



# COUGAR CAREER CENTER



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 9/12/16 - 9/16/16

If you haven't heard yet, Ms. Boelts is no longer our Career Counselor. ☹️ She has moved over to Olympia High School to be their Career Counselor. We will miss her very much, but wish her the best over at OHS.

Please be sure to stop by the Career Center and introduce yourself to our new Career Counselor, Amanda Beers. Most of you should already know Mrs. Beers, but if you don't stop by say "Hi" and grab a treat.

Don't forget the Career Center is usually open every day for lunch. So grab your lunch and come on by.

### Upcoming Events

#### *Future events:*

**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Both Lunches

**Marines**

Test your strength on the pull-up bar

Commons

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

4:30pm – 7:00pm

**OSD College and Career Fair**

Learn about colleges, financial aid & discover careers you may be interested in.

Capital High School

### Senior Information

#### **What to do in September**

- CAREER CRUISING: Log into [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) and search for colleges, careers and more! Reminder your login is chs-lastnamefirstinitial, password is your student ID number. Your HSBP is also stored here! (Each year your percentage resets to 0%, just reflect & confirm to get your percentage back up.)
- List your top college choices – and note their application deadlines! Here are some sites to search for college information! <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/> <https://www.collegeboard.org/> <http://www.princetonreview.com/>
- Request admissions information and school catalogs.
- Schedule campus visits (check the Career Center Calendar for schools visiting us).
- Compare costs of each school that interests you.
- Get those admissions essays written – we can look those over for you!
- Search and apply for scholarships.
- The Common Application is one college application for nearly 700 colleges! The 2016-2017 application is live and ready to go! <https://www.commonapp.org>
- If you need assistance stop by the Career Center and request an appointment to meet with us!



## **Standardized Testing**

If you plan on attending a **four year college or university** most of them will require a standardized test.

- Next **ACT** Test Date: October 22, 2016 – deadline to sign up is September 16, late registration available between September 17-30. [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Next **SAT** Test Date: October 1, late registration available by phone or online until September 20. Next one is November 5, registration deadline is October 7. [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)
- **PSAT** Test Date: October 15, see your Counselor for more information or to register.

Don't plan on testing? A list of test-optional schools can be found here:

<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

## **Career Cruising**

Juniors & Seniors – Update your Career Cruising profile! Make sure you have selected school and career preferences. This will provide you opportunities for scholarships, guest speakers and invitations to special visitors on campus!

## **Scholarships**

Scholarships are available starting now! Stop by the Career Center for a paper copy of the scholarship list or check the Career Center website.

[http://capital.osd.wednet.edu/media/capital/career\\_center/september\\_scholarship\\_list\\_2016.pdf](http://capital.osd.wednet.edu/media/capital/career_center/september_scholarship_list_2016.pdf)

Check out these additional suggestions for even more scholarships!

<http://washboard.org/login.aspx>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

<https://www.unigo.com/>

<https://scholarships360.org/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

## **Volunteer**

**Olympia Timberland Library** – Teen Tech Tutors Wanted

More info in the Career Center or contact Sara White, Youth Services Librarian, Olympia Timberland Library, 360-352-0595 [smwhite@trl.org](mailto:smwhite@trl.org)

**Clean Up Downtown Olympia** – October 1, 2016 8:30am – 12:00pm

Contact Kim by September 26<sup>th</sup> at 360-357-8948 or at [odaevent@tss.net](mailto:odaevent@tss.net)

[facebook.com/olympiadowntownassociation](https://facebook.com/olympiadowntownassociation)

**STEP** – ongoing

Contact [linda.terry4@gmail.com](mailto:linda.terry4@gmail.com) or at 360-480-1894 [www.southsoundseniors.org/STEP](http://www.southsoundseniors.org/STEP)

## **Youth Volunteer Resource Guide**

[www.thurstontgether.org/volunteer](http://www.thurstontgether.org/volunteer) - lots of great youth volunteer opportunities in our community!

## **Jobs**

Check out the HOT JOBS clip board in the Career Center for the latest job posting.