

Jones' Journal

MAY 2024

A monthly parent email with all things OHS!

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Apr 15- May 10	I LEARN Testing Window	
29-May 3	JH I LEARN Testing	
May 6-10	Biology I Testing	TBD
8-9	Juniors: US History Presentations	During class
8	Junior Parent Night	6-8 pm; Cafeteria
9	Yoga	BDS; New Gym
13	Seniors: Finals	
13	Calculus AB AP Exam 8 am	Conference room
14	Seniors: Graduation Practice/OES Walkthrough	
15	Seniors: Graduation Practice	
15	Music Theory AP Exam 12 pm	
16-17	Finals	
17	End of 4th 9 Weeks; End of Semester 2	
17	Awards Day: Seniors	8:30-10:30 am; Main Gym
18	Graduation, 1 pm	

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:



-Make sure you and your child have the important senior dates on your calendars so you don't miss out or miss something important.
-Make sure your child is at school and completing all their work on time.
We don't want any last minute not-walking seniors! They **have to meet ALL** of their Graduation requirements this semester to be able to walk! Call or email Mrs. Jones if you/they are concerned!

-FAFSA was due April 15 but you can still get it in and be eligible for money (even if you decide later in the year you want to go to college!). All seniors need to complete this! Use this to keep your options open—you never know when you might change your mind!

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

Contact IInvestED: <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>

New Information

-**JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT:** Coming May 8 from 6-8 pm. IInvestED will be here to talk about paying for college for about the first hour and then Mrs. Jones will go over info on what you need to do when for whatever your post-secondary plan is so you can get "started" on senior year items before the craziness of the year begins. This is a GREAT event for those who don't like to be stressed/like to plan ahead/feel overwhelmed already/have never had a child graduate before. **[ATTACHED]**

-The Orleans Public Library has a bunch of events coming up this summer. Check out their filer. **[ATTACHED]**

-Scheduling for 2024-25: Schedules can still be changed thru the end of the semester; students have gotten a copy of their schedule this week. Contact Mrs. Jones with questions.

-NLCC Transportation and Car Show: May 1 students attending the North Lawrence Career Center will be hosting their annual Automotive Technology Class Car Show! **[ATTACHED]**

-Summer Job opportunity: Papa John's called and they are hiring kids for summer work. If your child is interested, have them contact Chance Kellams at 812-788-0580 or they can apply online at www.Papajohns.com. Paper applications are available at the restaurant.

-Have a child interested in Healthcare Careers (sophomores - seniors in the fall of 2024)? Memorial hospital in Jasper is working with VU Jasper to hold a summer camp on July 29-30. Registration ends May 31 or when the first 20 participants have committed! Students who are interested in pursuing a health career or who just want to learn more about the world of health care! This is a 2-day, action packed, summer camp giving students an opportunity to explore a variety of health careers through engaging activities, educational sessions, and practical advice with our experts, as well as insight into college life. Questions? Contact Brooke Ingram, MSN, RN at 812-996-6267. **[ATTACHED]**

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 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



-9th-12th Graders: Can take FREE college courses at Ivy Tech this summer!!! They can access the link to demonstrate interested in the Google Classroom Stream post from April 5 or through this handout. An Ivy Tech rep (more than likely Cade Nolan) will be in contact with them to make sure they are getting signed up for their course(s) correctly. **NOTE: OHS students who will be returning next year (i.e. not Class of 2024) should talk to Mrs. Jones before they sign up for a course to make sure they are NOT creating an issue with their schedule for next or future years BECAUSE these courses will NOT go on their high school transcript, only their college transcript, since they are not taken here so they won't complete any OHS Graduation requirements!!!** If they already have a MyIvy account, they can also go ahead and register for the course. They will need to include their NAME, SCHOOL, and DOB or C number (Mrs. Jones has C numbers if they have taken an Ivy Tech course before) for faster service. If they have trouble, they can reach out to Cade Nolan (our Ivy Tech rep) at cnolan22@ivytech.edu or Karen Boruff at kboruff8@ivytech.edu email for help. **[ATTACHED]**

-Do you want your child to be successful? The primary predictors of post-secondary success, according to a brief from the **College & Career Readiness & Success Center** (<https://www.asvabprogram.com/media-center-article/166>) in which several studies researching postsecondary outcomes were reviewed, "the most frequently noted indicators at this level are attendance, GPA, and test scores." For high school students, this means that the best predictors of postsecondary success are:

Attendance: Missing less than 10 percent of school days per grade level

Grades: Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Mobility: Low school transfer rate

Exams & Testing: Passing high school exit exams or college entrance exams, scoring a three or higher on Advanced Placement (AP) final exams, or achieving SAT or ACT scores at or above the student's desired college threshold

College & Career Prep Activities: Participation in dual enrollment curriculum, submitting the FAFSA and a college application, followed by immediate, full-time enrollment in a postsecondary program, completing college preparatory activities like summer transition and orientation programs, meeting with academic advisors and guidance counselors, and completing college and career-readiness activities or pretests for college entrance exams