

JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

Class of 2024

**Everything you want to know about
having a senior next year!**

COMMUNICATION

PARENTS:

- Mass emails
- Monthly parent emails
- My website: OHSschoolcounselor.weebly.com
- Facebook
- Remind app

STUDENTS:

- Emails [need to check DAILY]
- Google Classroom: Class of 2024

MAIN source of communication is GC; students have access

COMMUNICATION

STUDENTS:

REMEMBER that what you post on social media CAN affect your life. We have had students lose scholarship opportunities because of their social media presence!

ACADEMICS: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

-Meet Diploma Requirements [see website/Scheduling/Diploma Requirements]

-**Core 40:** Make sure you have 40+ credits by Graduation

-**AHD:** Make sure you have 47+ credits by Graduation, 2 additional math credits, 6 foreign language credits, 2 fine arts credits, no grade lower than C- for a required class, GPA of B- or better, 2 dual credit courses from the priority list completed with C- or better [6 dual credit hours]

-**THD:** Make sure you have 47+ credits by Graduation, no grade lower than C- for a required class, GPA of B- or better, earn 6 HS credits in a CTE pathway with 2 dual credit CTE courses completed with C- or better [6 dual credit hours] OR complete a state-approved certification, AND either 2 different dual credit courses from the priority list completed with C- or better [6 dual credit hours] OR minimum score on one of the following assessments: WorkKeys, Accuplacer, Compass

-**AHD/THD:** Make you meet AHD requirements AND 6 HS credits in a CTE pathway with 2 dual credit CTE courses completed with C- or better [6 dual credit hours]

ACADEMICS: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

-Fulfill Graduation Pathways [see website/Scheduling/Grad Pathway Requirements]

-**Bucket #1:** Meet Diploma Requirements

-**Bucket #2:** Complete Project-Based, Work-Based, or Service-Based Learning and turn in paperwork [GC/Classwork/Graduation Requirements/Bucket #2]

-**Bucket #3:** Meet academic requirement; typically CTE Pathway, **ASVAB score 31+**, or 9 dual credits

-Be aware that failing any class could put you in jeopardy of not graduating; getting a C- in an elective class could also, if you are depending on that course to meet your Pathway

ACADEMICS: CTE PATHWAYS

- Students who complete a CTE Pathway will receive a cord on Awards Day to wear at Graduation
- CTE Pathways that COULD qualify for THD: Ag Power/Ag Mech, Agri-Science Animals, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Health Science, Education Professions
 - Need to complete 6 HS credits in pathway
 - Need to complete 6 dual credits
 - Need C- or better in all pathway classes/semesters

ACADEMICS: DUAL CREDIT INFO

-Academic courses that meet the AHD requirement [need 6 dual credits]: MATH 136 [3]/MATH 137 [3], MATH 135 [3], PSYC 142 [3], ENGL 111 [3]/ENGL 206 [3], COLL-P115 [3]/ENGL 215 [3], HUMA 118 [3], MUSI 218 [3]/MUSI 220 [3], ARTH 110 [3], BIO 100/100L

-CTE courses that meet the AHD requirement [need 6 dual credits]: [each one listed is 3] AGRI 106, AGRI 103, AGRI 107, AGRI 102, AGBS 101, EDUC 101, EDUC 121, EDUC 201, HLHS 100, HLHS 101, HLHS 102, HLHS 107, DESN 101, DESN 113, DESN 104, COMP 177

-Courses that meet the THD requirement [need 6 dual credits]: Ag Power [6], Animal Science [6-9], Education [9], Health Science [12], Engineering [9], pathways at NLCC that offer dual credit

ACADEMICS: DUAL CREDIT INFO

-At the end of the school year, you must request a transcript from the college(s) you earned credits. They will be listed on your HS transcript BUT for other colleges to accept them, they will need an official transcript from the college you received them.

ACADEMICS: CREATE A PARCHMENT ACCOUNT

- Why? This will allow you to request official transcripts for jobs and/or college applications.
- It is updated after every semester [when grades update to your transcript], usually about a week after final grades are due.
- Create an account at www.parchment.com or by going through the website under Colleges/Request a Transcript. Make sure you use a non-school email account so you can access your transcript after you Graduate. Keep login information handy bc you will use it again.
 - Make sure you click on the blue box [looks like a graphic] that tells you to pick your school and select Orleans Jr/Sr High School.
 - It will send your request to me. I check it every morning and send transcripts.
 - You can also request a copy for yourself.
 - Request ALL transcripts at least 5 days before deadlines to make sure it is sent in time.
 - It will show a charge and then a waiver for the fee while you are in HS BUT after your senior year it will charge you after August 1.
 - Make sure college-bound students request a FINAL transcript sent to their college AFTER Graduation.

ACADEMICS: CREATE A PARCHMENT ACCOUNT

The screenshot shows the Parchment website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Parchment logo and links for Order, Markets, Products, About, Events, and Resources. Below this is a large teal banner with the headline "Turn Credentials Into Opportunities" and a sub-headline "8,000+ education institutions, businesses, and other organizations trust Parchment to help turn credentials like transcripts, diplomas or certificates into opportunities." A central button says "I Would Like To..." with a dropdown arrow. Below it is a "Sign In" button with the text "Already have an account?".

Below the banner are three circular icons representing different user groups: "STUDENTS, PARENTS & THIRD PARTIES", "SCHOOLS, COLLEGES & ACADEMIC AGENCIES", and "PROFESSIONALS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS".

At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Your Milestones, Your Credential Profile" and a notification bubble from Jimmy from Parchment that says "Hi Kristin, We are excited to announce a new look for Parchment.com. Check out the blog...".

ACADEMICS: REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH PARCHMENT

-Once your account is completely set up you will be ready to request transcripts at the “My transcripts” section.

-You will have to sign the agreement w/ your mouse and will be asked if you want to waive your right to view additional documents such as letters of recommendation.

-It will show a charge and then a waiver for the fee while you are in HS BUT after your senior year it will charge you after August 1.

-Make sure college-bound students request a FINAL transcript sent to their college AFTER Graduation.

SENIOR TIPS: GOOD IDEA TO DO THESE THINGS!

- Keep a folder at home for important paperwork: college information, scholarships, copies of letters of recommendation, list of activities, etc.
- Keep a list of all logins/passwords that you will keep updated; GC under Forms/General Information there is a template if you would like to use it.
- Start a list of all of your high school activities/sports/clubs/work/awards/leadership and keep it updated; GC under Forms/General Information there is a template if you would like to use it.
- Start a list of all of your volunteering activities while in high school and keep it updated; GC under Forms/General Information there is a template if you would like to use it.

SENIOR TIPS: GOOD IDEA TO DO THESE THINGS!

- Create and use a non-school email when creating accounts and filling out anything you will need access to after high school.
- Check email AT LEAST once a day.
- Check Google Classroom Class of 2024 at least once a day.
- Get things done early/when they are requested so they don't pile up: senior surveys about future plans, senior brag form, ordering senior supplies, ordering yearbooks and senior ads, getting Mrs. Hall senior quote/list of activities/senior picture, scheduling your senior meeting with Mrs. Jones, turning in Bucket #2 paperwork, meeting scholarship/FAFSA and other deadlines
- Use a calendar and alerts (on phone is fine) to remember things you need to do

SENIOR TIMELINE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THESE THINGS DONE

WHENEVER COMPLETED

- Senior pics sent to Mrs. J. Hall [must be received by Spring Break]
- Info will be sent out at some point [probably January] needing the following info for the yearbook: senior ads in yearbook, senior quote, list of HS activities [must be received by Spring Break]

BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS

- Check schedule to make sure in right classes
- Double check diploma/Graduation requirements [on website under Scheduling/Diploma Requirements]
- Make sure failed classes are on your schedule if not made up already.
- Complete Bucket #2, if you can [in Google Classroom/Graduation/Bucket #2]

SENIOR TIMELINE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THESE THINGS DONE

AUGUST

- Check schedule to make sure in right classes
- Order yearbook [much cheaper if done early/in the first week]
- Fill out Senior Brag Sheet [for Mrs. Jones] to help all staff with letters of recommendation
- Fill out Senior Plans Sheet [for Mrs. Jones]
- Research colleges/careers/jobs/military options
- Fill out HS Activities/Awards/Leadership/Clubs/Sports/Work list
- Fill out HS Volunteer List
- Start [and keep updated] login/password list
- Submit paperwork for Bucket #2 [in Google Classroom/Graduation/Bucket #2]

SENIOR TIMELINE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THESE THINGS DONE

SEPTEMBER

- Finish Bucket #2, if haven't

OCTOBER

- Schedule Senior Meeting with parents/Mrs. Jones for week of Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Order Caps/Gowns

NOVEMBER

- Start narrowing down your post-secondary plan

SENIOR TIMELINE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THESE THINGS DONE

DECEMBER

JANUARY

-Local scholarships start becoming available; check weekly thru the end of the year

FEBRUARY

MARCH

-By Spring Break, submit the following to the yearbook [Mrs. J. Hall]: Senior picture, senior quote, senior ad info/payment, list of activities in HS

SENIOR TIMELINE: MAKE SURE YOU GET THESE THINGS DONE

APRIL

- Get senior events dates on your calendar so you don't miss them and can tell family so they can plan to be there
- Complete Senior Wrap-Up for Mrs. Jones
- Apply for jobs if entering the workforce; let Mrs. Jones know if you get one so we can celebrate you!

MAY

- Request final transcripts sent after grades are posted
- Verify final transcripts were received BEFORE Aug. 1 or you have to pay after that date

MILITARY-BOUND STUDENTS: TO DO LIST

- Take the ASVAB again, if needed.
- Talk to recruiters from all branches to see what they can offer and to find the best fit.
- Pay attention to announcements for visiting recruiters; sign up to talk with them during lunch or BDS!
- Look on website under Careers for recruiter visit dates, career assessments, career videos, and much more!
- Depending on student age and when decision is made, they may be able to participate in boot camp early, so talking to recruiters and gathering information to make the best choices early is important to have all the options.
- Make sure you are working out/getting into shape for the physical requirements of the military.

MILITARY-BOUND STUDENTS: ASVAB

- Your most recent score is the only “valid” score.
- Tentatively, Nov. 15/16 we will be giving the ASVAB to all sophomores and to juniors/seniors who have not met Bucket #3. IF you are seriously looking into the military, you need to let Mrs. Jones that you would also like to take the test again.
- Review materials on website under Testing/ASVAB

WORK-BOUND STUDENTS: TO DO LIST

- Start figuring out where you would like to work and/or what you would like to do for your career.
- Job shadow to experience various jobs.
- Start researching employers and benefits packages.
- Pay attention to announcements for employers visiting during lunch/BDS to talk with students about employment opportunities at their business.
- Look on website under Careers for job openings, career search engines, career videos, and much more!
- Start making connections with employers.
- Work on resume so it is updated.

WORK-BOUND STUDENTS: TO DO LIST

- Look into any training or certifications you could get to make you more marketable for your career. (i.e. CDL, CNA, Safe Serve, etc.)
- Make sure your attendance at school is good; employers may request transcripts and that is something they will look for.
- Earn the Governors Workforce Certificate–new next year; may give you an upper hand at getting local job opportunities and/or pay increase.

WORK-BOUND STUDENTS: JOB SHADOW OPPORTUNITIES

-Seniors are given 2 excused absences for job shadowing experiences during the school year.

-For them to be excused, students must:

- Get a Job Shadow form from Lynnda/Courtney in the office.

- Have teachers and parent/guardian sign it.

- Turn it in to the office at least one day BEFORE the experience.

- Pick up Job Shadow Form #2 from the office. Take it with you on job shadow. Bring it back signed and filled out to verify visit. Having three of these completed in grades 9-12, will meet Bucket #2.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: TO DO LIST

- Start thinking about what career you would like to have.
- Job Shadow to make sure.
- Start researching colleges that have your major. On website under Colleges, you will find some helpful sites for this process.
- Sign up to meet with college reps who are visiting during lunch or BDS.
- Make lists of HS activities/volunteering and keep it updated during the year. Optional forms in Google Classroom under Forms/General Information.
- Start filling out college applications after August 1. Note: Many state schools have a Nov. 1 deadline for your best chance of admission.
- After completing a college application, you will need to request a transcript be sent. You will do this through Parchment.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: TO DO LIST

- Take the SAT or ACT, if needed.
- Volunteer and get involved to help with scholarship applications.
- File the FAFSA after Oct. 1 (due April 15).
- Go on college visits to your final schools.
- Keep a list of logins and passwords. You will be creating a LOT of accounts and some may have different requirements so WRITE THEM DOWN SOMEWHERE!! There is a form available in Google Classroom under Forms/General Information.
- Give Mrs. Jones copies of ALL college acceptance letters and/or scholarships awarded as you get them.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: SAT/ACT

- 21st Century Scholars must take one of these at least once to be eligible for the scholarship
- Many colleges are now Test Optional [meaning you don't have to have taken it/gotten a "good" score] BUT it can be helpful for some scholarships or, if you score well, to make you stand out. See what policies the colleges you are interested in have.
- All juniors took the SAT in March 2023. You do not HAVE to take it again, unless it will help you.
- If you need a good score to meet a requirement, suggest you retake it in June or August so you have time to take it again if you need to and/or there is time to get your new scores by college application deadlines.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: SAT/ACT

-For the class of 2023 to be eligible to apply for the Lilly Scholarship, they had to have a 1200 on the SAT; criteria is decided each summer; keep this in mind if you might be eligible; can retake SAT in June or August and score will count.

-Will be offered SAT at OHS in June and August 2023.

-Review materials on website under Testing/SAT or ACT

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: SAT/ACT

-To check dates/sites or to register:

SAT www.collegeboard.org Covers English/Math

ACT www.actstudent.org Covers English/Math/Science

-You will create an account, if you don't have one.

-See Mrs. Jones before you register for a waiver for the test fee, if you are free/reduced lunch.

-Make sure you put OHS as your school, so we get your scores.

-Some colleges will require scores from CollegeBoard or ACT; during registration you can request them sent to a few for free so think through where you might like to attend and sent them there; after you register, you will be charged to send scores to colleges (also not a fast process)

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: COLLEGE VISIT DAYS

- Seniors are given 2 excused college visit days for the school year
- For them to be excused, students must:
 - Get a College Visit form from Lynnda/Courtney in the office.
 - Have teachers and parent/guardian sign it.
 - Turn it in to the office at least one day BEFORE visit.
 - Bring back something signed from the college verifying visit.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: HOW TO AFFORD COLLEGE

- There are two ways to estimate the cost of attending a school.
 - Indianacollegecosts.org is a very informational website. It has all Indiana colleges listed (and a map) and their costs, Financial Aid/ Scholarship stats, and admission info.
 - It is also a law that all colleges must have a tool available (most are on their homepages) to estimate the cost to attend.
- Filing your FAFSA application as early as possible is the best way, once you get to senior year, to KNOW how much cost of attendance will be; the college can look at that and give you their financial aid package.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: FAFSA [IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID]

-FAFSA is the VERY important financial aid application that allows students to be eligible for all financial help-grants, loans, etc.

-File yearly at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

-Even THINKING about going to college from Aug 2024-Aug 2025? File the FAFSA document on time!

-Opens Oct. 1; must be filed by April 15, 2024; filing early helps you see what aid colleges can offer you so you can choose your college knowing how much it will cost. Some colleges may have earlier deadlines than April 15th so know when you need to have it filed based on your college options! Suggested it is filed by Winter Break.

-It will go off last year's taxes so you don't have to wait to file. You can always update it if something changes.

-Takes a while the first time but when you renew it each year [unless something drastic changes], it will take about 15 minutes.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: FAFSA [IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID]

- You will create an FSA ID and your parent/guardian will create an FSA ID. This usually takes 3-5 business days to process. You will use the FSA ID to sign the form electronically so you can't submit it until you have both FSA IDs.
- Help with the FAFSA can be found on website under Colleges/Financial Information [at the bottom]; videos of FSA IDs, list of documents you will need, etc.
- FAFSA does NOT cost money; if you see a charge, you are on the wrong website!
- 21st Scholars MUST file their FAFSA senior year and every year after to remain eligible; even if deferring for a year, you need to file to keep the scholarship.

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS

-21st Century Scholarship (if you are eligible):

-Complete 12 activities (should just have four left) in ScholarTrack, if you haven't.

-Take SAT/ACT, if haven't taken it. March 2023 testing counts!

-Visit www.scholars.in.gov for more information.

-Check GPA; need at least a 2.5 at Graduation.

-Make sure to get a Core 40 or AHD or THD diploma.

-File FAFSA by April 15 deadline.

-Contact your colleges about scholarships at their school that you could be eligible for; apply for those. Their deadlines may be in the fall so make sure you are looking into this early!

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS

- Once a week, look at the Scholarship List on website [under Scholarships/Senior Scholarship List] or in Google Classroom [under Scholarships/Scholarship List].
- Fill out every application you are eligible for; you can't earn one if you don't apply!!
- Most local scholarships will be available for application from Jan.-April 2024 so you will want to check more often during those months.
- Internet scholarship searches can also lead to scholarships. Look on website under Scholarships for some good places to start.

WHO DO I ASK?

Academic Requirements/Diploma Requirements: Mrs. Kate Jones

Scheduling/Vocational School: Mrs. Kate Jones

ACT/SAT/ASVAB Testing and Waivers: Mrs. Kate Jones

CTE Pathway/Graduation Pathway: Mrs. Kate Jones

Job Shadowing/College Visit ideas: Mrs. Kate Jones

Scholarships/College Admission/Awards Day: Mrs. Kate Jones

College Rep Visits/Military Recruiter Visits/Employment Opportunities: Mrs. Kate Jones

WHO DO I ASK?

Job Shadowing/College Visit paperwork: Lynnda/Courtney
in office

Graduation Supplies: Courtney in the office

Commencement: Mr. Wolford

Attendance: Mrs. Ralston/Courtney in the office

Prom: Mrs. Bledsoe/Mrs. Isom

Yearbook: Mrs. Jennifer Hall

Athletics: Athletic Director

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