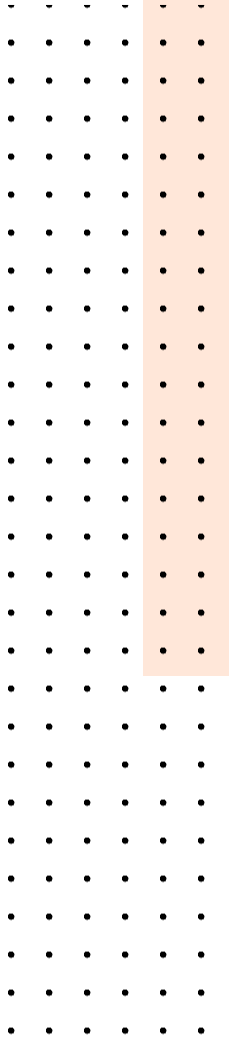


9TH AND
10TH GRADE
PARENT
NIGHT

11.28.2023



OBJECTIVES

- Introduction
- High school graduation requirements
- Diploma designations
- Acceleration (Dual Enrollment, AP)
- College/Career Timeline
- Q & A



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GOALS OF THE OCSA SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

- Student wellness is a priority above all else
 - Balance between academics, arts, extracurricular, mental and physical health
- Prepare students for life after high school
 - Empower students to take ownership of their academics, postsecondary plans, mental and emotional well-being
- Advising based on the whole person
 - Honor each student's journey, which informs academic and career decision-making



RESOURCE- OCSA SCHOOL COUNSELING PAGE

OSCEOLASCHOOLS.NET/OCSA

The screenshot shows the Osceola County School Counseling website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Us, Admissions, Events, Guidance (highlighted with a white box and an orange arrow), Resources, and Staff Directory. To the right of these links are icons for chat, user profile, and search. Below the navigation bar is a banner featuring the Osceola County School Arts logo and the text "Osceola County Every Child, Every Chance, Every Future". To the right of the banner are buttons for "DISTRICT HOME" and "OUR SCHOOLS". A dropdown menu is open under the "Guidance" link, listing the following options: Welcome, Schedule an Appointment, Remind Codes, College & Career, Community Service, Dual Enrollment, College Board/ ACT, Transcript Request, and Links and Documents. Below the banner, the main content area is titled "Guidance" and includes a "Welcome" section and a "Schedule an Appointment" button. To the right, there is a "Remind Updates" section with a scrollable list of updates, including one for the "Class of 2024" by Ms. Gill/Counselor dated November 18th, 2023. At the bottom right, there is a purple button that says "Let's Talk! Click Here To Contact Us!". The URL "https://www.osceolaschools.net/domain/2831" is visible in the bottom left corner.

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Guidance

Welcome

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**STANDARD DIPLOMA
REQUIREMENTS**

DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS- THE BASICS

- Earn 24 high school credits
 - Pass 1 full year class = 1 high school credit
 - Pass 1 semester class = 0.5 high school credit
- Have a 2.0 GPA or higher
 - Equates to a "C" average
 - GPAs are recalculated at the end of every semester
- Pass the required exams
 - 10th grade FAST ELA PM3 (May)
 - Algebra 1 EOC



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: 24 CREDITS

- **English...** 4 credits
- **Math...** 4 credits
 - 1 credit of Algebra 1
 - 1 credit of Geometry
 - 2 "equally rigorous" math
- **Science...** 3 credits
 - 1 credit of Biology
 - 2 "equally rigorous" science
- **Social Studies...** 3 credits
 - 1 credit of World History
 - 1 credit of US History
 - 0.5 credit of Government
 - 0.5 credit of Economics



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENT: 24 CREDITS

- **Physical Education...** 1 credit
- **Performing Arts...** 1 credit
- **Electives...** 8 credit (7.5 for class of 2027 and beyond)
- **For class of 2027 and beyond only: 0.5 credit of Personal Financial Literacy**

Students are also encouraged to...

- Complete at least 2 credits of the same world language
- Complete community service hours



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - ASSESSMENTS

- Algebra 1 EOC
- 10th grade FAST ELA PM3



Must pass both exams
for high school diploma

- Geometry EOC
- Biology EOC
- US History EOC



Will count for 30% of your
final grade of the course

- Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE)



Required to take after completing
US Government, does not count for
final grade of the course



DIPLOMA DESIGNATIONS

Scholar Designation

- Pass all EOCs (Geometry, Biology, US History)
- Pass Algebra 2
- Pass Chemistry/ Physics
- Earn 1 credit of Equally rigorous science
- Earn 1 credit of statistics or equally rigorous math
- Earn 2 credits in same world language
- Earn 1 credit in AP/DE course

Merit Designation

- Earn an industry certificate
- At OCSA, students can take the Adobe certification exam to earn the merit designation



DESIGNATION - SEAL OF BILITERACY

- **Gold seal of biliteracy**

- Complete 4 credits in the same world language with a B average
- Earn a 4 or higher on the 10th grade ELA FAST PM3

OR

- Pass the AP Spanish Exam with a 4 or higher

- **Silver seal of biliteracy**

- Complete 4 credits in the same world language with a B average

OR

- Pass the AP Spanish exam with a 3



AP CAPSTONE CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA

Awarded by College Board

- **AP Capstone Certificate**

- Pass the AP Capstone Seminar and AP Capstone Research exams with a "3" or higher

- **AP Capstone Diploma**

- Pass the AP Capstone Seminar and AP Capstone Research exams with a "3" or higher AND
- Pass 4 additional AP exams with a "3" or higher



HOW SCHOOL COUNSELORS CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Your school counselor will meet with you to discuss the next classes you need
- Discussion will be based on your interests, goals, strengths while pacing you to stay on track for graduation
- Centered around working smarter, not harder
- Students can schedule additional appointments with us



HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT

- Understand your child's high school graduation requirements
- Check your child's grades and progress on Focus
- Consult with your child's school counselor





ACCELERATION

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

DUAL ENROLLMENT

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (AP)

- AP curriculum, college-level courses
- Students who pass the AP exam will earn college credits
- An opportunity to earn the AP Capstone Certificate or Diploma
- Some 9th graders begin taking an AP class, especially if they were academically accelerated in middle school



DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Students can earn college credits while earning high school credits
- Most students DE at Valencia College
- An opportunity to explore courses not offered at OCSA
- Great way to earn free college credits
- Must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 upon time of application
- Need passing scores on the PERT (Reading, Writing, Math)



AP VS DE

AP

- Placement based on test history, teacher/counselor recommendation
- AP options are limited at OCSA
- Earn college credits upon passing the AP exam; if students do not pass the AP exam, they can still earn HS credit
- Nationally recognized

DE

- Students must apply for DE and must have qualifying GPA and PERT scores
- Can take elective classes not offered at OCSA
- Earn college and high school credit upon passing the course; will affect GPA
- Regionally recognized; credits may not be accepted outside of Florida



AM I READY FOR ACCELERATED COURSES?

- Great for students who have "maxed out" in their honors level courses
- Independent, responsible, good time management
- Ready to persist through a challenging course



HOW SCHOOL COUNSELORS CAN SUPPORT YOU

- Discuss if you are ready for accelerated courses
- Identify strengths and interests to recommend most appropriate accelerated courses
- Available for check-ins throughout the year to discuss progress on accelerated courses
- We can help keep you balanced!



GRADUATING WITH YOUR AA THROUGH DE

- Students who Dual Enroll may graduate from high school with their Associates in Arts degree
- AA degree = 60 credit hours of college coursework
- Factors to consider when pursuing your AA
 - Declaring a college major immediately after high school graduation
 - Condensing a 4-year experience into 2 years
 - Being a well-rounded student while you are in high school



A NOTE ON EARLY GRADUATION

- Early graduation is when students graduate at least a semester early
- Factors considered into early graduation
 - Your goals and reasons behind your intent to graduate early
 - Emotional maturity, ready to be an adult
 - The opportunities, resources, and experiences you may be missing out on by graduating early





COLLEGE AND
CAREER

FRESHMAN YEAR



TIMELINE

- ☐ SET SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS FOR YOUR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
- ☐ TAKE CLASSES THAT INTEREST AND CHALLENGE YOU
- ☐ JOIN A NEW CLUB OR SPORT THAT SEEMS LIKE FUN
- ☐ FIND SOMEWHERE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY
- ☐ JOB SHADOW A CAREER THAT YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT
- ☐ ATTEND ANY COLLEGE FAIRS IN YOUR AREA OR LOOK INTO "VISITING" VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS
- ☐ FIGURE OUT HOW AND WHERE YOU STUDY BEST
- ☐ INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO/MET YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
- ☐ BEGIN RESEARCHING YOUR POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS
- ☐ START BUILDING A RESUME AS YOU BEGIN GETTING INVOLVED IN THINGS YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT

• LAUREN TINGLE | COUNSELOR CLIQUE

9TH GRADE TIMELINE

COLLEGE AND CAREER

SOPHOMORE YEAR



TIMELINE

- ☐ THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF AFTER HIGH SCHOOL AND BEGIN EXPLORING THAT PATH
- ☐ RESEARCH POTENTIAL COLLEGES AND NOTE WHAT THE AVERAGE GPA AND TEST SCORES ARE
- ☐ KNOW YOUR CURRENT GPA AND SET ANY GOALS YOU HAVE TO IMPROVE IT
- ☐ TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER AS A PRACTICE FOR NEXT YEAR'S PSAT AND SAT
- ☐ MAKE A PLAN FOR PRACTICING AND THEN TAKING THE SAT/ACT
- ☐ ATTEND ANY COLLEGE FAIRS IN YOUR AREA OR LOOK INTO "VISITING" VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS
- ☐ SOLIDIFY SOME PRODUCTIVE STUDY HABITS
- ☐ TAKE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENTS AND CAREER ASSESSMENTS TO EXPLORE YOUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
- ☐ CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING OR TAKING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN YOUR ACTIVITIES

10TH GRADE TIMELINE

COLLEGE AND CAREER

JUNIOR YEAR



FALL TIMELINE

- ☐ CONTINUE RESEARCHING CAREERS
- ☐ RESEARCH MAJORS RELATED TO THOSE CAREERS
- ☐ START LOOKING FOR COLLEGES THAT HAVE YOUR DESIRED MAJOR; PLUS, CONSIDER OTHER FACTORS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU
- ☐ TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER (THIS CAN QUALIFY YOU FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS)
- ☐ PREPARE FOR THE SAT AND/OR ACT BY TAKING A DIAGNOSTIC TEST TO DETERMINE YOUR STARTING POINT
- ☐ ATTEND ANY COLLEGE FAIRS IN YOUR AREA OR LOOK INTO "VISITING" VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS
- ☐ INTRODUCE YOURSELF OR MEET WITH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPS WHO COME TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL
- ☐ ATTEND ANY FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS YOUR SCHOOL OFFERS TO BEGIN UNDERSTANDING AND HAVING CONVERSATIONS AROUND MONEY FOR COLLEGE
- ☐ CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING OR TAKING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN YOUR ACTIVITIES

11TH GRADE TIMELINE - FALL

COLLEGE AND CAREER

JUNIOR YEAR



SPRING TIMELINE

- ☐ CONTINUE WORKING HARD IN YOUR CLASSES TO SOLIDIFY GRADES AND GPA
- ☐ UNDERSTAND YOUR PSAT SCORES AND WHAT YOU NEED TO WORK ON FOR THE SAT
- ☐ REGISTER TO TAKE THE SAT AND/OR THE ACT THIS SEMESTER
- ☐ PLAN TO VISIT A FEW SCHOOLS IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY
- ☐ MAKE CONTACT WITH AN ADMISSIONS REP TO ASK QUESTIONS AND DEMONSTRATE INTEREST
- ☐ SHADOW PEOPLE IN CAREERS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
- ☐ START THINKING ABOUT YOUR CLASSES FOR SENIOR YEAR AND MAKE SURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION
- ☐ REGISTER FOR THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER IF PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE
- ☐ STUDY HARD AND FINISH STRONG
- ☐ START DRAFTING APPLICATION ESSAYS THIS SUMMER

11TH GRADE TIMELINE - SPRING

COLLEGE AND CAREER

SENIOR YEAR



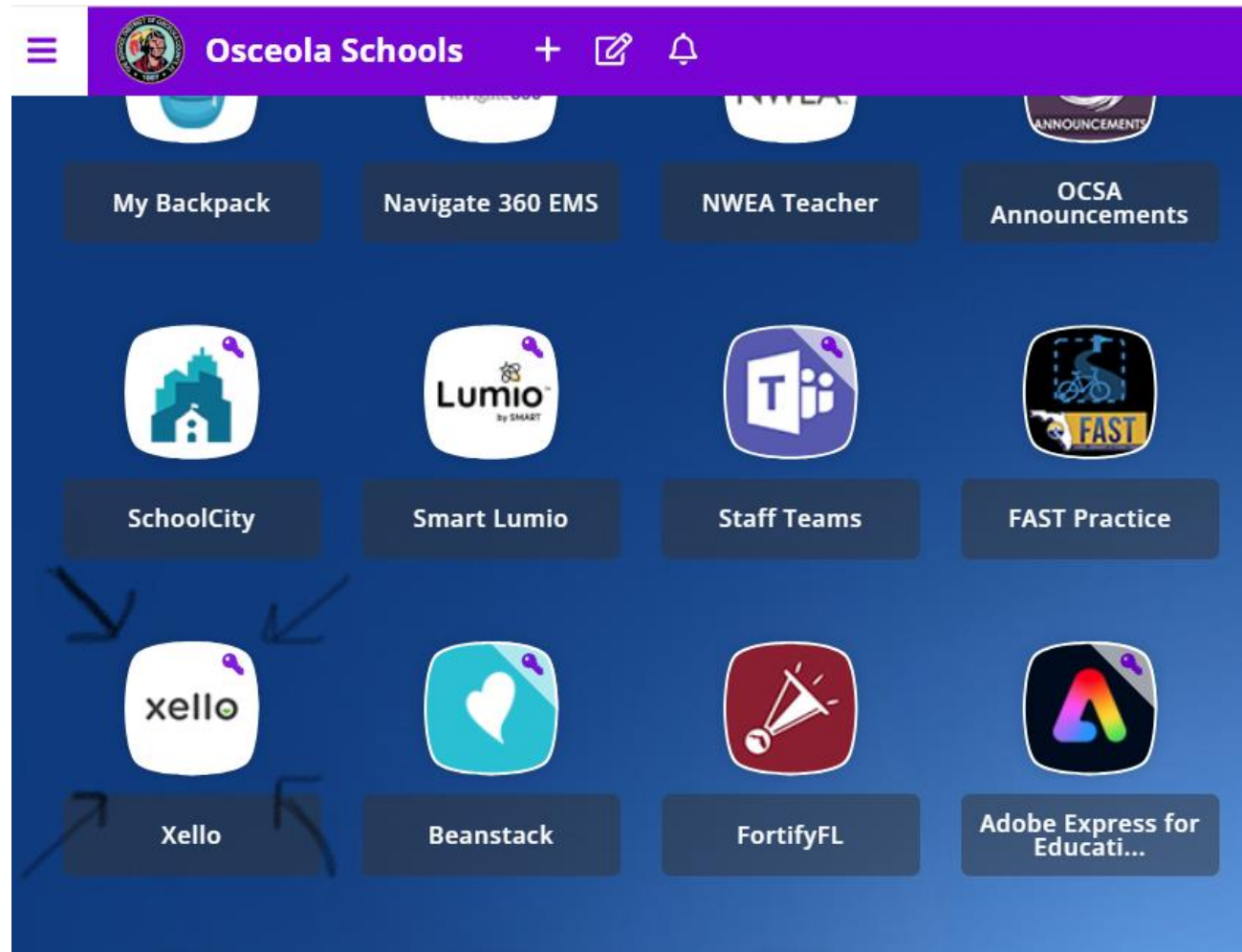
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TIMELINE

- ☐ TAKE A FALL SAT AND/OR ACT IF NEEDED (HAVE TEST SCORES YOU WANT BY DECEMBER)
- ☐ ATTEND ANY INFORMATION WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS YOUR SCHOOL HOSTS
- ☐ NARROW DOWN YOUR LIST OF COLLEGES TO APPLY TO
- ☐ BEGIN APPLYING TO COLLEGES
- ☐ STAY ORGANIZED WITH YOUR DEADLINES THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS
- ☐ SEND TRANSCRIPTS AND REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- ☐ WRITE THANK YOU NOTES FOR LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- ☐ FILL OUT THE FAFSA (OPENS OCTOBER 1)
- ☐ ATTEND ANY FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY YOUR SCHOOL OR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES
- ☐ SEND TEST SCORES THROUGH TESTING AGENCIES
- ☐ APPLY TO SCHOLARSHIPS
- ☐ MAKE A COLLEGE DECISION AND SECURE YOUR SPOT BY PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT
- ☐ CELEBRATE!

12TH GRADE COLLEGE AND CAREER

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Hey Karen!

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Core lessons

Grade 10



Exploring Career Factors

Get started



Workplace Skills and Attitudes

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View all lessons

About Me

Explore options

Goals & Plans

Matchmaker

Personality Style

Mission complete

Learning Style

Skills Lab

Careers

Schools

Majors

Saved options

My goals and plans

Course Planner

Portfolios

New

Showcase your skills, creativity, and learning with portfolios.

View portfolios

My career research

Photography project

Assignments





QUESTIONS?