Senior Parent Meeting

Olentangy High School

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Flourish Here.

English Department



Math Department



Science Department



Social Studies Department





World Language Department

Intervention Department









Business Department





Industrial Tech Department



Visual Art Department

Performing Arts Department





Family Consumer Science Department



Health/PE Department



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OHS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Thines	**A - C**
Mrs. Coen	**D - I**
Mrs. Cymbal	**J - M**
Ms. McKnight	**N - Sf**
Mr. D’Errico	**Sg - Z**



Tonight's Agenda

- Senior Events Calendar
- Post-Secondary Options
- Senior Year At a Glance
- College Admission Factors
- Academic Preparedness and Testing
- Common Application and SchooLinks
- Scholarships and Financial Aid
- BridgED Information

Senior Events Calendar

- Senior Sunrise - **August 28th**
- Homecoming - **October 3rd**
- Suburban College Fair - **October 18th 1:00 - 3:30 PM**
- End of 1st Quarter - **October 15th**
- Ohio Seal of Biliteracy Test - **October 21st** from 7:30-10:00 AM

  (Must Register in PowerSchool)
- Der Dutchman - **November 20th**
- End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester - **December 18th**
- AP Testing - **May 3rd - May 14th**
- Picnic/Farewell - **May 13th**
- Graduation - **May 16th at 9:00 AM at the Schottenstein Center**

Post-Secondary Options

- Military
- Work
- Gap year
- Technical/Trade school
- 2 year college
- 4 year college/university



Senior Year At a Glance

- Fall of Senior Year:
  - Senior Schedule and Honors diploma requirements
  - Senior class meeting and meet individually with counselor
  - Sign up for college representative visits*
  - Complete ACT/SAT testing
  - Complete applications
  - Complete the FAFSA **(Opens October)**
- Spring of Senior Year:
  - Apply for local scholarships
  - Finalize post-secondary plans



Considerations in Choosing a College

- Identify a career path
  - Utilize career exploration tools and assessments in SchooLinks
- Identify type of education needed for desired career
- Identify most important factors: cost, size, location, athletics, clubs, etc.
- Compare and contrast admission requirements
- Explore honors and scholars programs
- Visit college campuses and programs of interest
- Compare and contrast academic profile to the admitted freshmen class profile



College Admission Factors

- High School transcript
- Grade Point Average
- Senior Schedule
- Test Scores
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership Experiences
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Essay
- Counselor Evaluation



Testing

- Some colleges require ACT/SAT scores, some colleges are test optional
- Last testing dates for colleges to receive scores by November 1st deadline:
  - ACT: September 19th, October 17th (Late Registration closes September 29th)
  - SAT: September 12th , October 3rd (Registration closes September 22nd)
- Official scores must be sent directly from the testing agency (act.org and/or collegeboard.org)
- Transcripts **DO NOT** include official test scores.

Application Types and Deadlines

- **Regular Decision** - traditional time frame for the college application acceptance process; each college has a different deadline

- **Early Decision** - option for the application to be one “first choice” school; ***binding***; must attend if accepted

- **Early Action** - can result in early acceptance, first consideration for scholarships, non-binding

- **Rolling Admissions** - students are accepted/denied as applications are received

Common Application

- Common Application (**commonapp.org**) - one stop application shop for over 1,000 participating colleges/universities
  - Select schools to which you're applying and pay separate fees
  - Opens in August 2026
    - OHS transcripts available mid September
  - Visit college admission websites to determine if your school is a Common App school

SchooLinks

- College and career software system
- College Research Process
- Career Interest Inventories
- Sign up for college representative visits

- College Application Process:
  - Link with the Common App
  - Request transcripts
  - Request letters of recommendation
  - Search for local and national scholarships



Scholarships and Financial Aid

- Applying early action provides more opportunities for merit-based scholarships at each individual college
- Complete the FAFSA - **opens October**
- FAFSA workshops put on by local colleges
- Check with Financial Aid office at each college
- Local and national scholarship list in SchooLinks



Resources

- SchooLinks
- Commonapp.org
- Act.org
- Collegeboard.org
- Finaid.org
- Fafsa.gov
- Ncaa.org



School Resources

- Schoology:
  - OHS School Counselor Course
- School Website: ohs.olentangy.k12.oh.us
- Braves Online



Administrative Team

Principal

Nichole Crothers

Assistant Principals

Alysse Ross (A - G)

Tori Fedak (H - O)

Adam Brenner (P - Z)

Athletic Director

Jonny Henesy



OPEN HOUSE: WHAT TO EXPECT

Choose the experience that works best for your family:

- Follow your student's schedule for a "Day in the Life" experience
- Visit classrooms based on location within the building
- Create a combined schedule for families with multiple OHS students

During Open House, families can:

- Put a face to a name and connect with teachers
- Learn about course curriculum and classroom expectations
- Pick up important resources and materials

Please Note:

- Open House is designed as an informational event, not a parent-teacher conference.
- If a more in-depth discussion is needed, families are encouraged to contact teachers or complete a follow-up form to schedule a separate meeting.

OLENTANGY:BridgED



WHAT IS OLENTANGY:BridgED

Olentangy:BridgED: BridgED is a program designed to bridge the gap between K-12 and the business community by creating experiences with our industry partners designed for career exploration.

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’



Wednesday, September 16th
6-8PM
Olentangy High School

- Guest speaker **Dr. David Harrison, President of Columbus State**
- Panel discussion with industry leaders
- Partner showcase with hands on experiences and opportunities for direct conversations

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

Register today!



THANK YOU