

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Wednesday, Sept. 13th

7:00pm - Room 110

Please consider getting involved with this amazing group of people that make up our O.S.H.S. PTO! The goal and purpose of the Old Saybrook High School P.T.O. is to support teachers in learning endeavors that are not otherwise funded by the Board of Education. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and discussions are focused on updates regarding school operations, teaching and learning, etc., as well as fundraising events such as the annual "Breakfast with Santa" (BWS) and the recently developed Scholarship Dinner in the Spring. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend!



Parent Advisory Council

Meetings will begin October 11, 2017

6:00PM, Room 110

On Thursday at Open House parents will be invited to toss their names into the mix to volunteer for this year's Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for regular, open communication between a group of parents/guardians and the high school administration regarding topics of interest or concern. Administration may also utilize this group from time to time for input regarding issues that arise throughout the year. In order to operate in an effective manner, the size of the group is intended to remain low enough to allow for meaningful discussion, yet large enough to provide for multiple sources of input and viewpoints. We have several returning members this year, but we are also in need of a few additional parents to round out our group. Names for the number of seats we have available will be drawn at random at our next faculty meeting from the group of parents who toss their names in during Open House.

The PAC meetings take place one (1) hour before the regularly scheduled monthly PTO meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting this year will be **Wednesday, October 11th**. Next month's newsletter will include a list of all of the members in case there are issues anyone would like for someone on the team to raise at one of our monthly meetings.

College Fair 2017-18

Monday, Sept. 18th

6:00pm – 7:30pm, Gym

Next Monday we are hosting our annual College and University Fair from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the O.S.H.S. Gymnasium. Later in the week we will send a list of colleges and universities planning to be in attendance. Each institution sends personnel to provide information and answer questions on admission requirements, majors and programs available, activities, housing, etc. This is a great activity for students and parents/guardian at every *high school grade level* and I encourage you to come and check it out!

Underclassmen Photos

Monday, Sept. 25th

7:00am – 1:00pm; Auditorium

Students are asked to stop into the auditorium on Thursday, September 25th between 7:00am and 1:00pm to have their yearbook and ID picture taken. Parents will receive information regarding ordering picture packets directly from *Lifetouch* roughly a week before this date. Students should bring completed order forms and payments to the photographers on the day of pictures. All students must have a photo taken even if they are not ordering pictures! Students are expected to have their photos taken before school, during study hall or X-Block. Anyone who does not have study hall scheduled on Monday, September 25th (A Day) is expected to see their teacher and obtain permission *prior* to getting their picture taken during a class.

Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 26th

7:00pm – Central Office

And now, a few words from **Associate Principal, Joe Anastasio...**
He puts the "prince" in Associate *Principal*!

Hello Everyone! Welcome back to another exciting year at Old Saybrook High School! I just wanted to share some beginning of the year housekeeping items. I'll call them...

Ram Reminders:

Student Drop-off

If you are dropping off your son or daughter at the beginning of the day, please enter the student parking lot and **pull all the way to the second staircase**. This will help alleviate a traffic back-up in the parking lot and ultimately on Boston Post Road!



Attendance

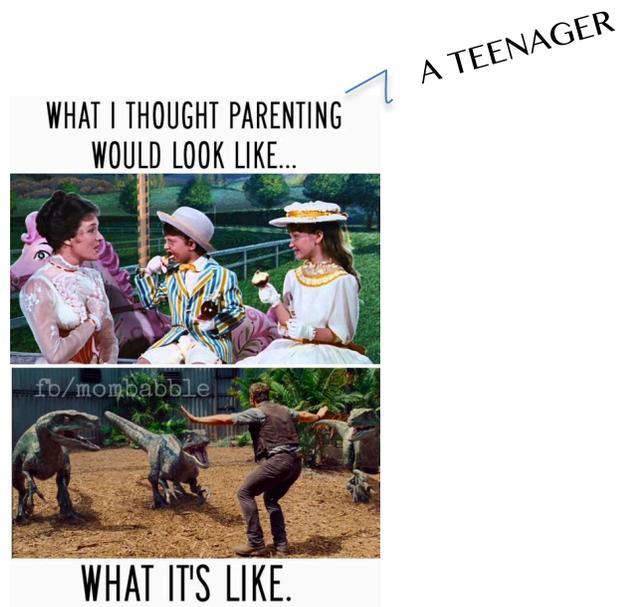
If your son or daughter is absent from school, please call 860-395-3175 and/or send in a note upon your son's/daughter's return. Please remember that after the ninth absence from school, state regulations require parents to provide appropriate documentation (doctor's note, statement of college visit, etc.). We will not be able to excuse absences beyond nine (9) without documentation as noted. For further information regarding the attendance policy, please see the Student Handbook or feel free to call if you have any questions.

Tardiness

The school day begins at 7:30 AM and students are expected to be in the classroom and ready to learn when the bell rings. Please remind your son or daughter that it's important to be on time to school.

I want to wish everyone a safe and successful school year!

Thank you for your attention to the first Ram P.R.I.D.E. Newsletter. Here's to a great year!



Be *the first* to respond to me with "You got that right, sister!" and receive a Ram P.R.I.D.E. gift!

Take good care~
Sheila