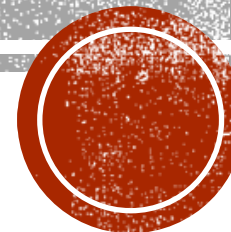


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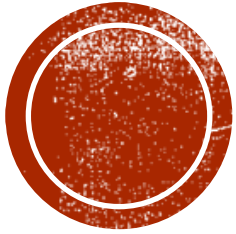


Olathe North counseling website updated every week

<https://www.olatheschools.org/domain/2625>

X (formerly twitter) updates at:

[@ONHSCounseling](#) and [@OlatheNorthCCC](#)



Xello will be our communication device this year. Career and college opportunities(Common Application), including any new scholarships, will be added for all to use. We also publish a student services newsletter monthly.

**Where to find the information
that you need to know?**

OLATHE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Department	Credits Required
Applied Communications/ International Language	1.0
English	4.0
Consumer & Personal Finance	.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Social Studies	3.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
Technology	.5
Practical Consumer Studies	1.0
PE & Health	1.0
Individual Focus/Electives	6.0
Total	24.0



CREDIT REMINDERS

- Students must complete 24 credits to graduate from ONHS.
- Early Release/Late Start: Seniors may choose to take only 5 classes in the spring, but **Advisory/Seminar** does not count toward the 5. Paperwork must be completed with your counselor and will be available by mid November. Students interested in work experience could have one hour off for work and one additional hour off. No more than two hours off total. You must have a job in order to do work experience.
- Seniors in most 21st Century Academies must remain at school for a full day during the spring of their senior year.
- Winter/Spring Sport Athletes can only do Late Start



CREDIT RECOVERY

- If students are missing credits, they need to create a plan to recover those credits with their counselor in the fall of their senior year.
- Computerized credit recovery classes are offered during the school day. You must sign up for these courses through your counselor.



GRADUATION FESTIVITIES!

- Jostens Graduation Announcement/Cap/Gown presentation-Thursday, Oct. 26th during Advisory
- Graduation Announcements orders taken-Tuesday, Nov 7th during lunch(South Gym) or Nov 8th before school (South Commons)
- Graduation Announcements/Apparel Delivery-March 4th South Gym)and March 5th before school (South Commons)
- Senior Awards Night – April 29th at 7 pm
- Academic/Military Signing Ceremony – May 2nd during Advisory/AI
- Cap and Gown distribution– May 16th 9-10:30 no school for Seniors
- Graduation – May 18th, 2 pm CBAC



DISTRICT EVENTS

- **September 6th** Local Scholarship Fair and Financial Aid Presentation at OE (5:30pm Commons and Auditorium)
- **September 11th** KC Metro College Expo at Olathe North- North Gym (6:00-8:00)
- **September 27th** - NCAA Night at OW (6:30pm in the auditorium)
- FAFSA Night at OS-TBD probably in January

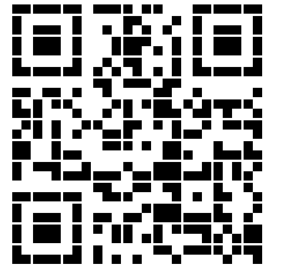


KANSAS CITY METRO EXPO FAIR

SEPTEMBER 11th at OLATHE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

6:00-8:00PM

- Visit with college Admissions Representatives
- Informational Sessions available on Financial Aid



GIVEAWAY!

Attend and be automatically entered into a giveaway with prizes including Apple products + gift cards!

Olathe North will have at least 2 guaranteed giveaway winners !



AFTER HIGH SCHOOL: POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS

- 2-year vs 4-year colleges
- Public vs private schools
- In-state vs out-of-state
 - Midwest Student Exchange Program
Current eligible states: Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin(only pertains to certain schools-average savings of \$7,000 per year and public schools only)
- Vocational Schools
 - Local 2-year colleges with vocational programs/certificates
 - JCCC Degrees and Certificates
 - KCKCC Degrees and Certificates
- Military Service
- Workforce



ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Check Deadlines

- Deadlines for scholarships and early admission; they start as early as October.
- Be mindful of separate scholarship applications and their deadlines
- Also check for housing deadlines

2. Visit your school(s) of interest if possible

Call Admissions or register online to schedule a visit

- Look for Senior Days at schools of interest or if they are visiting the area
- Schools also offer virtual tours



ADMISSION PROCESS CONT.

3. Application

- Common App=multiple applications(through Xello-Mrs. Gunderson sent an email with this info last Thursday) vs Sendedu/Parchment vs direct application
- Use the “Course History” tab on StudentVue to see previous courses completed/grades
- Have someone review/edit Admissions Essays
- Recommendation Letters
 - Not all schools require recommendation letters-only put teacher and counselor names down if you have checked that it is needed
 - You MUST provide your counselor/teacher with a resume and a completed Personal Profile for your counselor before requesting a letter; please allow at least 2 weeks notice prior to deadline for letters of rec

4. Fees

- If you are eligible for free/reduced lunch, please see your counselor for additional opportunities



KANSAS APPLY FREE DAYS

- **November 7-9**

- During these three days, all Kansas public schools (universities, community colleges & technical colleges) and some private higher education institutions will waive their application fees for Kansas residents applying for a bachelor degree, associate degree, certificate or general application.



What are selective colleges looking for?

- Transcript, Transcript, Transcript
- Test scores
- Student Essay
- Letters of Rec
- Extracurricular Activities
- Explanation for a drop in your grades
- They want to build the best class for their college, you might fit into what they are looking for and you might not.



SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

1. McDermott at UT Dallas
<https://provost.utdallas.edu/mcdermott-scholars>
2. Jefferson at UVA
<https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship>
3. Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars at Notre Dame
<https://hesburgh-yusko.nd.edu/about-the-program/>

**If you are interested in any of these three see Mrs. Parazin for additional information. These require a school recommendation.*

**Quest Bridge-full 4-year scholarships for high school seniors from low-income backgrounds www.questbridge.org*

▪due September 26th

*Many other colleges offer scholars program and honors colleges.
Check out the schools you are interested in to see if there is a separate application.*



SENDING TRANSCRIPTS

Send up-to-date transcript through Xello:

Step- by-step directions are on the ON Counseling website

<https://www.olatheschools.org/domain/2625>

and

Mrs. Gunderson's email from last Thursday

Need one for yourself? Mrs. McQuay

Please allow 3-5 business days for transcript to be received



Xello Login for Student Accounts

On your desktop, select the ClassLink Icon



Login using your normal student username and password.

i.e. username - 999aaj20

If you do not remember your password – reset your password here:

<https://mypass.olatheschools.com/>

Go back to Xello, and login with username and updated password.

You should be logged on now!

If you do NOT have ClassLink on your school issued device, please email Mr. Soto. asoto@olatheschools.org



FINANCIAL AID/FAFSA = FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Apply for a FSA ID (this is the new PIN for FAFSA)-You must have ID before you can complete the actual application
- FAFSA Applications for the 2024-2025 School Year look different this year and we don't have opening dates at this time probably December(check each institution for priority deadlines)
- You will need your parents and their 2022 tax information in order to complete!



SCHOLARSHIPS

- Based on a variety of academic and athletic skills, family history, school and community involvement, etc.
- College vs Local vs National
 - Merit based vs. non-merit based
 - [Xello account identifies scholarships that the district is aware of](#)
 - [Olathe School District Foundation Scholarship Website](#)
- Common requirements of applications
 - Student Resume
 - Essay Questions
 - Recommendation Letters- Personal Profile and Resume
- Keep copies of your applications and when you applied
- Be aware of deadlines!
- Send thank you notes to scholarship donors



ACT Test Dates (Only test if needed)

Test Date

Oct 28

Dec 9

Feb 10

Apr 13

Jun 8

Jul 13

Registration Date

Sep 22

Nov 3

Jan 5

Mar 8

May 3

Jun 7

You must register ***before*** the deadline (or pay a late fee) and upload a picture to the system. See Mr. VanWinkle in the library if you need help!

*Dates in bold are typically the last tests taken for Seniors if it is absolutely necessary.

ACT Prep Workshops are being held this year.

First one is planned to start September 21st. See Mrs. Parazin with questions. If you are still taking the test, you probably need prep.



COMMUNICATION/UPDATES

- We will use the following methods to communicate with you throughout the year:
 - ONHS Counseling Website
<https://www.olatheschools.org/domain/2625>
 - X (formerly called Twitter)
 - @ONHSCounseling
 - @OlatheNorthCCC (also on Instagram with the same handle)
 - Principal's Blog <http://jasonhermanon.weebly.com/>
 - Monthly Newsletter sent out by Mrs. Gunderson



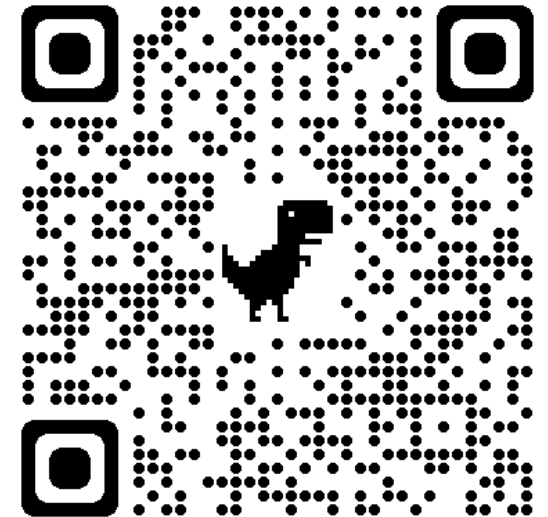
CONTACTS

- Mrs. Gunderson – last names A-D
 - Ms. Etherton – last names E-Li
 - Mrs. Milke – last names Lo-Ri
 - Mrs. Parazin – last names Ro-Z
 - Mrs. Landa-ELL and AVID students
 - Ms. Askew-Student Support Liaison
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- Mr. Van Winkle– College Adviser
 - Mrs. McQuay-Registrar(transcripts)

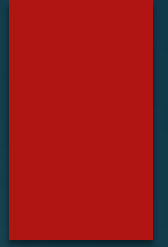


Mr. Logan Van Winkle (College Adviser)

- ▶ Can help with anything and everything college-related, including College/Major Exploration, ACT registration, scholarships/financial aid, and everything in between.
- ▶ To schedule a meeting, visit:
<https://calendly.com/lvanwinkle>
- ▶ Can also be contacted by phone: (913) 738-2103 or by email:
lvanwinkle@olatheschools.org
- ▶ Follow @OlatheNorthCCC on Twitter and Instagram for the latest news and updates!



Save the Dates!



Monday, September 11th: KC Metro College Expo (6:00-8:00 PM)

Friday, September 22nd: Last day to register for October ACT

Tuesday, September 19th: FSA ID Workshop (A/I in the Library)

- Get help creating your FSA ID so that you are prepared for when the FAFSA opens.
Make sure you know your Social Security Number

October 9th-13th: College Application Week!

- Monday, October 9th: Kansas State University Rep Visit (Library, during A/I)
- Tuesday, October 10th: College Application Workshop (Library, during A/I)
- Wednesday, October 11th: Apply to College, Get a Prize Day!
- Thursday, October 12th: College Colors Day!
- Friday, October 13th: No School! Mr. Van Winkle will be available all day for help!

Sign Up for College Rep Visits

- ▶ Tuesday, September 12th: Pittsburg State University
- ▶ Friday, September 15th: Wichita State University
- ▶ Monday, September 18th: University of Kansas (KU)
- ▶ Tuesday, September 19th: University of Missouri – Columbia (Mizzou)
- ▶ Friday, September 22nd: Donnelly College
- ▶ Monday, September 25th: University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC)

