

OLD COLONY

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsletter for Parents and the Community

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Partnering for success

Parent/Guardian involvement correlates to student success. When parents/guardians partner with the Old Colony community, their children have the best chance for making progress.

Sometimes adults think when students are teenagers, less parental/guardianship guidance is necessary. Often this is quite the contrary. Students are pulled in so many directions with so many diversions that they need specific direction. While adults may be right in thinking that high-school students should be old enough to be responsible for their academic/shop successes, many need an overseer. This is one important aspect of partnering.

Parents/Guardians can provide a variety of help to the student. Here are some helpful tips:

- Check to see that assignments are completed.
- Study with the student by asking questions from the notebook or the text.
- See that the student stays after school for extra help on Thursdays (all teachers are available until 3:16). Many teachers are willing to make appointments to assist students before school or after school on other days as well.
- Monitor the student's progress so work is passed in on time.
- Have the student re-take exams when offered.
- Have the student get a pass to exit the bus early for extra help.
- Have the student review work at home by talking about it, re-reading notes, making flashcards, or using other study helps when no homework is assigned.

Teamwork is vital. No one wants a student to under-perform. Let us not settle for mediocrity. Let us partner together – student and parents and teachers - to create one success after another.

Get your money here!

Many local and national organizations provide scholarship opportunities for our students. But in order to receive any of these funds, students need to apply. As scholarship applications arrive, specifics of each award are posted on a "Master List" for students to review. Guidance staff is also diligent in notifying individual students of applications for which they are eligible, such as those specific to a shop.

The Old Colony Scholarship Committee requires its own application for scholarships. This committee selects students to receive specific awards from area organizations. These organizations provide the criteria and the committee designates who receives the award. The committee also awards scholarships and cash awards from the Old Colony Golf Tournament proceeds. If your student could use some financial aid for his or her future education, have him/her stop into the guidance office, fill out a form, and return it. This committee endeavors to provide some form of financial support to all that apply. Only those who apply benefit.

Freetown-Lakeville bus alert

When Old Colony has school and the Freetown-Lakeville school system does not have school, busses still run. The bus may be at the stop earlier due to fewer stops being made to pick up students. If a student is not in attendance at Old Colony on these days, he/she will be charged an unexcused absence.

When the Freetown-Lakeville school system announces a delay to the start of school, Old Colony students will take the busses on the delayed schedule and not be charged a tardy.

Fifth annual golf tournament slated for May 16th

The Fifth Annual Old Colony Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009, at the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course in Acushnet, MA. The golf tournament is great event for family, friends, and alumni of the school. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Old Colony Scholarship Fund. Interested individuals or parties can contact Mr. Gary Brown via email at gbrown@oldcolony.us. For more information, please visit our website at www.oldcolony.us.

2009 "Excellence In Effort" award winners announced

Old Colony is pleased to announce its annual "Excellence In Effort" Award winners for 2009. Winners were chosen by shop and related instructors on the basis of effort and motivation. Award winners will receive a specially designed jacket and a framed certificate at the Spring Advisory Board Meeting on April 15, 2009.

A second award ceremony and school barbeque will be held on June 9, 2009. This year's winners are:

SHOP	NAME	TOWN
Automotive	Raymond DuBois	Lakeville
CAD Drafting	Katherine Stellato	Mattapoisett
Computer Info. Technology	Stephen Mantia	Carver
Cosmetology	Danielle Wolfer	Lakeville
Culinary Arts	Brianna Hodgkins	E. Freetown
Electrical	Jordan Casey	Acushnet
Electronic Technologies	Robert Perry	Carver
Graphic Comm. & Design	Ashley Campbell	Freetown
Health Careers	Courtney Deneault	Acushnet
House & Mill Carpentry	Tyler Steek	Lakeville
Machine & Tool	Timothy Turner	Lakeville
Metal Fab. / Welding	Katharina Callahan	Carver

Old Colony SkillsUSA participants win 25 District medals

Old Colony's Chapter of Skills USA participated in the South District Skills Competition on February 24, 2009, at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. Over six hundred students from seven southeastern Massachusetts vocational-technical high schools competed. Old Colony students did an outstanding job and captured 25 medals. Old Colony's gold and silver medalists will now compete in the SkillsUSA State Competition at Marlboro, MA, from April 30 - May 2, 2009. The winning District medalists were:

Bronze Medalists

Robert Daniel (Acushnet) - Computer Programming
Holly McGreavy (Matt.) - Cosmetology - 500 Hours
Sara Piedade (Freetown) - Cosmetology + 500 Hours
Bridget LaValley (Mattapoisett) - Electronics App.

Silver Medalists

Holley Taylor (Carver) - Architectural Drafting
Chance Avery (Carver) - Automotive Service Tech.
Nicholas Abaray (Acushnet) - Carpentry
Melissa White (Acushnet) - Nail Care
Joseph Cook (Rochester) - Office Computer App.
Brian Poland (Lakeville) - Electronics Applications
Jacob Cornell (Freetown) - Electronics Technology
Jade Worthington (Acushnet) - Computer Program.
James Crook (Acushnet) - Welding
Stephen Mantia (Carver) &
Zachary Bernard (Freetown) - Web Design

Gold Medalists

Lane Tobiason (Acushnet) - Architectural Drafting
Ryan Hansen (Mattapoisett) - Automotive Service Tech.
Nicholas Weigel (Rochester) - Carpentry
Tania Clementino (Acushnet) - Cosmetology + 500 Hrs
Chelsea Lambalot (Acushnet) - Nail Care
Kendra Murray (Acushnet) - Office Computer App.
Jarod Ferreira (Acushnet) - Precision Machining Tech.
Ryan Tucker (Lakeville) - Electronics Applications
Ryan Rheume (Acushnet) - Electronics Technology
Jarred Varao (Acushnet) - Food and Beverage Service
Eli Reznikervitz (East Freetown) &
Alexander Tironati (Freetown) - Web Design

Around the Colony

* Computer Information Technology senior **Jade Worthington** (Acushnet) has been selected for recognition in the annual 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program. Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the awards recognize outstanding community service by young Americans. Jade was recognized for participating in the National Honor Society's Meals-on-Wheels Program.

* The **Old Colony Student Council** would like to thank everyone who participated and donated to the **Paul Hubbard Walk-A-Thon Benefit**. Over \$1,600 was raised for renovations to Paul's van.

* Old Colony's **Culinary Arts** juniors have recently been notified of successfully passing the **Serv Safe Food Protection Manager Certification Examination**. The 15-hour training session is completed in the Related classroom and is required prior to a student being placed on Cooperative Education. The following students received the required passing scores:

- **Kaitlyn Dextraze** Acushnet
- **Nicole Dexter** Carver
- **Courtney Littman** Carver
- **Timothy O'Malley** Carver
- **Mikayla Langevin** Freetown
- **Chad McIntosh** Freetown
- **Kelsey Beecher** Lakeville