

2019 February Letter to Junior Parents

Re: Your Junior!!! -- February Update

Dear Parents/Guardians of Juniors:

The info below highlights the **opportunities available to your student at Bend High during February** to help them 1) explore their post-high school options and 2) gain knowledge and experience that can supplement all that they are doing academically. It also includes “great to know” information and tips for you as you navigate their futures alongside them!

If you don’t have time to read it now, print it out and stick it on your fridge (just a thought!).

Thanks for your time!

All the best,

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COLLEGE/CAREER RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR JUNIOR

(oh heck, let’s just call it a newsletter!)

1) Junior Mentoring Begins Next Week!

Our unique Mentor Program works to pass along the information that is most relevant to your student and their future. FC Mentors will begin scheduling one-on-one appointments with junior students ***who have completed the Class of 2020 Step Into Your Future! Survey***. Nearly half of the junior class has yet to complete the survey. If your student has not taken the survey, please share the QR code below with them -- it will take them 3 minutes or less to complete.



Also, ***If your student is ready to get planning, please have them sign-up to be fast-tracked.*** They can do this now by dropping by the FC. Mentors will call these students in first (the process of calling students is typically random and some students are not called in until end-March).

2) **Counselors will be visiting all Junior English classes the week of 2/11** and presenting an overview of all the post-high school paths available to them. Counselors do this every year; it's a great way to get juniors in the mood for thinking about their futures!

3) If your student is interested in career and technical programs, **COCC Faculty will be visiting the Future Center all during February (see schedule below) to help students get a better understanding of some of the programs available** and the types of certificates and degrees offered. Your student will need to stop by the Future Center to get a pass to attend:

Automotive	Thursday, 2/14 at 9:15am
Health Careers	Thursday, 2/21 at 12:30pm
Fire Science & Paramedicine	Thursday, 2/21 at 1:30pm
Marketing & Business	Wednesday, 2/27 at 11:15am
Manufacturing & Welding	Thursday, 2/28 at 9:15am

4) **Free ACT Practice Test** at Bend High on **Thursday, February 28 from 6:30 - 8pm**

All Juniors will be taking the ACT College Entrance Exam on April 2. This free practice test is a great way to kick-off preparing for this very important test. Interested students need to sign up in Future Center.

5) **ACT Prep Class at Bend High in March**

This district-approved class is \$95 and takes place from 6:30 - 8pm over the nights of 3/11, 3/13, 3/18 and 3/20 (strategically scheduled for the test on April 2!) Space is limited. Register before March 5th at gettheedgeprep.com. Some scholarships are available; have students see Tami Holt.

DID YOU KNOW?

* To get into college, students need only the ACT or the SAT (not both, unless they are applying to Stanford). * Our students have been taking ACT-based assessments since 8th grade, so statistically, it makes sense for them to prepare and study for the ACT. * Generally speaking, the higher a student's GPA and ACT (or SAT) score, the more free merit money colleges offer. Interestingly, sometimes the test score (not the student's GPA) is what drives the higher amounts. For example, here is how it merit scholarships work at Oregon State University:

ACT below 27; GPA 3.75 - 4.0 = up to \$1,500 a year

ACT 27 or above; GPA 3.6 - 3.75 = up to \$3,000 a year

ACT above 27; GPA 3.75 - 4.0 = up to \$6,000 a year

6) Keep encouraging your student to visit the Future Center!

For more information and details on all the happenings in the Future Center click here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rpfG2oUyUYe-DXpmwsW-f0_qusF9ZMvpiSHpnYdSn8Q/edit#gid=0 . This calendar is updated weekly.

For more information on internships, job shadows and volunteering opportunities -- or how to get school credit for working or volunteering -- have your student sign up to see Tami Holt in the Future Center.