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Principal's Newsletter March 2019

ACADEMIC NEWS

March begins our MCAS testing, with the ELA test on Tuesday March 26th and Wednesday March 27th. Please help your grade 10 student by encouraging them to get plenty of rest the days before testing, having them take advantage of free breakfast provided to sophomore students the days of testing, and to practice with the Pearson practice test if they'd like. <http://mcas.pearsonsupport.com/student/practice-tests-ela/> Students have been trained using the new NextGen testing software and we've completed a successful infrastructure trial to be sure our own technology is up to the task, and everything went smoothly. Our second trimester ends on Friday March 8th, please continue to monitor your student's grades on SchoolBrains and encourage them to make up any missed work if possible before the end of the trimester.

ALICE

On February 8th, 2019, our Sophomore Health Careers class organized an ALICE training for our Freshmen. Led by sophomore, Dani Mae-Sullivan, the students presented their underclassmen with a powerpoint presentation, followed by a smaller groups activity where each Health Careers student took the lead in thoroughly explaining ALICE procedures and answering questions. Officer Flynn of the Rochester Police Department was also in attendance and took part in answering questions by the students. I continue to be amazed at the initiative our students show in ensuring the safety of our students and school.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's that time of year again! Old Colony RVTHS is holding its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday May 18, 2019 at 1:00pm, at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. The success of this tournament can only be made possible through the generosity of our many supporters. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Old Colony's Scholarship Fund and Student Services.

Old Colony has many students going on to do great things upon graduation. This tournament provides academic and vocational scholarships. For those students who chose to go on to college, the scholarship will help defray the cost of college tuition. For students going directly into their trade, the scholarship will assist with acquiring necessary tools or equipment.

We are asking for support from business' or individuals by becoming part of our Tee Box Sponsorship, T-Shirt Sponsorship and/or by providing a prize donation for our raffle at the golf tournament. For a donation of \$100.00, you or your company name will be posted on a sign and displayed at a designated tee on the golf course, or you can have your company's name printed on the tournament T-Shirt for a \$100.00 donation. Sponsorships of \$175.00 will have both a Tee Box and a T-Shirt Sponsorship. We also seek all types of prizes such as gift certificates or other items of interest. Any way you are able to support this tournament, and ultimately the students of Old Colony, will be greatly appreciated.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

For college bound seniors...current scholarship applications are now available on our website in the Guidance Department folder (Academic-Guidance). Please check back often as the information is updated on a regular basis. Also, please be sure to sign your name to the College Acceptance List in the Guidance Department.

Trimester 2 report cards will be mailed home on March 15th.

Early College Admissions Seminar

On Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 the Old Colony Guidance Department will sponsor an Early College Admissions Seminar for all interested parents and students. Beth Connelly-Sylvia from the Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority, also called MEFA, will provide a detailed overview of the entire process, including current trends in admissions, how to build a college list, the various components of the college application, and basics about financial aid. The registration link can be found on the Old Colony home page under "NEWS".

Bristol Community College Palooza

Representatives from Bristol Community College's Admissions, Financial Aid, and Placement Testing will be coming to Old Colony on March 19th to meet with our seniors who have already been accepted or who are planning to enroll at Bristol Community College this Fall. Our students will meet with representatives from each department to verify or complete their Admissions application, placement testing, and the FAFSA. Students who are interested in applying should stop by the Guidance Office for an application and to schedule an appointment.

Job Shadowing Program

This is the fourth year that the Guidance Department is planning to have the "Shadow Day" experience for our sophomore class in collaboration with Junior Achievement. This program, hopefully, will encourage our students to begin thinking about careers that may interest them in their vocational areas. There are two workshops, scheduled for March 5th and March 7th at Old Colony, as part of the program which include topics such as: work attitudes and ethics; technical and soft skills; career clusters; resume and interviewing tips; career interests; and how to read and understand company outlines and their job postings. During the following week, each vocational shop will be visiting area businesses or educational programs who have graciously invited our students to tour and view job opportunities that are within their areas of study. We will administer and then review both the student's and teacher's feedback to allow us to tailor the program as needed moving forward. All sophomore students have been given a permission slip to attend the field trip. If you have any additional questions please contact the guidance department at extension 128.

SCHOOL STORE

The OC School Store has recently added a new heat press to their shop. In an effort to familiarize the students with this new machine, the School Store is hosting a mini event. With a donation of 1\$ and a shirt of your choice from home, the School Store will add a small OC decal onto your shirt!

SKILLSUSA & HIGHLIGHTS

All local/In-house SkillsUSA medal winners will be traveling to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational High School on Friday, March 1st for the District Level Competition. A public awards ceremony will take place in the field house beginning at 5:30 PM, come and support your favorite competitor. This stage of the competition consists strictly of a written test in the competitor's technical trade area long with SkillsUSA employability questions. The test consists of 50 trade specific questions (80% of total score), 50 employability skills questions (20% of total score). OSHA questions are given, but are solely used as a tiebreaker when needed. Because Old Colony participates in the TPP program (100 total participation) we are able to bring four students per category (where many schools only qualify to bring 3)! This year Old Colony students are competing in 24 categories, which is over 100 students! Gold and silver medalists from each category will advance to the SkillsUSA State Competition April 25-27, 2019.

VOCATIONAL NEWS

Cosmetology

The cosmetology department's senior class, together with Mrs. Bearce and Mrs. Hoyle, will be attending the International Beauty Show (IBS) in New York City on March 12, 2019. The IBS is the longest running professional-only event in the beauty industry and draws over 65,000 attendants each year from around the world. Attendees come to this show to learn new trends and techniques from the icons of our industry, refine their technical skills, purchase salon professional tools, as well as network with possible job opportunities.

Along with education, inspiration, and excitement, IBS also offers the following

- More than 150 educational FREE classes
- The largest exhibit hall in the Northeast, filled with 500 top exhibitors
- Main Stage performances feature some of the hottest artists in the industry.
- Products and tools at "professional only" pricing
- Makeup, nail and hair extension classes
- Eager and driven salon owners & beauty professionals
- The opportunity to meet with new companies
- Serious beauty professionals looking to acquire new skills

Culinary Arts

The Culinary Department wanted to share the official results from the ProStart Invitational cooking competition our students competed in last Tuesday at Gillette Stadium. Our team came in 4th place out of 12 teams that competed in the category.

We are extremely proud of our students for being the first OC team to compete in this competition. The team was made up of seniors Anthony Wright, Max Smith, and Lauren McGowan, and juniors Tori Hannon and Lauryn Macomber.

Edaville Casting Call



Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School is pleased to announce that Edaville Family Theme parks will be visiting Old Colony on March 7th at 2:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for a private casting call to fill paid co-op positions effective immediately during the current school year for one (1) Junior and one (1) Senior from the following shops:

- Automotive Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Electronics Engineering Technology
- Graphics Communication & Design
- House and Mill Carpentry

Students must be 16 years of age to apply.

Additional opportunities for “Team Member” Summer Employment will also be available the same day for those students 14 years of age or older.

Any applicant attending the casting call should visit www.Edaville.com to fill out an online application no later than **March 3rd**. This will help to secure all the necessary information required for the hiring process.

Both the Director of Human Resources and General Manager of Edaville Family Theme Parks are Old Colony graduates. Dress for success and consider the possibilities.

Mark your calendars today. The casting call begins promptly at 2:30 and will run until approximately 5:30 p.m.

Please visit the Old Colony website to view the descriptions of each available position and for more info.

Graphic Communication

Our Graphics students will once again be participating in the Great Ponds Art Gallery at the Lakeville Library during the month of March. Worked was submitted, juried and the work of 20 students was chosen (total of 37 pieces). There will be a reception on Saturday, March 9 from 11-1 at the Library.

Welding and Metal Fabrication

Thank you to Emma Makuch (a Freshman from Metal Fabrication and Joining Technologies) for representing Old Colony at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library winter vacation educational program. Emma presented on vocational schools and her welding experience at Old Colony.

YEARBOOKS

Attention Seniors!!!

Don't forget to purchase your yearbook, the deadline is March 31.

Here is the yearbook sales link: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A03531200>

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 & 2, 2019

March 6, 2019

March 11, 2019

March 13, 2019

12:23pm

The Drama Club Presents “The Jungle Book”

NO SCHOOL- In-Service Day

Third Trimester Begins

Early Release- Students dismissed @