



# OLD COLONY

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## Principal Guenette's June 2017 News

It is hard to believe how quickly **the school year** has passed and is coming to an end. I would like to **thank the OC community** for your belief, trust, and commitment to the **values of a vocational education**. This was a very busy year and you, as **partners in education**, played a great role in making it a **success!**

Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how our **OC community** commits their **time and energy** every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which our **students can thrive!** I wish our **senior graduates** all the best as they **journey on** to new places, whether that's **college, career, or military**. Our **OC graduation** is a time for **celebration and reflection** on the impact a vocational education has made on each student, and parents **proudly** see their child **reach this accomplishment**.

A "**special thanks**" to **Kathy Peterson, Jackie Machamer**, and the OC Scholarship **Golf Committee** for **organizing and raising over \$17,000** this year in the **13<sup>th</sup> annual OC Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser!** Old Colony appreciates all of the **support received from golfers, family, friend, and business supporters**. It was a **huge success**, and **all monies raised** will go towards supporting our **senior scholarship awards on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Computer Information Systems (CIS) shop has a new name!** At the Spring Advisory Board meeting, the members voted to change the CIS shop name to **Information Technology (IT)** and each Chapter 74 program also has a new name. **Office Technology** is now **Business Technology** and **Information Systems (IS)** is now **Computer Science**. The Computer Science students just recently completed a **new website for Onset Fire Department**.

The **Science Dept.** sponsored the **1<sup>st</sup> Science STEM Showcase** was held on **Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Over 150 students submitted projects, and **ten finalists competed for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place**. All submissions displayed a level of curiosity, quality and hard work that would make the judging process a true challenge. **First place was awarded to Amanda Hannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Rebecca Lawson, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jasper Tan, Joe Weigel, and Kyle Sylvia and our 4<sup>th</sup> place award winner was Rebecca Dawicki**. Congratulations to all!

**Old Colony** will continue its **Walking Club** on **Tuesday and Thursday** mornings from **7 – 7:30 a.m.**, rain or shine. Come join us, any of these mornings, for a healthy way to **start the day** with our **staff, students, parents, and community members**. In conjunction with **Mrs. Gena Maurer** and our OC Wellness Committee initiatives, she **continues to offer free yoga classes for the rest of the school year on Tuesdays in the cafeteria** (or outside, weather permitting) **from 4 – 5:15 p.m.** **Thank you for this fitness opportunity** for our OC staff, students, and parents!

All Old Colony staff and students will participate in a **full ALICE practice drill** (either lockdown/shelter-in-place/barricade or evacuate to outside of the building and then reunified to a pre-determined destination spot) **sometime during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>**. This drill will be led in partnership with the **Rochester Police Department** and two certified trainers employed at Old Colony RVTHS. The ALICE training offers school districts **options** that mitigate liability, assume less risk, and, most importantly, **equip the staff and students with life-saving skills**.

The **Guidance Dept.** will host a “**College & Career Fair**” for the **junior students** from a wide-range of colleges, universities, technical schools, and the military in the cafeteria on **Mon., June 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 a.m. and from 12:45 – 2:15 p.m. and Tues., June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 10 a.m.** This fair allows students to learn more about each institution’s **opportunities and requirements**. **All juniors will attend each presentation highlighting diverse information.**

**Do you like to travel? Ms. Guy**, through **Education First (EF) Tours** will be leading a group of people through **Italy and Germany** for **9 days during April vacation 2018**. Join us as we experience a wide range of history, artistic achievement, and dramatic natural scenery. In city after city, see how buildings become works of art and historical masterpieces, from the **Roman Colosseum** in Rome to the **Sistine Chapel** to the **Florence Duomo**, from **Neuschwanstein Castle** to the **Residenz in Munich**. Outside the cities, **Austria’s scenic Tyrol** region proves that nature inspires as much awe as even the most impressive cities. Attend the **parent/student informational meeting** to find out more and sign up on **Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library.**

Nancy Bernard of **Bernard’s Driving School** will be offering **Drivers’ Ed classes throughout the summer**. The **next class** will be from **June 12-23, 2017, from 5 – 8 p.m.** There will also be a **one-week class** starting **Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Both of these classes will be offered at her **New Bedford office**. **Bernard’s Driving School office** is located at **345 Union St., New Bedford, MA**. Please call **Nancy Bernard** at **508-994-4375** to sign up or for more information.

The **Health Careers Dept.** will host a “**Kids’ Day**” on **Fri., June 16, 2017, from 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** As part of their human growth and development curriculum, the students have developed their own **health-related topics** to teach **to school-aged children**, which include dental hygiene, nutrition, exercise, etc. The shop students will **host 12 children** of faculty members for the event.

**Interested in the Peer-to-Peer Grade 9 Mentoring Program?** Please **contact Mrs. Lacroix**, School Adjustment Counselor, at [slacroix@oldcolony.us](mailto:slacroix@oldcolony.us) or **508-763-8011 x-263** if you are a **parent of a current or incoming grade 9-student** and are **interested in learning more** about this program.

For the next few weeks, The **Cougar’ Den** will continue offering, “**Dinner from the Den,**” in addition to our breakfast and lunch offerings. These are **family-sized dinners** that are already **prepared for you**. They just need to be reheated and served on your dinner table. The **menu is posted for the public on Mondays** under the Cougar’s den Menu Page on the school’s website. All orders can be taken by **phone (x168) or email [cougarsden@oldcolony.us](mailto:cougarsden@oldcolony.us) by Wed. at 1 p.m.** Orders must be **picked up on Thursdays** between **10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** and **cash payments are required**. As always, please join us for **Breakfast - Tuesday through Friday 8:30-10 a.m.** for **walk-ins** and no reservations are needed and **Lunch - Wednesday-Friday 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** **Reservations** are required, and the menu is posted every night on the school’s website. Orders can be phoned or emailed into the Cougar’s Den. **We look forward to serving you!**

**Old Colony Summer Reading Program for 2017** information for **Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12** will be distributed **before the close of school** to the students. The **objective** of the Old Colony Summer Reading Program is to **promote a love of reading** by focusing on **student choice**. Students will be able to preview and choose their summer reading book **from a list of titles** representing a range of interest levels **AND**

**create an accountability artifact.** The students will be **given a flyer** with the **choices and directions** for the accountability artifact needed during their **English class**, upon return to school **in the fall**. This information can also be **found on OC's website**. Just as you guide your child concerning television, movies, and music; summer reading is a great opportunity to **talk with your child** about the types of **books** that he/she reads **for pleasure**. We suggest that each parent/guardian and child work together in making an **appropriate choice**, **read the book** together, and have a **discussion** about it. If you have **any questions**, please contact the **Academic Coordinator, Linda Deady, at extension 195**. **Let's create a school-wide community of readers!**

**Old Colony's 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Discovery Program** will run from **July 10-14, 2017**. This five-day experience is **open to any students entering grades 5-8** with options for career exploration, sports and recreation, and other exciting opportunities. Please visit [www.oldcolony.us](http://www.oldcolony.us) for more information or email [summerdiscovery@oldcolony.us](mailto:summerdiscovery@oldcolony.us) to receive further information for some incredible opportunities to explore building, cooking, creating, designing, etc. **Become part of the OC Creates movement** as middle school students get to explore opportunities to **ignite their passion for learning**.

Every student's **health and safety** is always our **main concern**. With that in mind, I wanted to share with you some **disturbing information** that has been **in the news** recently that many schools are **sharing with families**. The **first one** is something called the **Blue Whale Challenge**. It's a challenge that teaches you how to **harm yourself for 50 days**, resulting in **suicide**. Teenagers are supposed to tag each other on social media, **primarily SnapChat**, and then **challenge each other to play**. The student downloads the **Blue Whale app**, which **hacks into their personal information and cannot be deleted**. The app originators then threaten the teenagers with harm to their families or releasing of personal information until they kill themselves. The **second one is 13 Reasons Why**. An American drama-mystery for **Netflix**. The series revolves around a **high school student**, and his friend, a girl who **committed suicide** after suffering a **series of circumstances** brought on by select individuals **at her school**. A box of cassette tapes recorded before her suicide details **13 reasons why she ended her life**. It has **attracted controversial issues** such as **suicide and rape**, along with other mature content. Recently, it was announced the **series had been renewed for a second season**, scheduled to premiere **in 2018**. I **share this** with you so together we can **form a partnership** with the **safety and well-being of your child** and to **encourage communication and conversations** about these topics **at home**.

**The following are a list of dates and events for the month of June at Old Colony:**

- Every Tues. & Thurs. from 7 – 7:30 a.m. – Walking Club meets in the OC lobby (rain or shine) until June 10<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday – No school
- Tues., May 30 – 1:15 p.m. - BCC onsite for CADD students re: Summer Course info session for students & parents
- Wednesday, May 31- 8 – 10:30 a.m. – Senior graduation rehearsal w/senior class advisors
- Thursday, June 1– Juniors final exams in Math & History, Freshmen in mixed math classes
- Thursday, June 1 - 6:30 p.m. – Senior awards night in the gymnasium; all are welcome to attend
- Friday, June 2 – Juniors final exams in English & Science
- Friday, June 2 – Machine & Tool Shop – Parents' Day
- Friday, June 2 - Senior trip to Six Flags (must have pre-registered and paid with senior advisors to attend) depart from OC at 10 a.m. and return at midnight
- Sunday, June 4 - 1 p.m. – OC Senior Graduation – will be outdoors on football field (unlimited guests), or if inclement weather, in the gymnasium (limited guests will be admitted with invitations only). (senior students report to café if outside or library if inside at 12:15 p.m. w/advisors)

- Monday, June 5 & Tuesday, June 6 – Science Tech & Engineering Grade 9 MCAS testing and Grade 10 & 11 retake science MCAS tests
- Monday, June 5 – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Incoming Gr 9 (Class of 2021) OC English and Math placement testing and parent orientation at OC
- Tues., June 6 - Electrical Sophomores & Juniors Field Trip to Gillette Stadium
- Wed., June 7 – Sophomores final exams in English & Science
- Wed., June 7 –2:20 -3:20 p.m. - Faculty meeting in café
- Thurs., June 8 – Sophomores final exams in Math & History
- Thurs., June 8 - CADD Juniors Field Trip to Tour Newport Mansions
- Friday, June 9 - Health Careers "pinning ceremony" for our newly certified CNA's. Parents are invited to attend.
- Friday, June 9 at 10:48 a.m. – Student Dismissal – Early Release Day
- One day during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> - ALICE practice drill with the Rochester Police Dept.
- Monday, June 12 – Freshmen final exams in English & Science
- Monday – Wed., June 12-14<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 10 a.m. Junior College & Career Fair in the cafe with the Guidance Dept.
- Tuesday, June 13 – Freshmen final exams in Math & History
- Tuesday, June 13 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. – Spring Sports Banquet with Mr. Trahan in café
- Wed., June 14 – Health Careers Grade 10 Students – Parents’ Awareness Day
- Wed., June 14 at 6:30 p.m. – Parent/Student meeting on Education First (EF) Tours to Italy/Germany in April 2018 w/Ms. Guy in the library
- Friday, June 16 – Health Careers Kids’ Day
- Friday, June 16 – Staff & Student Appreciation Day during all lunch shifts
- Tuesday, June 20 at 10:48 a.m. – Early Release Day - Student Dismissal – Last day of school for students
- Tuesday, June 20 – Trimester 3 Ends, grades are closed, report cards will be mailed home
- Tues., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – First day of school for all students for the 2017-18 school year (See the school calendar and academic supply list attached to this newsletter.)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer with your families!

Karen Guenette, Principal  
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## 2017-18 OC Student Supply List

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Grade 9</i>	<i>Grade 10</i>	<i>Grade 11</i>	<i>Grade 12</i>
<b>ALL COURSES</b>	#2 pencils/mechanical pencils & erasers	X	X	X	X
	At least 2 dark blue or black pens	X	X	X	X
	Highlighters at least one yellow and another color	X	X	X	X
<b>ALL MATH &amp; SCIENCE Courses</b>	TI30X II scientific calculator; a box of colored pencils; and 12" ruler	X	X	X	X
<b>English</b>	Post-it notes (4 different colors)	X	X	X	X
<b>History</b>	Spiral Notebook OR 3-ring binder	X	X	X	X
	2-pocket folder	X	X	X	X
<b>Mathematics</b>	Students are required to keep a notebook/binder (depending on teacher preference)	X	X	X	X
	6" ruler	X	X	X	X
	(Optional) Individual 3-hole punch	X	X	X	X
<b>Science</b>	5-subject notebook with pockets	X	X	X	X
	2" binder	X	X	X	X
<b>Health</b>	1-subject notebook	X	X		
	2-pocket folder	X	X		
<b>Physical Education</b>	Sneakers, tee-shirt/sweatshirt, shorts/sweatpants in accordance to student handbook & dress code	X	X	X	X
<b>Digital Literacy &amp; Life and Career Readiness</b>	2-pocket folder	X	X		

***The above list indicates the general supplies the departments suggest. Additional items might be needed based on individual teacher preference.***

### **Technology-Internet access outside of the school day**

*The 21<sup>st</sup> Century learner needs to be proficient with the technology of today. Old Colony uses Google Apps as an education domain. Students will be given an account in this domain which gives them access to Google Apps including: Docs, Sites, Classroom and Gmail. Many teachers have detailed class websites and post homework assignments and materials online. Students should have a plan to access daily the Internet after school hours, either at home, a family member's home, Homework Club, or at OC's and/or local library. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Deady, Academic Coordinator at Old Colony (508) 763-8011 x-195.*

*Families who participate in the National School Lunch Program may be eligible to take part in the Internet Essentials Program offered by Comcast. See [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) or contact Sarah Griffith, Business Manager, at Old Colony (508) 763-8011 x-113 for more information.*

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018**

**Teacher Orientation – Monday, August 28, 2017(Early Start)**

**FIRST TRIMESTER**

**Begins: Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

**Ends: \*Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

**DAYS OUT**

**September 1, 2017 (Friday) Labor Day Weekend**

**September 4, 2017 (Monday) Labor Day**

**October 9, 2017 (Monday) Columbus Day**

**November 10, 2017 (Friday) Veterans' Day**

**November 22, 2017(Wednesday) through November 24, 2017 (Friday) Thanksgiving Recess**

**SECOND TRIMESTER**

**Begins: Monday, November 27, 2017**

**Ends: \*Friday, March 9, 2018**

**DAYS OUT**

**December 25, 2017 (Monday) through January 1, 2018 (Monday) Christmas Recess**

**January 15, 2018 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day**

**February 19, 2018 (Monday) through February 23, 2018 (Friday) Winter Recess**

**THIRD TRIMESTER**

**Begins: Monday, March 12, 2018**

**Ends: \*Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

**DAYS OUT**

**March 30, 2018 Good Friday**

**April 16, 2018 (Monday) through April 20, 2018 (Friday) Spring Recess**

**May 28, 2018 (Monday) Memorial Day**

**\*The calendar includes provisions for 185 school days allowing for up to five (5) cancellation days due to extenuating circumstances resulting from weather conditions and/or other emergencies. The District Committee reserves the right to further extend the length of the school day and/or school year in order to comply with Massachusetts Board of Education regulations. If, however, we experience less than five (5) cancellation days, the calendar year will be adjusted accordingly to comply with the present 180 day school year requirement. Faculty are required to work 182 days to comply with the language in the Teamsters' Contract.**

**Note: Graduation – Sunday, June 3, 2018**

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