

Welcome Students and Parents!



Oxford High School

Class of 2017

School Counselor Assignments

Counselor	Last Name
A. Mancinone	A-J
S. Velez	K-Mc
A. McRae	Me-Z
A. Marshall (Intern)	E, I, J, N, Q, Y

September

- Start researching majors, careers, and colleges in Naviance
- Student Athletes: Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
- Take leadership roles in clubs, activities and volunteer organizations.
- Sign up for OHS College Visits through Naviance (during school hours)

October

- Attend OHS College Fair on **October 6th.**
- Attend Danbury College Fair on **October 19th**
- Attend Fall Open Houses
- Review Sample Questions for Admissions reps.
 - What are the college's academic specialties?
 - What are the academic credentials of the typically admitted student? (ACT/SAT/class rank, GPA)
 - What percentage of students live on campus?
 - What percentage of students receive financial aid?

**refer to handout for more sample questions*

October

- Attend the Financial Aid Night on **October 15th**
- Take the PSAT's on **Wednesday October 14th**
- Start a personal filing system including report cards, test scores, honors or awards.
- Get to know your junior year teachers
- Research colleges

November-December

FREE Official SAT Test Prep:

***Create CollegeBoard and Khan Academy Account**

The College Board and Khan Academy have partnered to make practicing easy and personal for the Current SAT and NEW SAT (March 2016). At Khan Academy, you can access thousands of questions approved by the College Board, take four official SAT practice tests, and create personalized study plans based on your results.

***Use the access code on your PSAT score report to sign in to My College QuickStart**

November-December

- Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT
 - Kaplan
 - Princeton Review
 - Southbury Public Library-free timed practice tests
 - Catalyst Test Prep offers Bootcamps
 - Oxford High School hosts a 2 day SAT Bootcamp on February 27th and 28th , 2016 from 9-1. This Bootcamp precedes the first administration of of the new SAT on March 5, 2016.
 - Revolution Prep.

***See Test Prep. Handout**

Plan Your Spring Testing Schedule:

- SAT and/or ACT
- SAT Subject Tests (up to 3 on one test day.)
- Plan your testing schedule carefully if you want to take both types of SAT.

New SAT

“The new SAT-featuring the math that matters most, more relevant and clear vocabulary, questions that better reflect classroom learning, and free test practice from Khan Academy. It’s simply the most open and useful SAT we’ve ever created. “

“The CollegeBoard

New SAT

- Problems Grounded in Real-World Contexts
- Analysis in Science and in History/Social Studies
- No Penalty for Guessing
- 3 Sections: Evidence-Based Reading/Writing, Math and Essay Separate Score

SAT Registration Dates for 2015-2016

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	
		Mail	Phone/Online
Oct 3, 2015	Sep 3	Sep 18	Sep 22
Nov 7, 2015	Oct 9	Oct 23	Oct 27
Dec 5, 2015	Nov 5	Nov 20	Nov 23
Jan 23, 2016	Dec 28	Jan 8	Jan 12
Mar 5, 2016 <i>(No subject tests)</i>	Feb 5	Feb 19	Feb 23
May 7, 2016	Apr 8	Apr 22	Apr 26
Jun 4, 2016	May 5	May 20	May 25

The ACT Registration Dates for 2015-2016

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19– October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7–20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9–15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7–20, 2016

January-February

- Put together a resume
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges and add them to “Colleges I’m thinking About” in Naviance
- Schedule a junior conference, parents are welcome to join
- Attend The Catalyst Bootcamp tentatively scheduled @ OHS **February 27th and 28th**

March-April

- National College Fair in Hartford, CT: **March 30-31st**
- Email, call, or view online for colleges' view books and applications.
- Register with FastWeb.com for scholarships

May- June

- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
- Plan a challenging set of courses your senior year
- Add any new report cards, test scores, honors or awards to your file
- Parents and students complete the letter of recommendation packet
- Students work on college essays in their English class

Summer before Senior Year

- Work and save up money
- Practice writing your college essay.
- Practice filling out a college application
- Request admissions and scholarship applications
- Decide if you are going to apply for a college's early decision or early action programs.
- Visit colleges with your parents!
- Start Common Application After August 1st
- Rest for an exciting senior year and have fun!

Useful Websites:

- <http://www.oxfordpublicschools.org/subsite/ohs>
- <http://connection.naviance.com/oxfordhs>
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.act.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.commonapp.org
- www.ncaa.org
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net