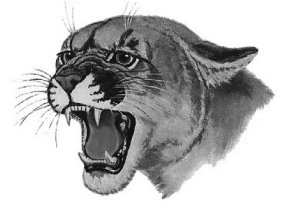




OLD COLONY

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Principal's Newsletter October 2019

EF Educational Tours

Interested in traveling? Join Ms. Guy to learn more about the tour I'm leading with EF Educational Tours to the Capital of the British Isles over April Vacation 2020. We will meet on October 9th, 2019 at 6 pm in the OC Library. RSVP at <https://rsvp.eftours.com/tmb8asu>



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Join us for 10 days over April Vacation 2020 as we gain a deeper understanding of the British Isles' fascinating geographical, political and social history by exploring four of its renowned capital cities: Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh and London. Step inside St. Patrick's Cathedral and Edinburgh Castle, behold the natural wonder of Giant's Causeway, and keep an eye out for royalty at Buckingham Palace.

Game Nights

Game Night will be held on October 25th w/ Mr. Teixeira. For updated information, students can view the bulletin board between Room 3 and Room 4 in the academic wing. This board will have postings on relevant information for game night from now on such as dates and special events.



OC Guidance Department

Dates to Remember:

- ✓ **Week of September 16th** - College/Career presentations for seniors
- ✓ **Tuesday, October 15th** – 6:00 – 6:30 College Advisement Drop in
6:30 – 8:30: Financial Aid Seminar
- ✓ **Wednesday, November 6th** – FAFSA Night
- ✓ **Month of November (TBD)** – Senior Application Day
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 7th** – ACCUPLACER Testing
- ✓ **Wednesday, December 10th** - BCC On-Site Admissions
- ✓ **Wednesday, December 11th** – UMass Dartmouth On-Site Admissions
- ✓ **Monday & Tuesday, December 16th & 17th**: College & Career Fair (Seniors can attend by appointment only, sign up in guidance)

PLEASE NOTE: All events that require sign-ups or RSVP are due 1 week prior to event date.

College/Career Presentations for students: The OC Guidance Department will be doing college and career presentations during this week for the senior class.

College Advisement Drop In: Guidance counselors will be available to answer any questions regarding the college process. Parents are welcome to drop in at any point during this time.

Financial Aid Seminar: This seminar, sponsored by the Massachusetts Educational Finance Authority (MEFA), will provide information and clarity on the entire college financial aid application process. You'll learn about financial aid applications and types of financial aid, the factors that determine your aid eligibility, how colleges determine the amount of aid to offer, and the details of financial aid award letters. All parents and students are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by calling 508-763-8011 ext 231.

Application Day: Students will have the opportunity to work on or complete any college application with the OC guidance department. Students are strongly recommended to begin the application prior to this day. Students should sign up in the guidance office in advance.

FAFSA Night: Advisors from the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will be visiting Old Colony. Unlike the previous financial aid presentation, during this time representatives from EOC will be helping you by appointment only to complete the FAFSA form and submit it online that evening. There will be no appointments scheduled that evening to complete the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is a different online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid. (For federal aid you must complete the FAFSA form). There is a list from the EOC (on the Old Colony website) stating the necessary documentation to bring on November 6th. Please review this list to be sure that you have everything that is essential for completing the process. Having an extra copy of your taxes available will be helpful. Please use the link on the OC home page to schedule your appointment as soon as possible as space is limited. To RSVP on the website: Financial Aid Seminar > Click "HERE" > RVSP to FAFSA Night

ACCUPLACER Testing: This placement test is needed for BCC and other local community colleges. All students planning to enroll in a degree or certificate program are required to take college placement tests in order to ensure appropriate placement in classes. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with academic background information, are used by college academic advisors to assist you with course selection.

BCC On-Site Admissions: Bristol Community College will hold on-site admissions at Old Colony. Students must complete the paper application (located in guidance) and sign up in the guidance office.

UMass Dartmouth On-Site Admissions: UMass Dartmouth will hold on-site admissions at Old Colony. Students must complete their UMD online application or Common Application one week prior. Students must sign up in the guidance office.

Other important information: Please be aware of your college application deadlines. Many programs (such as nursing and engineering) have earlier deadlines. Student and families should check your intended school to see if they require the SAT test. Dates for the test are available on Collegeboard.org. Guidance counselors are available to help with any questions.

PSAT INFO

There is still time to sign up for the PSAT's!

The PSAT/NMSQT qualifying test, which is required for some college acceptances, and qualifies students to be eligible for college scholarships, has been scheduled at Old Colony RVTHS on Saturday, October 19, 2019. All sophomore and junior students are eligible to take this test. The cost of the test is \$27.00. Both cash and checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to Old Colony Vocational Technical High School. Fee waivers are available to juniors (Class of 2021) who receive free/reduced lunch.

Students who are interested in taking will need to register in the OC Guidance Office. Registration deadline is October 11th, 2019.

Students are responsible for their own transportation and must arrive at Old Colony RVTHS between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.

Students will be dismissed from testing at approximately 1:00 p.m. Students arriving after 8:45 a.m. will not be allowed to take the test and test fees will not be refunded.

Students can go online at collegeboard.org/psatpractice for a practice test or to find out more about the test (see the PSAT student guide for more info).

PSAT/NMSQT and SAT's are NOT required for students who are interested in pursuing a degree at Bristol Community College or any other community college. Please also note that not all four-year colleges require SAT

scores. Students should review each college's specific requirements. For more information call the Guidance Department at 508-763-8011 x127, x128 or x129.

SAT TESTING INFORMATION

There are now more than 1,000 accredited, bachelor-degree granting institutions that have changed their approaches to standardized test scores. Keep in mind that the majority of colleges, especially the more prestigious schools *do* still require (and strongly consider) SAT scores. Since admissions processes are complex and unique to each school, students and parents should **explore the policies of all the colleges of interest** by looking on the college's website, or calling an admissions officer and ask directly if SAT testing is required.

Upcoming SAT Testing Dates:

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Regular Deadline to sign up is October 3, 2019

Late registration deadline is October 22, 2019

Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Regular Deadline to sign up is Nov 8, 2019

Late registration deadline is October 22, 2019

Register at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

Students who receive free/reduced lunch are eligible to take the SAT for free and should see their guidance counselor before registering for the test to get a SAT Fee Waiver.

Nurse's Office

There will be a Flu Clinic held on October 23rd from 4-6:30pm at Old Colony. Also, a friendly reminder that if your student has their yearly physical, a copy of the medical records should be sent to the school to ensure we have the most up to date information.

Principal's Student of the Month

Anthony Ferreira

Principal's Staff of the Month

Kelly Taveira and Beth Jupin

SkillsUSA

A huge thank you to staff & students for helping to build up the enthusiasm for O.C.'s Chapter of SkillsUSA! We have grown from a 13 member officer team to an amazing group of 16 students who will serve on our officer team this year, as well as 38 students who have stepped forward to get involved. We certainly want the interest to grow moving forward especially since we are a 100% student participation school, meaning that every student at OC has the opportunity to participate. New this year, from the enthusiasm that has been generated, we have created three student-driven committees: Fundraising, Community Service & School Atmosphere. Two SkillsUSA Ambassador officers will be heading each of these committees. More information will follow soon!

We would like to give all the opportunity to order/purchase SkillsUSA attire that appeals to you so that you can share in our school-wide "SkillsUSA Thursday" celebrations when we all wear our SkillsUSA gear! For the next two weeks, we will collect your pre-paid orders. Gear selections can be found on the SkillsUSA official site. There will be no cost for shipping & we will do the leg work for you!

- Use this link: <https://www.skillsusastore.org/>
- Fill out the form & turn into our SkillsUSA Faculty Classroom (i2zlk6) OR hard copies can be placed in Kim Parnell's mailbox along with payment.
- Cash OR checks made payable to "Old Colony RVTHS" (Please give to Kim Parnell in Cosmetology)

Deadline for orders will be Friday, October 11, 2019, at day's end

November 24-26, 2019, our 16 leaders will be attending the annual SkillsUSA Fall State Leadership Conference in Marlborough. This conference will give them the tools they need to become stronger, more confident leaders, and help increase their enthusiasm & appreciation for what SkillsUSA has to offer all students.

Thank you for the support (i.e.: mentoring, academic, vocational, emotional, confidence building, people skills, leadership etc. (too many things to list!)) that you continue to give to all of our students each & every day! It makes all the difference in their high school experience!

Spirit Week

Spirit week will be held the week of October 14th. The themes for each day are as follows:

Monday, 10/14: **NO SCHOOL**
Tuesday, 10/15: **CANCER AWARENESS DAY**
9th Grade- Pediatric (yellow)
10th Grade- Liver (green)
11th Grade- Lung (white)
12th Grade- Breast (pink)
Wednesday, 10/16: **TREND DAY**
Thursday, 10/17: **DECADE DAY**
Friday, 10/18: **CLASS SPIRIT DAY**
9th-11th Grade- maroon
12th Grade- black

Thanksgiving Baskets

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will once again be partnering with the Rochester Lions Club and The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick to offer [Thanksgiving Holiday food baskets](#) for any family with the Old Colony community who would like one.

Please call the front office at ext. #148, and let Mrs. Craig know if you would like to be placed on the list for this year. The Administration Team at Old Colony is always very thankful for this community partnership.

Tours

Old Colony will host our Open House: Tour to Learn More at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd for any families interested in admission for the 2020-2021 school year.

Vocational News

Business Technology: OCTV club is up and running for the school year and we are still accepting new members from all grades and all shops! Meetings happen every Thursday after school from 2:21-3:21 in the Business Technology shop with Mrs. Davenport.

The Paw Shop, Old Colony's School Store, is currently planning and ordering the 2019 fall/winter clothing and accessories line. Is there something OC Cougar-branded that you want us to offer? Let us know! Please email Mrs. Mota-Medeiros at amota-medeiros@oldcolony.us with your suggestions.

High School Night at Albert F. Ford Middle School in Acushnet

Thursday, October 2nd at 6PM

Catie Tucinardi, Academic Coordinator, Matt Trahan, Athletic Director, and Bethany Botelho, Vocational Coordinator, together with students, Dani-Mae Sullivan, Rebekah Sojka, and Adrian Fontes, will be speaking to 8th graders and their parents about Old Colony as their option for high school. Old Colony, Bristol Aggie, Fairhaven High School, New Bedford High School and Bishop Stang will be represented.

Manufacturing Day Friday, October 4th

The following students will be taking part in this celebration...

- 10th- and 12th-grade Machine and Tool Technology students will visit Autocam Medical and Pocasset Machine
- Mr. Brush will bring members of the Robotics Team to Old Hammonondtown School in Mattapoisett for a hands-on demonstration
- 10th- and 12th-grade House and Mill Carpentry will tour the new Durfee High School Construction site in Fall River - funded through Junior Achievement of Southeastern MA and Suffolk Construction
- 10th-grade Graphic Communications and 12th-grade Electronic Engineering Technology students will tour Cheer Pack North America - funded through Junior Achievement of Southeastern MA
- 10th- and 12th-grade Electrical students will tour Whirlpool - funded through Junior Achievement of Southeastern MA

Annual STEM Day Friday, October 25th 11AM-1:30PM

In response to Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito's Statewide STEM week, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will be hosting the 6th-grade class from Ford Middle School in Acushnet on Friday, October 26th. This event will take a hands-on approach to STEM education, as it is applied beyond the science and math classrooms, and showcase the talent and skills of the Old Colony students. The Ford Middle School students will participate in activities offered throughout the vocational-technical departments at Old Colony. Such activities will include working with our Culinary Arts department to see baking science in action, and working with our Cosmetology and Culinary Arts departments to learn how nutrition affects the skin and how to use natural products to preserve and cleanse the skin. Ford Middle School students will gain insight as to the importance of STEM in their education and how it's seamlessly incorporated into the daily curriculum at Old Colony. This event is sponsored by MassHire Greater New Bedford Workforce Board.

Vocational Exploration Days: Your Tour To Learn More Wednesday, October 30th, Thursday, October 31st, and Friday, November 1st: Old Colony will be hosting 8th-grade students from each of our sending districts.

Vocational Exploration Open House Sunday, November 3rd 10AM until Noon: Old Colony will be hosting 7th- and 8th-grade students and parents.

Yankee Candle

The Junior Class will be sponsoring a Yankee Candle Fundraiser from Oct 4th - October 18th. Information will be coming home with your student.

Zumbathon

Come out and support Breast Cancer Awareness month by joining Mrs. Mota-Medeiros during her Zumbathon here at OC on October 11th from 4:30-5:30 pm. \$10 donation, please wear pink or OC Gear. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Dana Farber.

A vertical poster for a Zumbathon event. The background is a photograph of a Zumba class with a large pink ribbon overlaid. The text is white and pink. At the top, it says 'ZUMBA® AND THE ZUMBA FITNESS LOGOS ARE TRADEMARKS OF ZUMBA FITNESS, LLC, USED UNDER LICENSE.' The main title is 'ZUMBA-THON® for breast cancer'. Below that is the date and time: 'OCT 11, 2019 | 4:30-5:30PM'. The instructor is 'with Ashleigh Mota-Medeiros' at 'Old Colony RVTHS Cafeteria, 476 North Avenue, Rochester, MA 02770'. Ticket prices are '\$10 TICKET' and '\$25 TICKET + T-SHIRT'. A note says 'Get advance tickets in Business Tech. or at the door'. It is 'Open to the public · Ages 12+', 'All Levels · No experience needed', and asks to 'Wear pink or Old Colony Cougar Gear'. Logos for OC and ZUMBA are at the bottom left, and 'PORTION OF PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT DANA FARBER' is at the bottom right.

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Upcoming Events

October 16, 2019
October 19, 2019
October 19, 2019
October 25, 2019
November 6-8, 2019

Early Release @ 11:25am
Homecoming @ 7:00-10:00pm
PSATs @ 8:30-1:30
Trunk or Treat
MCAS Retakes