

Senior Newsletter

Yamhill Carlton High School

16 Weeks Until Graduation

With graduation quickly approaching and senior presentations and activities to plan, there is still much to do. Please take the time to note important dates on your calendar and as always, if you have any questions please drop by the Counseling Office or give us a call at (503) 852-7609

Upcoming Events

- Jan 13 Senior Project Plan due
- Jan 27 Senior Pictures due to Mrs. McKinney - submit ASAP
- Feb 10 Mentor Contract due
- March 3 Chemeketa Scholars application day for Yamhill Valley area students 8am - 5pm
- March 6-10 Application period of Chemeketa Scholars - deliver to Salem campus
- March 24 Baby ad letter, picture and payment due to Mrs. McKinney
- March 29 Deadline to sign up for AP exams
- April 14 Deadline to order 2016/2017 yearbook
- April 21 Senior Project Visual Aid and Product/Experience Sheets due
- May 1 Honors Diploma Form due
- May 4 Senior video pictures due to Sara Meyer - pinksaratoga@yahoo.com
- May 4 AP US Government & Politics Exam - 8 AM at Forest Grove High School
- May 5 AP US History - 8 AM at McMinnville High School
- May 6 Prom
- May 10 AP English Lang and Comp Exam - 8 AM at McMinnville High School
- May 18 Senior Project Informal Evening Presentation
- May 19 Senior Project Formal Presentation
- May 30 Senior class meeting during Advisory
- June 5 Senior Finals: 1-4
- June 6 Senior Finals: 5-8
- June 7 Credit Recovery and Home-bound Courses due by 3:30
- June 7 Kah-Nee-Tah
- June 8 No School for Seniors
- June 9 Senior Breakfast
- June 9 Graduation Practice
- June 9 Senior Assembly
- June 11 Graduation

Principle's Message

Can you believe we made it through the first semester! The school year is truly flying by at an incredible pace. Much has been accomplished in our first semester, however there is still much to do as we close out the second half of our school year and wish a fond farewell to the Class of 2017.

Speaking of the Class of 2017 ... senior parents please make sure you are checking with your students regarding their completion of essential skills. If this is not taken care of, regardless of their credit accumulation, they will not walk at graduation.

Parents who have students in the Class of 2018 need to begin to prepare your students for the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBAC). They will be taking place in the Spring. This assessment which is directly tied to common core standards will look much different from the OAKS assessment they had been taking up to this point. Please follow this link <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?ld=3298> for further details and feel free to contact me should you have additional questions.

Please make sure you are checking with your seniors with regard to any potential in-completes they may still have at semester and that they are staying on track with regard to their academics, as well as their attendance. In order for all our students to be successful we need to make sure we have a united front of high expectations for all of our students, both inside and outside of the classroom.

I continue to be incredibly grateful and honored to be your principal and look forward to a great second half of our school year and many more to come, as we continue our rise at YCHS!

And remember at Yamhill Carlton High School we are ...

On Time
On Task
And ... On a Mission!!!

Thanks and Go Tigers!

Yearbook

Why not tell your senior how much you love them and are proud of them by purchasing a photo ad in the Senior Section of the Yearbook. Just send in your favorite photo(s) including a personal message and payment to the Main office c/o Mrs. McKinney. **Due March 24th.**

- 1/4 page: \$25 includes 1-2 pictures. Please limit your words to 100 or less.
- 1/2 page: \$50 includes 2-3 pictures. Please limit your words to 140 or less
- Full page: \$100 includes up to 6 photos. Please limit your words to 175 or less.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so that pictures can be returned or you can email the pictures to mckinneyr@ycschools.org and put 'baby ad' in the subject line.

AP exams

There are three opportunities for students to earn college credit through the Advanced Placement (AP) program.

- Thursday, May 4th at 8 AM - US Government and Politics exam @ FGHS
- Friday, May 5th at 8 AM - United States History @ MHS
- Wednesday, May 10th at 8 AM - English Language and Composition exam @ MHS

The deadline to sign up for the 2017 AP exam is Wednesday, March 29th. The cost of each exam is \$93. Students must pay Susie in the Athletic Office. **If you have questions or would like to sign up for an exam, please see Mrs. Dolan in the Counseling Office ASAP.**

Local Scholarships

Applications for local scholarships are posted in the hall beside the ASPIRE office. Please stop by frequently to see if new ones have been posted and to check due dates. Some scholarships require transcripts, so please request them in advance through the Counseling office.

A complete list of all local scholarships is available in the Aspire office and Counseling office.

ASPIRE

Remember that May 1st is National Response Day - the date when students who have been accepted to a college or colleges are required to notify those colleges whether or not they will be attending. This allows the colleges to predict enrollment as well as release funds to other students if you will not be attending. This also locks in the funds they have offered if you will be attending. Please make sure you take the time to send a thank you note to any scholarship committees or foundations that have bequeathed a scholarship to you. Be sure the Counseling office knows to send final transcripts to your college.

If your student is planning on attending an Oregon Community College be sure to visit www.oregonstudentaid.gov to learn about the Oregon Promise Grant, which helps pay for student with a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Deadline to apply is March 1 and you must also complete a FAFSA.

In April, we will begin **collecting data on the amount of grant and scholarship money students have been offered** - from all colleges they applied to. Please report this to ASPIRE as soon as you get the good news from your school. **We also need this info in order to acknowledge graduates receiving scholarships during the Senior Assembly.** Students can bring in their scholarship letters or fill out a scholarship spreadsheet that will be available in the ASPIRE and Counseling Office.

PARENTS: We are seeking additional ASPIRE mentors to work with YC students one to two hours per week. If interested, please contact Janet Herring-Sherman at 503-852-7614. A little of your time can make a remarkable difference to a student's future. ASPIRE mentors are trained to help students through the college admissions maze as well as with scholarships and the financial aid process.

Final Transcripts

A day will be arranged in May for seniors to sign up during advisory for final transcripts to be mailed to their college or trade school. Students may also stop by the Counseling Office and sign up with Shelly Ready. Transcripts will be mailed the middle of June.

Kah-Nee-Ta Senior Trip

Students

If you are unable to attend the mandatory meeting on May 30, please contact Mrs. McKinney for information.

Parents

We need a few parent chaperones to help haul food and enjoy the day at Kah-Nee-Ta with us. We also need a couple of barbecues. If you can help in either area please email Renee McKinney at mckinneyr@ycschools.org.

Graduation Requirements

All graduation requirements, including **Senior Project, Reading, Writing, and Math Essential Skills and Career Related Standards must be completed in order for students to participate in graduation and the Grad Night party.** If you have any questions regarding classes or credits needed for graduation, check with Mrs. Dolan dolant@ycschools.org or call 503-852-7609.

Last Week for Seniors

Seniors who work in the afternoon or completed a semester early need to make sure their schedules are clear on June 9th from 7:30 AM to 1:15 PM.

It is mandatory for seniors to attend the breakfast and practice in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

June 5th: Finals for Periods 1-4

June 6th: Finals for Periods 5-8

June 7th: Kah-Nee-ta 5:45 AM to 10:00 PM

June 9th:

Senior Breakfast 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM

Graduation Practice 8:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Senior Assembly 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM

Graduation Practice 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM

Senior Assembly

On Friday, June 9th, we will be assembling to honor our graduating seniors for their many achievements over the past four years. Presentations of awards for academic excellence, leadership, citizenship, and athletic achievement will be made. Students will also be recognized for and presented with scholarship awards.

Be sure to share all college scholarships your student receives with Aspire or the Counseling Office so they get included in the senior assembly.

The senior video will be shown during the last 20 minutes of the assembly. Reserved seating for parents, family and friends will be in the balcony of the gym. If special seating is needed on the main floor for family members who are unable to sit in the bleachers, please call Amanda Burchell in the Main Office for arrangements at (503) 852-7600.

Senior Video Pictures

Make sure your senior is included in the senior video shown the last 20 minutes of the senior assembly. Please submit one baby photo, one hobby photo and one current photo to Sara Meyer at pinksaratoga@yahoo.com by **March 4th**.

Graduation Day!

The Following is the schedule for Graduation on Sunday, June 11th:

4:00 PM: Seniors meet in cafeteria

4:30 PM: Hand out flowers

4:45 PM: Line-up in order

5:00 PM: Commencement begins

6:15 PM: Commencement ends

Grad Night Party 2017

While our students are working hard to finish up their senior year, the Grad Night committee is busy raising funds for a safe, sober and memorable Grad Night party.

Grad Night Opportunities!

We need donations for the silent auction on March 4th!

I'd love to have all of the donations by **Feb 24th**, but I'm certainly not going to deny any if they walk through the door on the 4th! I will be out of state from 2/26-3/3, so if you get something in that time and need to drop it off, send me a text or email and I will coordinate a place and time. If you need to provide anyone with a tax receipt, let me know and I'll get one to you right away!

We also need many more volunteers to make sure the night is a success. We will need students helping with bingo and helping to serve food, among various other tasks. There is a few of us going to the Carlton Legion Hall (event venue) at about 10am on March 4th to start the set up, and we will need people helping with the tear down 9-10pm (ish)

We also still have lots of Papa Murphy's cards to sell! Ina Harlow has these if you need some. It really is an amazing deal, both for us and the consumer! They are only \$5 and have a TON of coupons on them, and we get \$4 PER CARD!

Biz Cable is working on getting plants ordered for the Mother's day sale (May 13th, 2017) We will be doing pre-sales on these, so look for information to come!

We will be doing the "Duck race" like last year's class. The date is TBD, but watch for more information!

We still have \$10 Dutch Bros cards to sell as well. These would make great Valentine's or even Easter gifts for your kids or co-workers!

*****SENIOR SLIDESHOW*****

Please get your pictures to me as soon as possible! **May 4th is the deadline.** Send a baby photo, middle school (or hobby) photo, and a current photo for the slideshow. Don't forget to include your student's name in the email! Also, if you have group photos, I'd love to incorporate those as well! You can email the photos to me directly at pinksaratoga@yahoo.com. If you have prints and need them scanned in, please give me a call and I can arrange a time to meet, and I can scan the photos in myself.

Our next grad night meeting is on Monday, February 20th, at 6:30pm at Carlton Corners. Feel free to bring any donations to this meeting!

Sara Meyer
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