



OLD COLONY

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Principal Guenette's April 2018 News

Spring has finally sprung and buds are sprouting on our trees and flowers are beginning to bloom in vibrant colors. For some of us at Old Colony, **April** brings a **fresh start** or a **new beginning**, and yet a promise of the **home stretch** of our **third trimester** to the school year.

The **OC Computer Science Department** will be **hosting a State Summit for CTE Programming and Web Development teachers** on **April 10**, and **Mr. Ryan Robidoux** is coordinating the event at OC.

The long-awaited **Italy and Germany** trip is this month. Ms. Guy, along with Educational Tours will take a group of **14 travelers** from **April 14th until April 22nd**. Please **follow them** while they are traveling on **Twitter and Instagram** by looking for our hashtags **#OktakesEurope** and **#ItalyGermany2018**. After the trip, Ms. Guy will be creating a **video of pictures** and short video clips which will be a **collection** of the students during this **educational travel** opportunity. There's plenty of time if anyone is interested in the **2019 trip to Portugal and Spain**. Please contact **Christine Guy** at **x120** or cguy@oldcolony.us for more information.

The **OC Drama Club Production of Door-to-Door** will take place on **Friday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.** in the **OC Stage/Cafetorium**. **Coffee and light refreshments** made by our own **students in the Culinary** department will be **offered to our guests**. Tickets are **\$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students**. You may **contact Ms. Guy** (cguy@oldcolony.us), any of our drama **club members**, or the **main office** to purchase **tickets**. A **limited number of tickets will be sold at the door** so please buy your ticket in advance to guarantee a seat!

"**Door-to-Door** is a dramatization of opportunities **involving two doors onstage** which **represent various types of doors in life**: bedroom doors, closet doors, apartment doors, dorm room doors... even the metaphorical doors we face every time we make a decision. **Eight individual scenes** and monologues take us through these doors, offering a breadth of tones that **reflect upon life, choices, moments, and self-discovery.**"

Congratulations to our SkillsUSA District Competition Medalists who will be advancing to the **State Competition** at the end of this month from **Thursday, April 26, 2018 - Saturday, April 28, 2018**. **Seven gold medalists and six silver medalists** will be **representing Old Colony** in CNC technician, culinary arts, electronics, nurse assisting, technical computer applications, technical drafting, and web design. We also had **seven bronze medalists at the district competition level** and **five medalists for perfect score** results on **either the trade or employability test**. We are **very proud** of these students and **their accomplishments** and **wish them good luck** at States!

There will be a SkillsUSA fundraiser on **Thursday, May 17th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.**, which will be a **Student vs. Faculty Basketball Game** in the **gymnasium**. For any student or faculty member that would like to participate, **cost of entering is \$3 a player**. To watch, **tickets can be bought at the door** and are **\$2 for students and \$3 for adults**. Come **join us** for this **fun-filled fundraising event!**

This year's **OC Junior-Senior Prom Tickets** are on sale **from April 2 - April 27, 2018**. Ticket price is **\$50 per person**. Any OC student who would like to bring an **outside guest** will need to have a **permission slip** approved before purchasing a ticket. For guests who attend **another high school**, a **form** will have to be **completed from the high school** the guest attends, for **guests who are under 21**, a **copy of their valid driver's license**, and **no one who is 21 or older is allowed** to attend the OC Junior-Senior Prom. Additionally, **OC Senior students must have all OC outstanding debts paid** to purchase a prom ticket, including dues, cap and gown fees, field trip money, etc. All **OC Junior students must pay their \$25 annual dues** before purchasing prom tickets. The prom will be held **Friday, May 25th at The Seaport Inn**, Fairhaven, MA, from **6:30 – 11 p.m.** Anyone with questions can **contact Kathy Peterson at x133** or email kpeterson@oldcolony.us. **Juniors may purchase tickets** from class advisor **Ms. Gamelin** and **Seniors may purchase tickets** from class advisor **Mrs. Peterson**.

Looking for a prom dress? Project Dress Up is in its 8th year and has **reached out to Old Colony** to spread the word that they have **over 1,000 prom gowns to give away**. The event will take place this year **at St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center**, 499 Spring St., North Dighton, MA, **on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.** Any questions, please contact the organizer, **Anna Brodeur at 508-669-6223**.

Attention Seniors! The Old Colony **Academic and Vocational Scholarship Applications** are **available this month in the guidance office**. All applications **must be completed and turned in** by this year's **deadline on Monday, May 14th**, in order to be considered for this year's scholarship awards. **Mrs. Sherman updates the scholarship list weekly**.

Students are being reminded that **Bristol Community College Career/Vocational Technical Education (CVTE) Linkages Program** (formerly Tech Prep) will be **offering dual enrollment opportunities** for our students for the **summer semester**. Dual enrollment provides opportunities for Massachusetts high school students to **take FREE college-level courses and earn credit** toward high school completion and their future college degrees. **Interested students should see Mrs. Abaray** in the **Guidance office** for an **application** or more **information**.

The **Town of Acushnet** is looking for **two, self-motivated students** for **summer employment** who are hardworking and don't mind getting their hands dirty. Work would include mostly **outside jobs**, e.g. cutting lawns and maintaining gardens. **Some plant or mechanical knowledge** would be a bonus, but not necessary. Position to start on **July 2nd through Aug. 31st for 35 hours a week**. This position could continue **into the fall on a part-time basis or until the first frost**. Applications are being accepted through the month of April, and interested **students** are asked to **submit a resume and cover letter** to **Jim Marot** at jmarot@acushnet.ma.us or **mail to: Mr. James Marot, Acushnet Building Commissioner, 122 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743**. For any additional **questions**, please call him at **(508) 998-0225**.

The **Old Colony Wellness Committee's Mrs. Lacroix and Mrs. Humphrey** are sponsoring another **"Walking Club"** this year **starting on Tuesday, April 3rd**. This is **open to all faculty, students, and parents** within our Old Colony community to **support and offer a healthy and active lifestyle**. The **"Walking Club"** will **meet in the school's lobby** beginning on **Tuesday, April 3rd from 7 – 7:30 a.m.** This group will **meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, rain or shine, until Thursday, June 14th**. All

anyone needs to do is wear their sneakers and be ready to walk. **Mrs. Lacroix, OC School Adjustment Counselor, and Mrs. Humphrey, OC School Nurse, will lead the walks.** Please **contact Mrs. Lacroix at x-263 or Mrs. Humphrey at x-130** if you would like to **sign up**, have any **questions**, or need **more information**. We **hope you can join us** in this health/fitness opportunity for our OC community! We are giving out **participation gifts** (pedometers) to **those who participate**.

The **Cougar' Den** is once again offering, "**Dinner from the Den**," in addition to our breakfast and lunch offerings. These are **family-sized dinners** that are already **prepared for you**. They just need to be reheated and served on your dinner table. The **menu is posted for the public on Mondays** under the Cougar's den Menu Page on the school's website. All orders can be taken by **phone (x168) or email cougarsden@oldcolony.us by Wed. at 1 p.m.** Orders must be **picked up on Thursdays** between **10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** and **cash payments are required**. As always, please join us for **Breakfast - Tuesday through Friday 8:30-10 a.m.** for **walk-ins** and no reservations are needed and **Lunch - Wednesday-Friday 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** **Reservations** are required, and the menu is posted every night on the school's website. Orders can be phoned or emailed into the Cougar's Den. **We look forward to serving you!**

Attention Seniors! Mrs. Murray, yearbook advisor, would like to announce that the **2018 yearbook ordering deadline** was **March 31st**. Orders **must be received by Monday, April 2nd** at **Jostens.com/yearbook** or see **Mrs. Murray** in the **Graphics** shop. Also, be on the **look out to order your 2018 Yearbook Supplement**. Information will be mailed to you shortly. Supplements will **include all spring sports, Mr. Cougar, graduation, prom** and any **other spring activity**. Any **questions**, please email **Erin Murray** at **emurray@oldcolony.us**.

Nancy Bernard of **Bernard's Driving School** will be at Old Colony on **Tuesday, April 3rd**, during all lunch shifts in the **cafeteria** for **student sign-ups** for the April vacation **Drivers' Ed class**. These **classes** will be **held at Old Colony from Tuesday, April 17th through Friday, April 20th from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Students will have a ½ hour lunch during this time. This **course will continue on Monday, April 23rd and Wednesday, April 25th from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.** in **Room 2**. The next **Parental Informational Class** will be held at the **Bernard Driving School office, 345 Union St., New Bedford, MA, on Thursday, April 5th from 6-8 p.m.** If this course is not convenient for your schedule, please call **Nancy Bernard at 508-994-4375**.

Athletic Director Matt Trahan and **Coach Brandon Mendez** are once again hosting the **Mr. Cougar** competition. **Senior contestants** have already begun rehearsals for the annual competition with a **top secret.....theme**. The **funds raised** will go to the **athletic programs**, and this event will be held on **Friday, May 4, 2018, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Tickets are \$10 each.** Students can purchase them **during all lunch shifts beginning April 23rd, contestants have tickets to sell**, and tickets will also be **sold at the door**.

Our **school nurse, Mrs. Humphrey,** has partnered with the **Mattapoisett Lions' Club** and their **Spot Camera** to provide an opportunity to **assess our Grade 10 students' vision** with a very sophisticated new tool. This **Spot Camera** is an extensive, **state-of-the-art technology** to **conduct a vision screening** exam. This is a wonderful opportunity to **create community collaboration** and utilize such a sophisticated technology **tool for our students**. If your son/daughter **wears glasses**, they will need to **bring them on Wednesday, April 11, 2018**. Please **contact Mrs. Humphrey at x130** if you have any **questions** or if you prefer to **opt out of this screening** for your child, please **write a note or email Mrs. Humphrey** stating that you do not want your child tested.

The **14th annual OC Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser** will take place on **Sat., May 19, 2018**, at **Acushnet River Valley Golf Course at 1 p.m.** All monies raised will go towards supporting our senior scholarship awards. If you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact **Kathy Peterson** at kpeterson@oldcolony.us. **Donation forms** for any type of donation (tee-box or tee-shirt advertising, or gift certificate, gift basket, etc.) were **mailed home** with your child's trimester 2 report card. We **appreciate any offer to assist us in this fundraising event**. If you are **interested in playing** in this year's tournament, please **contact Kathy Peterson** for a **golf-team application**. It is filled on a **first come, first serve basis**, and the **deadline** for entry is **May 1st**, if there is still availability. Last year, teams were filled within 3 weeks of sending out applications.

Old Colony's 2nd Annual Summer Discovery Program will run from **July 16-20, 2018**. This five-day experience is **open to any students entering grades 5-8** with options for career exploration, sports and recreation, and other exciting opportunities. Please visit www.oldcolony.us for more information or email summerdiscovery@oldcolony.us to receive further information for some incredible opportunities to explore building, cooking, creating, designing, etc. **Become part of the OC Creates movement** as middle school students get to explore opportunities to **ignite their passion for learning**.

The following are a list of dates and events for the month of April at Old Colony:

- Tuesday, April 3 - Walking Club begins with Mrs. Lacroix and/or Mrs. Humphrey, front lobby, rain or shine, every Tuesday/Thursday until June 14 from 7- 7:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 3 - OC Tour w/Mr. Trahan at 8:15 a.m. – meet in the lobby
- Tuesday, April 3 - Driver's education sign-ups during all lunch shifts w/Mrs. Bernard in cafe
- Tuesday, April 3 - GSA Club w/Mrs. Lacroix at 2:20 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Tuesday, April 3 - PTO meeting at 7 – 8 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, April 4 – Southcoast Mobile Health Van on OC campus; students can make an appointment with Mrs. Humphrey, School Nurse from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4 – Mr. Trahan & Mrs. Gifford with winter athletes & NHS "Reading Morning" at Acushnet Elementary School
- Wednesday, April 4 – General Advisory Board Spring Meeting with Mrs. Machamer in the Library 6 – 6: 30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 4 – 6:30 p.m. – Vocational Shops Spring Advisory Board Dinner (café) and Meetings (shop)
- Thursday, April 5 – MCAS – ELA Composition Make-up Tests for Sessions A & B
- Thursday, April 5 – NHS Spring State Conference at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA
- Friday, April 6 – BCC STEM career day for Machine, Electronics, and Computer Science
- Friday, April 6 – Senior Class Family Feud Fundraiser in cafeteria – Admittance fee \$2 students and \$3 adults; PTO will have pizza, snacks, and drinks for sale
- Monday, April 9 - OC Late Start at 9:45 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 10 - OC Tour w/Mr. Trahan at 8:15 a.m. – meet in the lobby
- Tuesday, April 10 – Programming & Web Design hosting Ch. 74 State Summit at OC from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 10 – Winter Sports Awards Night w/Mr. Trahan in café from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 11 - Sophomore class (shop cycle) Mrs. Humphrey, school nurse, conducting state mandated vision and hearing screenings
- Wednesday, April 11 – 7:45 a.m. – Mare Studios at OC for Junior senior pictures presentation in café
- Thursday, April 12 - Outstanding Vocational Student Award Banquet in Worcester, MA, at 6 p.m.

- Sat., April 14 – Sun., April 15 – Educational Tours Italy and Germany Trip w/Ms. Guy & Mr. Polansky
- Monday, April 16 – Friday, April 21 – Spring School Vacation Week
- Sunday, April 22 – OC Hiking Club to DNRT Little River Reserve from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 – Info Tech, Electronics, & CADD to New England Institute of Technology – field trip
- Tuesday, April 24 – OC Tour w/Mr. Trahan at 8:15 a.m. – meet in the lobby
- Tuesday, April 24 – Graphics field trip to the Fine Arts Museum in Boston, MA
- Tuesday, April 24 & Wednesday, April 25 – MCAS – EPP mathematics test sessions
- Wednesday, April 25 – MASC’s “Day on the Hill” Culinary arts students w/Chef Maiden to the Boston State House
- Wednesday, April 25 – Faculty Meeting in the cafeteria at 2:20 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 25 – School Committee meeting in the cafeteria at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26 – Sat., April 28 – Skills USA State Competition in Marlboro, MA with Mr. L’Heureux, Mr. Arsenault, Ms. Couto, and Mrs. Gifford
- Friday, April 27 – OC Drama Club Production of Door-to-Door on stage in the cafeteria – Admittance is \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 30 – OC Wellness Committee meeting w/Mrs. Guenette in conference room at 12:50 p.m.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Karen Guenette, Principal

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

Teacher Orientation – Monday, August 27, 2018 (Early Start)

FIRST TRIMESTER

Begins: Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Ends: *Tuesday, November 20, 2018

DAYS OUT

August 31, 2018 (Friday) Labor Day Weekend

September 3, 2018 (Monday) Labor Day

October 8, 2018 (Monday) Columbus Day

November 12, 2018 (Monday) Veterans' Day

November 21, 2018 (Wednesday) through November 23, 2018 (Friday) Thanksgiving Recess

SECOND TRIMESTER

Begins: Monday, November 26, 2018

Ends: *Friday, March 8, 2019

DAYS OUT

December 24, 2018 (Monday) through January 1, 2019 (Tuesday) Christmas Recess

January 21, 2019 (Monday) Martin Luther King Day

February 18, 2019 (Monday) through February 22, 2019 (Friday) Winter Recess

THIRD TRIMESTER

Begins: Monday, March 11, 2019

Ends: *Wednesday, June 20, 2019

DAYS OUT

April 19, 2019 Good Friday

April 15, 2019 (Monday) through April 19, 2019 (Friday) Spring Recess

May 27, 2019 (Monday) Memorial Day

***The calendar includes provisions for 185 school days allowing for up to five (5) cancellation days due to extenuating circumstances resulting from weather conditions and/or other emergencies. The District Committee reserves the right to further extend the length of the school day and/or school year in order to comply with Massachusetts Board of Education regulations. If, however, we experience less than five (5) cancellation days, the calendar year will be adjusted accordingly to comply with the present 180 day school year requirement. Faculty are required to work 182 days to comply with the language in the Teamsters' Contract.**

Note: Graduation – Sunday, June 2, 2019