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ASPIRE at SHS
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Grade 12

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DUE DATES

- September 22: Oregon Promise application period opens
- September 21: Late registration deadline for October SAT
- September 27: First day of [RTEC 101 at LCC](#) (2 credits)
- September 28: [NACAC Northeastern U.S. Virtual College Fair](#)
- September 29: Questbridge National College Match application deadline
- October 1: FAFSA and ORSAA filing period opens (the FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the ORSAA is the Oregon Student Aid Application for students who are not eligible to apply for the FAFSA).
- October 1: Late registration deadline for October ACT
- October 2: SAT
- October 3: [NACAC Virtual College Fair](#)
- October 5: PNACAC Oregon College Fair at U of O
- October 8: Deadline to register for November SAT
- October 8: SHS closed - teacher professional growth
- October 8: OSU Open House
- **October 11: SHS Financial Aid Information Night**
- **October 13: College Board Day at SHS**
- October 14: [NACAC Midwest U.S. Virtual College Fair](#)
- October 14 and 15: Family conferences at SHS
- October 23: ACT test (SHS is a testing site; register early)
- October 24: [NACAC Virtual College Fair](#)
- October 25: [Horatio Alger scholarship](#) applications due
- October 26: Late registration deadline for November SAT
- October 31: [VFW Audio essay competition](#) deadline
- November 1: Early application deadline for OSU and UO. If you apply by November 1, you will be notified of the decision by December 15.
- November 1: First day of [RTEC 101 at LCC](#) (1 credit)

RTEC 101 at LCC: This is a free online course for student who want to learn more about getting ready for college (and LCC in particular). You will earn either 1 credit or 2 credits, depending on which course you take). See calendar (above) for dates.

The SAT and ACT: These college entrance exams were suspended by many colleges and universities during the 2020-21 school year due to Covid. Some of those colleges and universities are now making them optional. Nevertheless, there are some good reasons for taking either the SAT or the ACT, or both.

College Board Day: **Wednesday, October 13** has been designated as College Board Day at SHS.

Details will be provided later, but in the meantime please keep in mind that this is a great opportunity to take the SAT for free without having to give up a Saturday. You will find SAT practice problems and tests online at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>. There are also books of practice problems available in the ASPIRE office for checking out.

Other SAT and ACT Test Dates at SHS: SHS is a test site for the ACT on **Saturday, October 23**, and for the SAT on **December 4**. You will need to register online; be sure to designate SHS as your test site. [SAT Registration Site](#) and [ACT Registration Site](#).

There are lots of jobs available in Florence! [Here's the link](#) to 9 pages of job listings just in Florence, and lots more jobs around the state (with new listings every day):

Community Service: If you're planning to apply for college admission and/or for scholarships, it's very helpful if you've had volunteer experience (and the more, the better). Let me know if you want a listing of volunteer activities in our community, and I'll send it to you via email or you can stop by the ASPIRE office.

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers. Contact Alice Burns at 541-902-9227 (closed Mondays).

Co-op Work Experience

- If you are signed up to receive credit through co-op work experience, here are a few things you should know:
- If you are depending on these credits to meet graduation requirements, then it is critically important that you follow all the requirements
- Meet with your supervisor at work and get the necessary signature
- Get a parent or guardian signature if you are under 18
- Sign-up paperwork should be turned in to Mr. Orr by **Friday, September 24**, hopefully sooner.
- Turn in pay stubs to Mr. Orr at least once a month from September 1 to June 1. Every 72 hours = 0.5 elective credit
- Meet with your supervisor or manager at work near the end of each quarter and review your evaluation.
- Turn in your evaluation form to Mr. Orr. Deadlines:
 - **Wednesday, November 10, 2021** for the first quarter
 - **Thursday, February 3, 2022** for the second quarter
 - **Thursday, April 13, 2022** for the third quarter
 - **Thursday, June 3, 2022** for the fourth quarter
- If your job ends or changes, you need to notify Mr. Orr right away (within one week of the change).

Teaching Assistants

- If your schedule includes being a TA, you will be graded at the end of each semester and that grade will become part of your permanent record and your transcript
- Please take your TA responsibilities seriously. Your first priority each day during that period is to fulfill the requests of the teacher.
- An assignment as a TA is not a free period. You are expected to be on campus and working as a TA. If there is no work to be done, you may study if you have permission from the teacher. Do not leave campus without prior authorization.

SHS ASPIRE Websites

<https://bit.ly/AfterHS1> (see the home page for a calendar of college/career/scholarship application due dates and deadlines for the 2021-22 school year. Other pages of this website are being updated this summer).

<https://bit.ly/AfterHS2> (includes “how to” videos for various applications and processes, along with the Siuslaw Regional Scholarship Application and other important documents).

College and Career Planning: Now that scheduling is mostly completed for Fall 2021 classes, we’ll be turning our attention to the college and career planning process for seniors. Beginning with the week of **September 20**, I’ll be meeting with seniors to talk about after-high school plans, financial aid and scholarships, college and trade school applications, and more. For appointments, you’ll receive a “call slip” in one of your classes on the morning of the meeting. If you won’t be available, please let me know in advance.

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