



Senior Newsletter

Yamhill-Carlton High School

November 2018

The Countdown has begun...

Senior schedules have been checked to make sure required classes have been scheduled. Students who are working hard to make up credits have been called in to meet with Ms. Takashima to discuss a graduation plan.

As you look ahead towards graduation, there are many decisions to be made. While it is an exciting time, it can also be very stressful for students and parents. Remember there are many people willing to help. Our goal is to help make your senior year and the transition from high school to work, college or the military a smooth one. If you have any questions, please drop by the Counseling Center or give us a call at (503) 852-7609.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Oct 1** Begin submitting **FAFSA applications** online. Submit application ASAP!
- Nov 1** Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) scholarship e-App available online.
- Nov 1** Apply early for **Oregon Promise Grant** <https://oregonstudentaid.gov/oregon-promise.aspx> FAFSA must be filed.
- Nov 1** **Early applications** due at many colleges.
- Dec 8, 15** Deadlines to register & apply for **Kaiser Permanente Health Care Career Scholarship**
- Dec 15** **Jostens** - Last day to place orders and receive the reduced rate.
- Jan 29** **Chemeketa Scholars info session.** 6:00 pm at Yamhill Valley campus. (Jan. 30th @ Salem Campus)
- Jan 31** Deadline to file FAFSA to be considered for **Oregon Opportunity Grant**
- Jan 31** **Last day of first semester.**
- Dec 1-Mar 1** Apply for PCC Foundation Scholarships
- Feb 1-Mar 31** Apply for Chemeketa Foundation Scholarships
- Feb 1** Admission & financial aid application deadline at many colleges
- Feb 1** **Senior Pictures** due to Mrs. McKinney
- Feb 5** Jumpstart fieldtrip to Chemeketa for juniors and seniors.
- Feb 15** **Early Bird deadline** for OSAC scholarship eApp.

- Mar 1** **Chemeketa Scholars Application** - delivered in person to the Yamhill Valley campus 8am – 5pm.
- Mar 4-8** **Chemeketa Scholars deadline** – March 8th is the last day to hand deliver the application to the Salem Campus by 5 p.m.
- May 1** Decision day, inform colleges if attending or not.
- May 17** **Senior Project Presentations**
- June 1** Final deadline to complete Oregon Promise Grant & FAFSA/ORSAA applications.
- June 9** **Graduation!**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Seniors,

Now is the time to review everything needed for graduation and beyond. Most importantly, do you need to complete essential skills in reading, writing, and/or mathematics? Are you on track to receive all the necessary credits for graduation? Do you have credit recovery to do for classes you previously failed? All these questions are important to ask yourself. Do NOT wait until the end of the year to complete these necessary items.

We want each and everyone of you to be able to walk across the stage and receive your diploma on June 9th. In the meantime, take care of yourself and your friends to ensure that the class of 2019 has a fantastic senior year!

Your teachers and administrators are here to support you. If you need help, please let us know. We believe in you and want to help you achieve your goals for graduation and beyond!

Sincerely,

Cindy Schubert
Principal



GRADUATION COSTS

If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, you have until December 15 to turn in your order and still receive the reduced rate. A deposit is not required with orders. Please turn in your order even if there is a question as to whether you will be walking. **There is no charge for orders not picked up.** This includes announcements, name cards, etc.

Students can use a black cap and gown from a former graduate. You are required to purchase the stole and tassel, which can be ordered from Jostens for \$26.00. Complete unit is \$43. Check with the rep. if you have questions. For additional questions, email Dan Peters at dan.peters@jostens.com or contact Jostens at (503) 690-7488. Orders can be placed online at www.jostenspdx.com

SENIOR PICTURES

Be sure to turn in senior pictures to Mrs. McKinney for the yearbook as soon as available. The final deadline to submit a photo is February 1st. **The Yearbook staff is available to take pictures of students who do not have a senior picture.** To make arrangements to have your picture taken, contact Mrs. McKinney at (503) 852-7632.

POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING

- ◆ Sign up for a mentor through the ASPIRE program.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts can be requested in the Counseling Office. Please plan ahead and allow 3 days for requests to be processed. If you need a transcript uploaded for OSAC please turn in your paper-work to Mrs. Ready in the Counseling Office by February 15 to meet the early bird drawing or by March 1 for the final deadline.

Students who are applying online using the Common Application form do not need to request a transcript to be sent. Their transcript will be uploaded and sent with the Counselor School Report.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Students, if you are requesting a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator *please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for the letter to be completed.* Teachers receive multiple requests and are working on these on their own time. It is also helpful to provide your activity sheet as a reference. When requesting a recommendation online, as with the Common Application, *be sure to make the*

request in person prior to submitting the request online. Thank your letter writers!

COLLEGE VISITATION

Y-C High School allows pre-arranged absences in order to make college visits.

- ◆ Check college websites for college visitation dates or pick up a list in ASPIRE.
- ◆ Representatives from colleges visit Y-C throughout the fall. Dates of visits are in the announcements. Be sure to sign up in the Counseling Office to meet with representatives from the colleges you are considering.

4 YEAR UNIVERSITY

If you have not taken the SAT, the late registration deadline for the December 1 SAT is November 20. The next SAT date is March 9, 2019, and you must register by Feb. 8. To register for the SAT go to www.sat.org/register.

To sign up for the ACT go to www.actstudent.org/start. The deadline for the December 8 ACT is November 19 and the deadline for the February 9 ACT is January 11.

The SAT and ACT are given at McMinnville High School. Send your SAT/ACT scores directly to the colleges which you are applying to meet application deadlines. Some schools will accept SAT/ACT scores on your transcript; others require they be sent directly from College Board or ACT. Check with the university if you have questions.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Consider the many benefits of attending community college. Students can be admitted with a high school diploma or GED. No specific GPA or SAT/ACT scores are required. Course options range from one or two-year certificate programs in professional technical fields to earning the first two years of a transfer degree at less expense than spending four years at a university.

Community colleges require prospective students to take a placement test (Accuplacer) prior to admission. To arrange for your placement test, first go to www.chemeketa.edu and apply for admission. Once you receive your K#, you will be able to take your test. Testing times are available on their website. Testing and applications should be completed by May to ensure the best chance of getting into classes. If you are planning to attend a different community college, go online for an orientation session and arrange testing there. If the community college is outside our area, ask if they will accept Chemeketa's

placement test. First check with your counselor or ASPIRE to see what your Essential Skills scores are. Higher scores may mean you're not required to take the Accuplacer test

The Yamhill-Carlton High School Code Number, which you will need for various applications, is:

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PARENT CORNER – GRAD NIGHT

Hello **seniors** and **parents**,

The class of 2019 Grad Night committee is well underway in fundraising, but we have a long way to go. Here are some upcoming fundraising opportunities for you to get involved.

- **\$10 Dutch Bros gift cards**
- **Poinsettias** – Can be purchased at the Carlton Craft Fair or must be ordered by October 31st.

Contact Sara Meyer @ 971-237-1289 if you have questions or a senior if you would like to order Dutch Bros cards.

ASPIRE - COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS NEWS

ASPIRE mentors are trained and available to help students through the college search, admissions maze and the financial aid process as well as with researching scholarships. Student sign-up forms are available in the ASPIRE office (next to the Library). ASPIRE permission forms require both student and parent signatures (unless the student is over 18).

Parents/Friends/Family:

YC students need your help

We are seeking additional ASPIRE mentors to work with YC students one to two hours a week. The role of our amazing volunteer mentors is to help students with college and career readiness and planning after being trained in College and Financial Aid 101.

YC's ASPIRE program has had such a positive impact over the last 12 years, that more students sign up each year. We currently have more students than mentors; hence we are reaching out to you to come coach and encourage students (especially seniors) anxious to ASPIRE.

Please contact Janet Herring-Sherman at (503) 852-7614; or herring-shermanj@yoschools.org to learn more. A little of your time can make **a remarkable**

difference to a student's future – and leave you feeling good, too! Discover more at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTYXTTpnxow&feature=youtu.be>

ABOUT FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- ◆ In order to file an application for **Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, students and parents must EACH sign up for a FAFSA FSA ID# (electronic signature) at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>.
- ◆ Start filling out the (FAFSA) ASAP at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure you check the box for **OSAC** if you are going to an Oregon university. **Parents and students:** You will each need your tax returns from 2017, your Social Security Number, driver's license and your FSA ID#.
- ◆ File the FAFSA by the end of November to meet many college deadlines. The sooner the FAFSA is completed and submitted, the better the chance of getting funds if a student qualifies. **Complete the FAFSA by Jan. 31 to be considered for the Oregon Opportunity Grant.**
- ◆ Make sure to indicate that your FAFSA calculations are to be sent to each college, university, community college or degree-granting private/vocational/technical school where you're applying. FAFSA is **THE** single most important piece in applying for financial aid. It's needed for student loans as well.

ABOUT STATE AID

- ◆ On Nov. 1, review the **Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) scholarship list** and begin completing the e-app online. This single application, **WHEN DONE COMPLETELY AND ON TIME**, puts you in the running for some of the 500 Oregon scholarship at <http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov>
- ◆ The OSAC application is **due March 1**; however, if **submitted by Feb. 15**, you will have a chance at a \$500 scholarship.
- ◆ Get how-to tips and other scholarship and college news by going here: <https://www.facebook.com/OSACscholarships>. You can also get reminders by texting "college" to 44044.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID

- ◆ Scholarship applications are filed in the ASPIRE Office and listed in Tiger Times (which is available on the [Yamhill Carlton HS Facebook](#) page each week) as they become available in January and February. A list of these local scholarships will be

available mid-February. For current information regarding financial aid and scholarships, see “Tiger Times” or visit ASPIRE.

- ◆ A **good overview** of financial aid in general and in Oregon can be found here <https://www.ecmc.org>

◆ **Also check out these websites:**

- Office of Student Access and Completion: www.osac.state.or.us
- The Financial Aid Page: www.finaid.org
- www.ScholarshipExperts.com & www.Scholarships.com & www.Bigfuture.collegeboard.com

For more information about searching for scholarships contact ASPIRE

- ◆ Most colleges require separate applications (and have different deadlines) for admission and scholarship consideration. Be sure to check your prospective schools’ requirements for each.

◆ **Oregon Promise –YOU CAN APPLY NOW**

April 1st is the deadline for May notification of acceptance into the program.

The Oregon Promise is designed to provide successful high school students a chance to earn a community college degree tuition-free if he/she graduates with a GPA of 2.5 or higher, has a financial need and submits both an Oregon Promise and a FAFSA application.

Who is eligible? Students who:

- Have been an Oregon resident for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in community college
- Have received a high school diploma or GED certificate, or completed grade 12
- Earned a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5+ or equivalent
- Meet financial aid eligibility criteria - TBD
- Will enroll in college courses within six months of high school completion
- Plans to take one-year curriculum for students transferring to another postsecondary institution
- Plans to earn an Associate's Degree
- Wants a career and technical education
- Has not completed more than 90 college credit hours while in high school. For further information visit the **Oregon Promise website**.

