

Junior Parents:

The following news is important to Junior and their parents: This can also be found on the Junior Website at http://www.orangeburgprep.com/Student_Life/junior_bulletin.html

Fundraisers: The Homecoming t-shirts are a major fundraiser for Junior Year. The Juniors will design them and coordinate the sale of these shirts. The Halloween Carnival concession stand is another huge fundraiser for our Junior Class. We will run the stand at the Carnival, which will be held on October 30th. We will be taking donations for the concession stand in order to maximize profits.

Class Rings: All Juniors will get the Balfour class ring information packet by Christmas Break. Orders and deposits will be taken on Thursday, January 10th. In order to have a ring ceremony, we must have at least 50% of the Junior Class order a ring. The Balfour representative, Jason Stein, has told us that the rings will be in and available for a ring ceremony, to be held in the McAlister Gym on Friday, March 29th on a morning assembly schedule- 8:15-8:45. All ring balances may be paid off that day, if necessary.

Junior Class Field Trip to the South Carolina Supreme Court: the tentative date for that is Friday, January 11th. All Juniors will go and it will be considered school business.

Prom: Prom will be held on Friday, April 5th at The Garden Room in Orangeburg. In the past, when the prom was held in the OPS Gym, students had to work at least 3 hours in order to attend. As soon as we know this year's requirement, we will let you as parents know. It is possible that the Juniors will be allowed to go the day before to set up. (Thurs. April 4th) We will let everyone know for sure closer to the date.

Cut Days: Juniors have two college cut days available to them during their second semester! Use them wisely and be sure to check with the secretary in the Attendance Office for requirements before going! As seniors, you will also have two college cut days that you can use during the fall.

SAT/ACT: If your student has not yet reached his/her target SAT or ACT score by Spring 2018, please register him/her for the 2018 August SAT or ACT. By doing this, the scores will be back in good time to be sent to all of the colleges to which he/she intends to apply to. Also, be aware that when registering, you may choose 4 schools for the testing company to send your scores without charge; if need be, you may send scores to additional colleges at a later date for a \$9-10 fee each. Remember, most schools will take the highest Reading and Math, no matter which test date the score comes from. Each junior student should take the ACT + the writing portion at least once to see if he/she happens to score better on that test vs. the SAT. Usually the scores are close to equivalent, but sometimes this is not the case; if there is a significant difference in the two test scores, your son/daughter may want to pursue the higher-scoring test for his/her target score rather than the other.

Whatever the score, whatever the test and even if the Life Scholarship score is met on the first try, it is usually wise to take one or the other test between 3, 4, or 5 times! Remember, the higher the SAT/ACT score is, the more scholarship dollars the student will qualify for! The LIFE Scholarship requirements are

1) have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or above upon HS graduation, 2) an SAT of 1100 OR ACT of 24 OR be in the top 30% of your graduating class upon graduation. All colleges have information on their websites describing their college visit/tour specifics. Check the colleges out that you are possibly interested in attending after you complete your junior year in 2018! NOW is the time to start looking.

NOW! Juniors are reminded to take the SAT and the ACT ASAPespecially if you have not taken each test at least once already! Some students test better on one test or the other, and it is very helpful to realize this early, if this is the case! It is also nice to already have reached your target score by September of your senior year, since this is when you will be sending college applications off.

Washington Youth Tour: Aiken Electric Cooperative sends up to seven high school juniors on an all expense paid trip to our nation's capital. Apply By February 1, 2018 at www.aikenco-op.org.