



OC Guidance Department
Dates to Remember:

- ✓ **Wednesday, Oct 10th** - 5:30 – 6:30 College Advisement Drop in
6:30 – 8:30: Financial Aid Seminar
- ✓ **Week of October 15th** - College/Career presentations for students
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 6th** – Application Day
- ✓ **Wednesday, November 7th** – FAFSA Night
- ✓ **Tuesday, November 20th** (Tentative) – ACCUPLACER Testing
- ✓ **Wednesday, December 12th** - BCC On-Site Admissions
- ✓ **Tuesday, December 18th** – UMass Dartmouth On-Site Admissions

College Advisement Drop In: Guidance counselors will be available to answer any questions regarding the college process. Parents are welcome to drop in at any point during this time.

Financial Aid Seminar: This seminar, sponsored by the Massachusetts Educational Finance Authority (MEFA), will provide information and clarity on the entire college financial aid application process. You'll learn about financial aid applications and types of financial aid, the factors that determine your aid eligibility, how colleges determine the amount of aid to offer, and the details of financial aid award letters. All parents and students are welcome to attend on October 10, 2018. Please RSVP on the Old Colony website.

College/Career Presentations for students: The OC Guidance Department will be doing college and career presentations during this week for the senior class.

Application Day: Students will have the opportunity to work on or complete any college application with the OC guidance department. Students are strongly recommended to begin the application prior to this day. Students should sign up in the guidance office in advance.

FAFSA Night: Advisors from the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will be visiting Old Colony on November 7, 2018. Unlike the previous financial aid presentation, during this time representatives from EOC will be helping you by appointment only to complete the FAFSA form and submit it online that evening. There will be no appointments scheduled that evening to complete the CSS Profile. The CSS Profile is a different online application that collects information used by nearly 400 colleges and scholarship programs to award non-federal aid. (For federal aid you must complete the FAFSA form). There is a list from the EOC (on the Old Colony website) stating the necessary documentation to bring on November 7. Please review this list to be sure that you have everything that is essential for completing the process. Having an extra copy of your taxes available will be helpful. Please use the link on the OC home page to schedule your appointment as soon as possible as space is limited.

ACCUPLACER Testing: This placement test is needed for BCC and other local community colleges. All students planning to enroll in a degree or certificate program are required to take college placement tests in order to ensure appropriate placement in classes. The results of the assessment, in conjunction with academic background information, are used by college academic advisors to assist you with course selection. Students must sign up in the guidance office by November 6th.

BCC On-Site Admissions: Bristol Community College will hold on-site admissions at Old Colony. Students must complete their BCC application by December 1st. Students must sign up in the guidance office by December 1st.

UMass Dartmouth On-Site Admissions: UMass Dartmouth will hold on-site admissions at Old Colony. Students must complete their UMD online application or Common App by December 1st. Students must sign up in the guidance office by December 1st.

Other important information: Please be aware of your college application deadlines. Many programs (such as nursing and engineering) have earlier deadlines. Student and families should check your intended school to see if they require the SAT test. Dates for the test are available on Collegeboard.org. Guidance counselors are available to help with any questions.