



# OLD COLONY

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### Principal Guenette's June 2018 News

It is hard to believe how quickly **the school year** has passed and is coming to an end. I would like to **thank the OC community** for your belief, trust, and commitment to the **values of a vocational education**. This was a very busy year and you, as **partners in education**, played a great role in making it a **success!**

Although it is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I realize how our **OC community** commits their **time and energy** every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which our **students can thrive!** I wish our **senior graduates** all the best as they **journey on** to new places, whether that's **college, career, or military**. Our **OC graduation** is a time for **celebration and reflection** on the impact a vocational education has made on each student, and parents **proudly** see their child **reach this accomplishment**.

A "**special thanks**" to **Kathy Peterson, Jackie Machamer, Samantha Clarke**, and the OC Scholarship **Golf Committee** for **organizing and raising over \$14,000 this year** in the **14<sup>th</sup> annual OC Golf Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser!** Old Colony appreciates all of the **support received from golfers, family, friend, and business supporters**. It was a **huge success**, and **all monies raised** will go towards supporting our **senior scholarship awards on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Congratulations to Ryan Robidoux, Computer Science (CS) instructor**, who was **selected as one of five teachers** to receive the **national InfoSys/CSTA Computer Science Teaching Excellence Award**. As part of the award, he was invited to **attend the InfoSys CrossRoads Conference** in Scotts Valley, CA, and the **National Computer Science Teachers Association Conference** in Omaha, NE.

**The CADD instructors** would like to include **special congratulations** to **Thomas Dawicki and Alex Fontes** for **passing the CSWP (Certified SolidWorks Profession) exam** and **obtaining their CSWP certificate**. Tom and Alex are the **first CADD students to pass this exam!**

The **Cosmetology** instructors **congratulate all four seniors: Emma Ashley, AnnaKate Greene, Mikayla Murray, and Kassi Weston** who are all **Massachusetts licensed cosmetologists!**

**Old Colony** will continue its **Walking Club** on **Tuesday and Thursday** mornings from **7 – 7:30 a.m.**, rain or shine. Come join us, any of these mornings, for a healthy way to **start the day** with our **staff, students, parents, and community members**.

Interested in **Entrepreneurship**? Interested in saving **thousands of dollars** in college expenses? Old Colony is preparing to **LAUNCH** an Early College Initiative for students interested in **29 college credits** and a certificate in Entrepreneurship. Our **LAUNCH** information night will take place at **5:30**

**p.m. on Tuesday, June 5th** at Old Colony RVTHS. Please email Mrs. Costa, Assistant to the Superintendent-Director at [jcosta@OldColony.us](mailto:jcosta@OldColony.us) to RSVP.

**Do you like to travel? Ms. Guy, through Education First (EF) Tours** will be leading a group of people through **Spain and Portugal during April vacation 2019**. Join us as we will experience Portugal as it played a key role during the Age of Exploration, and in Lisbon, we'll see the spot where sailors set off on their daring adventures. In Seville, the cathedral and Alcazar show the city's multi-layered past, while Madrid's historic Plaza Mayor has been the site of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions. Attend the **parent/student informational meeting** to find out more and sign up on **Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the library**.

All Old Colony staff and students will participate in a **full ALICE practice drill** (either lockdown/shelter-in-place/barricade or evacuate to outside of the building and then reunified to a pre-determined destination spot) **on Friday, June 8th**. This drill will be led in partnership with the **Rochester Police Department** and two certified trainers employed at Old Colony RVTHS. The ALICE training offers school districts **options** that mitigate liability, assume less risk, and, most importantly, **equip the staff and students with life-saving skills**.

The **Health Careers Dept.** will host a **"Kids' Day"** on **Mon., June 11th from 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** As part of their human growth and development curriculum, the students have developed their own **health-related topics** to teach **to school-aged children**, which include dental hygiene, nutrition, exercise, etc. The shop students will **host 12 children** of faculty members for the event.

**Mrs. Humphrey**, School Nurse, will be **conducting postural screenings** for the **entire 9th grade class during their Physical Education classes on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12th and June 13th**. As always, parents have the **right to opt out of the screening** by sending Mrs. Humphrey a **written request** via e-mail to [mhumphrey@oldcolony.us](mailto:mhumphrey@oldcolony.us). She would also like to remind all OC families to **please provide an updated Physical Exam within the past 12 months** for their student's health record. If you have any questions or concerns, she can also be **reached at 508-763-8011, x-130**.

**Mare Studios** will be at Old Colony on **Friday, June 15th** in the **gymnasium** to photograph all students in **Grades 9, 10, & 11** for their **school IDs**. **Mrs. Erin Murray**, Graphics Instructor, will **coordinate the morning photo sessions** with instructors. These will be **distributed on the first day of school** for the 2018-19 school year.

**Come join us for Old Colony's 3rd Annual Car Show on Friday, June 15th from 4-8 p.m.** You can register early at <https://bit.ly/2kvcl6g> preferred, or day of registration is allowed. **The cost is \$15 to register a vehicle and spectator admission is free!!! Student and adult classes in three categories, plus best in show.** There will be **food, drinks, raffle, and awards!** Hope to see you there and help spread the word! **All proceeds benefit the Class of 2019.**

**Old Colony's PTO** has partnered with **FundingFactory** for the **latest fundraising** activity. FundingFactory turns our used [toner and inkjet cartridges](#) into cash to fundraise for our organization. This FundingFactory's supports a 100% free-fundraising program and **with the help of our community**, the **PTO will earn much-needed funds** in no time. There has been a **drop-off box** placed in the **front office** that will be **collected regularly**. **Thank you**, in advance, **for supporting this fundraising effort!** The next **PTO meeting** is **Tuesday, June 5th from 7 – 8 p.m. in the cafeteria**. New members are welcome!

**Interested in the Peer-to-Peer Grade 9 Mentoring Program?** Please **contact Mr. Al Amaral**, a Peer-Mentor Advisor, at [amaral@oldcolony.us](mailto:amaral@oldcolony.us) or **508-763-8011, x184** if you are a **parent of a current or incoming grade 9-student** and are **interested in learning more** about this program. The members of the program would like to **thank everyone who contributed** to the **"Savers Fundraising Event"** that

**raised over \$200 this year.** Not only did we raise funds for our school's mentor program, but **we helped with Savers' mission** to keep thousands of pounds of reusable goods out of landfills, so thanks for that too!

**Old Colony Summer Reading Program for 2018** information for **Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12** will be distributed **before the close of school** to the students **by the English instructors**. The **objective** of the Old Colony Summer Reading Program is to **promote a love of reading** by focusing on **student choice**. Students will be able to preview and choose their summer reading book **from a list of titles** representing a range of interest levels **AND create an accountability artifact**. The students will be **given a flyer** with the **choices and directions** for the accountability artifact needed during their **English class**, upon return to school **in the fall**. This information can also be **found on OC's website**. Just as you guide your child concerning television, movies, and music; summer reading is a great opportunity to **talk with your child** about the types of **books** that he/she reads **for pleasure**. We suggest that each parent/guardian and child work together in making an **appropriate choice**, **read the book** together, and have a **discussion** about it. If you have **any questions**, please contact the **Academic Coordinator, Linda Deady, at extension 195**. **Let's create a school-wide community of readers!**

**Old Colony's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Discovery Program** will run from **July 16-20, 2018**. This five-day experience is **open to any students grades 5-9** with options for career exploration, sports and recreation, and other exciting opportunities. Please visit [www.oldcolony.us](http://www.oldcolony.us) for more information or email [summerdiscovery@oldcolony.us](mailto: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**.

**Summer office hours** at Old Colony RVTHS are from **7 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** The office staff are available to answer any **questions about the upcoming school year** and **collect paperwork** that must be returned to OC. Additionally, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, the **school receptionist**, Mrs. Szymanski, is available to answer any **bus transportation questions** and **process work permits** for our students.

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

- Every Tues. & Thurs. from 7 – 7:30 a.m. – Walking Club meets in the OC lobby (rain or shine) until June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day Holiday – No school
- Tuesday, May 29 – Cosmetology Dept. – Family Day
- Tuesday, May 29 – 6 – 7 p.m. – Excellence in Effort Awards and Dinner in cafeteria for recipients and their families
- Thursday, May 31 - 8 – 10:30 a.m. – Senior graduation rehearsal w/senior class advisors
- Thursday, May 31 – 6:30 p.m. – Senior Awards Ceremony in gymnasium
- Friday, June 1 – 9 a.m. – midnight -Senior trip to Six Flags (must have pre-registered and paid with senior advisors to attend)
- Sunday, June 3 - 1 p.m. – OC Senior Graduation – will be outdoors on football field
- Monday, June 4 - Late start day at 9:45 a.m. for OC students
- Monday, June 4 – 5- 8:30 p.m. – Alternative Date for Incoming Gr 9 (Class of 2022) OC English and Math placement testing in the library
- Tuesday, June 5 – 5:30 p.m. – BCC & OC's LAUNCH Entrepreneurship program information night in the gym
- Tuesday, June 5 – 7 – 8 p.m. – PTO meeting in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, June 6 – Business Tech & Graphics Depts. to Fenway Park Field Trip, Grades 10 & 11
- Wednesday, June 6 – 6:30 p.m. - Education First (EF) Tour to Portugal and Spain during April 2019 vacation - information night w/Ms. Guy in the library

- Wednesday, June 6 & Thursday, June 7 – Science Tech & Engineering Grade 9 MCAS testing and Grade 10 & 11 retake science MCAS tests
- Friday, June 8 - ALICE practice drill with the Rochester Police Dept.
- Friday, June 8 – National Honor Society Field Trip to Heritage Park
- Friday, June 8 – Machine & Tool Shop – Parents’ Day
- Sunday, June 10 – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Hiking Club to Nemasket Kayak Center, Wareham, MA w/Mr. Trimble
- Monday, June 11 – Health Careers Grade 10 Students – Kids’ Day – 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 11 - 2:20 -3:20 p.m. - Faculty meeting in café
- Tuesday, June 12 – Health Careers Grade 10 – Parent Awareness Day
- Tuesday, June 12 – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Spring Sports Banquet with Mr. Trahan in café
- Wednesday, June 13 – 6 p.m. – School Committee Meeting in the cafeteria
- Thursday, June 14– Grades 9, 10, & 11 final exams in English & Math – 12:15 p.m. Early Release Dismissal for all students
- Friday, June 15 – Grades 9, 10, & 11 final exams in Science & History – 12:15 p.m. Early Release Dismissal for all students
- Friday, June 15 – Grades 9, 10, & 11 – Mare Studios for IDs in the gym during the morning
- Friday, June 15 – Grade 11 – 10:50 a.m. - Junior Class meeting w/advisors (Mrs. Taveira & Ms. Gamelin) in the gym
- Monday, June 18 – PTO sponsored Staff & Student Appreciation Day serving ice cream during all extended lunch shifts
- Monday, June 18 – 12:30 – 2:15 p.m. PE & Student Council sponsored Field Day
- Tuesday, June 19 – AM Guest Speaker for Grades 9, 10, & 11 – Tim Hollick – Wood Palace Kitchens, vocational graduate, etc.
- Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 – 2:15 p.m. Rain date for PE & Student Council sponsored Field Day
- Wednesday, June 20 at 12:15.m. – Early Release Day - Student Dismissal – Last day of school for students
- Wednesday, June 20 – Trimester 3 Ends, grades are closed, report cards will be mailed home
- Tues., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – First day of school for all students for the 2018-19 school year (See the school calendar and academic supply list attached to this newsletter.)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer with your families!

Karen Guenette, Principal

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**OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**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**

## 2018 - 2019 OC Student Supply List

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Supplies</b>	<b>Grade 9</b>	<b>Grade 10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
<b>ALL COURSES</b>	#2 pencils/mechanical pencils & erasers	X	X	X	X
	At least 2 dark blue or black pens	X	X	X	X
	Highlighters at least one yellow and another color	X	X	X	X
	Earbuds or headphones with jacks for use with Chromebooks, iPads and personal devices  NO WIRELESS EARBUDS PLEASE!	X	X	X	X
<b>ALL MATH &amp; SCIENCE Courses</b>	TI30X II scientific calculator & a box of colored pencils	X	X	X	X
<b>ALL MATH &amp; SCIENCE Courses</b>	12" ruler	X	X	X	X
<b>English</b>	Post-it notes (4 different colors)	X	X	X	X
<b>History</b>	Spiral Notebook OR 3-ring binder	X	X	X	X
	2 pocket folder	X	X	X	X
<b>Mathematics</b>	Students are required to keep a notebook/binder (depending on teacher preference)	X	X	X	X
	(Optional) Individual 3-hole punch	X	X	X	X
<b>Science</b>	5 subject notebook with pockets or 2" binder with dividers	X	X	X	X
<b>Health</b>	1 subject notebook	X	X		
	2 pocket folder	X	X		
<b>Physical Education</b>	Sneakers, tee-shirt/sweatshirt, shorts/sweatpants in accordance to student handbook & dress code	X	X	X	X
<b>Digital Citizenship and Digital Research &amp; Debate</b>	2 pocket folder	X	X		

**The above list indicates the general supplies the various departments suggest. These supplies will be needed for the entire year, please keep this mind when purchasing the supplies. Additional items might be needed based on individual teacher preference. Thank you!**