and start and operate their own business.
2. Completely funded by local businesses within our community, students will also visit 30-50 businesses per year and receive one-on-one mentoring from a business community partner!



Collinsville Area Vocational Center Partnership!

The CAVC Program is designed for juniors/seniors interested in the vocational fields:

- Wide variety of fields (automotive to cosmetology)
- Use skills learned to go directly to work or continue in junior college, prepare for military, create a foundation for 4-year college
- Dual credit options through SWIC



DUAL CREDIT SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

- Psychology/AP Psychology
- Public Speaking
- AP United States History
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- Advanced Applications (Excel)
- Advanced Applications (Word/PP)
- Computer Programming/Networking/Cybersecurity
- Personal Finance
- CEO
- Theatre Literature

What is SWIC Dual Credit?



Dual credit programs allow secondary students to earn college credit for courses taken while they are in high school.

- Technical Drawing & Engineering Design
- Drafting & Engineering Design
- Engineering Design - CAD1
- Carpentry/Construction
- Welding 1
- Yearbook Design
- Video Production
- Advanced Digital Marketing and Social Media
- Foundations of Multimedia Production & Communication
- Medical Terminology

DUAL CREDIT
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
1818 PROGRAM

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Language & Composition

What is SLU 1818 Dual Credit?

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AT OTHS!

- AP Music Theory
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology
- AP Literature and Composition (Jr.)
- AP Language and Composition (Sr.)
- AP Pre Calculus
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics

What is Advanced Placement ?
The AP Program offers college-level courses and exams that you can take in high school.



- AP Studio Art: Drawing
- AP 3D Art & Design
- AP United States History
- AP Psychology
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP German Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language and Culture
- AP European History

SCHEDULE CHANGES/ DROPPING A CLASS

Schedule Changes and Deadlines

A student may make changes to their future year schedule *prior* to the first day of school in Aug. 2027. Once a semester starts, students may not make changes to their current semester courses.

How to request **dropping a course** on or after first day of attendance:

- ☑ Meet with school counselor to ensure dropping will not jeopardize graduation requirements
- ☑ Drop slip must be completed by both teacher and parent/guardian
- ☑ Drop slip returned to school counselor with all signatures and student moved into study hall

Important Withdrawal Dates:

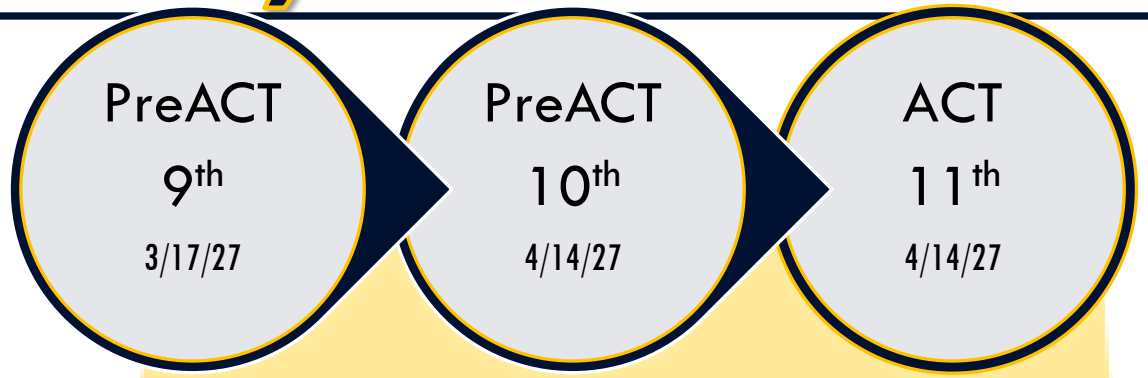
- 1st day of attendance – 10th day: course withdrawn without reflection on transcript
- 11th day – end of 9th week: receive "W" on transcript
- After ninth week:
  - If passing, receive "WP" on transcript. "WP" grades not calculated in GPA
  - If failing, receive "WF" on transcript. "WF" grades **ARE CALCULATED** in GPA

Course Level Change

1. Teacher-initiated level changes may occur when deemed academically appropriate and require permission from the department chairperson, school counselor, and parent/guardian.
2. Student-initiated level changes require an academic review with a school counselor, a signed waiver on file, and must occur prior to the first day of attendance.

Change of Level Forms—if signed, student is agreeing to remain in that class for the semester.

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT) ASSESSMENT



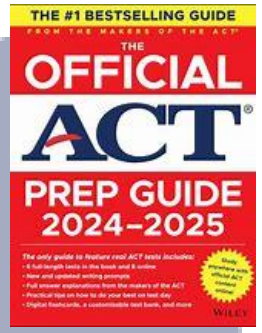
- Attendance is **Extremely Important** – Graduation Requirement
- The OTHS District registers students for the ACT as this is a state mandated assessment (**You do not register your student for the ACT School Day**)
- The ACT is **FREE** and Scores are **Official** and can be sent to Colleges/Universities of your choice
- Please understand that most colleges accept **BOTH the ACT and SAT**– one test is not "better" than the other for college admission purposes.

THE ACT FORMAT

April 14th – Digital

Math, Science, English & Writing

Score Range – Composite 1-36



TEST PREPARATION

Practice Tests on ACT Website

ACT Study Guide Books (Amazon)

Test Prep Classes:

- SIUE
- College Prep Station – Maryville, IL
- Sylvan Learning

TITLE I SUPPORT AVAILABLE AT OTHS

Title I Course Offerings at OTHS include <u>Appreciation of Literature, Appreciation of Rhetoric, US History, Written Communication, and World Literature</u>

- **Title Courses:** Offer additional support for students performing below grade level, smaller class size, more one-on-one time with the teacher
- **Essential Study Skills:** Additional support for all academic classes, focuses on study habits, test taking skills, student organization, etc.
- **Academic Assistance Center:** Offers support in all academic subject areas, open after school as well as during advisory. (online sign-up)
- **Social Work Services:** Mental health, social emotional services
- **Instructional Media Center (IMC) Services:** Help with research, projects
- **Math Tutoring Lab/Academic Assistance Advisory:** teacher recommendations



OTHER HELPFUL THINGS TO CONSIDER THIS YEAR:

- Pay attention to emails from **SchoolCounselors@oths.us** and your counselor
- Keep a folder of accomplishments such as awards, certificates, community service logs, job shadowing information, and letters of participation
- Get involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities
- Start creating a resume
- Set up a professional email address: FirstInitial.LastName@domain.com
- OTHS Junior Resources



WHERE TO NEXT?



📌 **Review your student's schedule on Skyward or pick up a copy at the front entrance to find room numbers. Administrators will be in the halls to help locate classrooms.**

OTHS teachers will be available in their classrooms from 6:30pm – 7:30pm

- Free- Flowing = No Bell Schedule
- Families may move at their own pace and visit teachers in any order.
- This is a **Meet and Greet** format where you can introduce yourself, share contact information, and teachers can briefly share information about their classes.
- Please do not form lines in the hallways → More than one parent can be in a classroom at a time.

⚠️ Please note: Teachers and counselors will **not** be available for extended meetings or one-on-one conferences. Parents are encouraged to follow up via email with specific questions.