

# Jones' Journal

MARCH 2024

A monthly parent email with all things OHS!

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

1	Cont. Schedule Week: 8th Grade	Fri--Schedule in English
4-8	Schedule Week: 7th Grade	Mon--Forms out in BDS; Fri--Forms DUE
4-8	Schedule Week: 6th Grade	Mon--Forms out in BDS; Fri--Forms DUE Testing Rooms
5	School Day SAT: Juniors	
6	School Day SAT: Make-Ups	
7	Yoga	BDS; New Gym
8	End of 3rd 9 Weeks	
14	Report Cards Posted	
16-24	No School; Spring Break	
28	Yoga	BDS; New Gym
29	JH Morp	7-9 pm; cafeteria; \$5

### APRIL

2	6th Grade Orientation Session #1	
3	6th Grade Orientation Session #2	
4	6th Grade Orientation Session #3	
10	SAT Make-Up Testing w/ Mrs. Jones	
11	Yoga	BDS; New Gym
15-May 10	ILEARN Testing Window	
15	SPRING Ivy Tech Withdrawal Date	
24	Honors Banquet	6-8 pm; Cafeteria
25	Yoga	BDS; New Gym
29-May 3	ILEARN JH/Biology I Testing	TBD

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

-Scholarship applications are really coming due right now. Check deadlines often. FYI, there are some scholarships for trade schools, 2-year specific colleges AND students going into the workforce, so make sure your child applies to everyone they qualify for!

-FAFSA is due April 15!!! All seniors need to complete this!

**Here are the best resources for getting assistance with the FAFSA:**

Contact InvestED: <https://www.investedindiana.org/funding/completing-the-fafsa/>

Contact your Outreach Coordinator: <https://learnmoreindiana.org/contact/>

Contact Federal Student Aid Support:

<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/help-center/contact-customer-support>

-Important May Dates for Senior Activities:

13	Seniors: Finals	
13	Calculus AB AP Exam 8 am	Conference room
14	Seniors: Graduation Practice/OES Walkthrough	
15	Seniors: Graduation Practice	
15	Music Appreciation AP Exam 12 pm	
17	Awards Day: Seniors	8:30-10:30 am; Main Gym
18	Graduation, 1 pm	

**-ALL PARENTS:** If you qualify for free/reduced lunch, PLEASE still fill out the form/make sure you have filled out the form this year (and in future years)!!! Even though, all students get free lunch and free books, **your child could still automatically qualify for other things** because of their participation in the program--including but not limited to free dual credit classes, 21st Century Scholars automatic enrollment, fee waivers for college applications and/or SAT or ACT test fees! If you have not filled out the form, email Mrs. Jones at [kjones@orleans.k12.in.us](mailto:kjones@orleans.k12.in.us) and she can send a paper copy home with your student or the student can stop by the office to get an application. Applications can be returned to Courtney in the main office or Mrs. Jones.

## Ways to Stay Informed:

- School Facebook Page: Orleans Jr/Sr High School
- Having updated email in Harmony that you check for monthly emails and other communications
- Visit Mrs. Jones' website at [www.OHSSchoolCounselor.weebly.com](http://www.OHSSchoolCounselor.weebly.com) regularly for information; especially check the Home page for important dates, the Parents page for any previous parent communications, (senior parents) Scholarship page for available scholarships, the Career/College pages to help you help your child figure out their post-secondary plan, and the Testing page for test information/practice tests/test dates
- Harmony Parent Login to make sure your child is staying on track
- Students are all in a Class of... Google Classroom where they have access to TONS of helpful information from Mrs. Jones

## New Opportunities for Students

-COSMOS Newsletter for February **[ATTACHED]**

-Northeast Indy College Fair March 13 6:30-8 pm **[ATTACHED]**

-Students interested in Business: IU has a Business is Global camp this summer; scholarships are available! Great opportunity if interested in business! **[ATTACHED]**

-IU Southeast-bound students: They have several workshops coming up to help you be ready to go to IUS in the fall: March 4, 19, April 3, 17 **[ATTACHED]**

-STEM Academy at Vincennes University this summer! June 11-13 from 9am-2pm at VU Jasper for grades 6th-9th. June 23-28 at VU for grades 10th-11th. **[ATTACHED]**

-Scheduling for 2024-25 is wrapping up; however, schedules can still be changed thru the end of the semester; students will get a copy of a tentative schedule in May.



-7th/8th Grade has been working on a College Search; check with your child to see what they have learned. They have been using the College Navigator website at: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

-JUNIORS: All juniors will take the SAT on March 5. Students need to plan to be here with charged Chromebooks. Make-up day (if needed) is March 6. SAT testing is required by the state. Students are encouraged to do their best because higher scores can help them with college acceptance, scholarships, and other opportunities.

-UPCOMING for 11th-12th graders: April 5 and April 10 students will have the opportunity to attend 1-2 Career Fairs during the school day. April 5 will be held at Mitchell High School (an event with COSMOS) and all 11th-12th graders are encouraged to attend to see various career opportunities and talk with adults working in a field of interest they may have; ALL juniors and seniors encouraged to attend. April 10 will be held at Paoli High School and is a great connection opportunity for seniors to find a career-job in our area and/or for current juniors to look for an internship site; ALL Work-Bound juniors and seniors encouraged to attend and bring copies of their current resume (which we have been working on in BDS).