



## **JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL**

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### OHS Parent FAQs as of January 2021

- 1. We just got an email about PSAT's, but does the student need to sign up or do they just show up in school on that day?**
  - Students do not need to sign up for PSATs. Enough exams have been ordered for each sophomore and junior at O'Neill.
  
- 2. PSAT testing starts at 10:30 a.m. What time should students be dropped off at the school if they are not riding the bus?**
  - Students should be here by 10 a.m. if they are taking the 10:30 PSAT. Students taking the early morning test should be here by 7 a.m.
  
- 3. What if my Junior doesn't want to take the PSAT, could she give-up her spot to an underclassman?**
  - We are not opening up the PSATs to any students other than sophomores and juniors.
  
- 4. Speaking of SATs, is the school hosting an exam in the spring?**
  - Yes, as of now the SAT is scheduled for May 8. The ACT is scheduled for June 12.
  
- 5. Does anyone know what sports O'Neill will be participating in this season?**
  - As of now, only Winter Track and Skiing are beginning on January 19. We have not been given word on a start date for more high-risk sports for winter or fall. Winter sports coaches of high-risk sports may begin conditioning workouts as well starting January 19. The start date for low- to moderate risk fall sports (Cross Country, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis and Equestrian) is March 1. The projected start date for low- to moderate-risk spring sports (all sports except Girls and Boys Lacrosse) is April 19.
  
- 6. When will extracurricular activities start (in person)?**
  - Clubs can begin in person meetings on January 19 so long as proper social distancing protocols can be followed. Typically, students should not come in on a day that is not part of their cohort unless they are specifically instructed to do so by their advisor. (This is not the case for athletics. Athletes may come in on any day their coach assigns them to come in.)



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### **7. Are parents responsible for transportation to extracurricular activities?**

- If a student is not already in the building on a given day, then parents need to transport their child to that activity. Note that students who are remote usually will not need to come into the building for an activity unless the advisor has specifically requested it. A virtual meeting will take place instead. There will be a 3:45 bus for students who are attending school and go to an extracurricular activity.

### **8. Does random testing apply to extracurricular activities?**

- No, it does not.

### **9. Since 1/2 of the seniors will be present on a particular day, will juniors be allowed to drive to school?**

- At this point, we are not allowing juniors to drive to school at all. Once we are fully aware of the number of seniors requesting spots, we will decide if we can create a lottery system for juniors who have a license and access to a car.

### **10. When will the parking spots be assigned to seniors?**

- Seniors will be assigned spots once the paperwork has been submitted to the main office. In the meantime, seniors can drive to school without being assigned a spot. Mrs. Haberman will provide more information directly to the senior class. They should park in the student lots.

### **11. When is graduation scheduled for the Class of 2021? I have a family who wants to come in to celebrate (even if they are not allowed at graduation) and we can't make plans for their proper travel and quarantine without knowing the dates?**

- Right now there is a tentative date for graduation to take place in Ike Hall on West Point on June 23. We have not yet been given official word (either from West Point or the governor), however, about whether or not there will be restrictions on that event. We strongly suggest that families wait on making any official plans until we get later in the spring. As plans become solidified, we will reach out to families.



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**12. Are there dates set for Military Ball and Prom yet (if they are allowed to go forward by New York State)?**

- Without the ability to gather 50+ people at an event, no date has yet been set for either dance. We will continue to consider alternatives and possibilities as we move further into the spring.

**13. When are school pictures scheduled for the underclassmen?**

- Underclassmen photos are presently set for February 2 for Hybrid students in the Maroon cohort (A-Le) and February 4 for Hybrid students in the Gold cohort (Li-Z).
- All-Virtual students whose last names begin with A-L can have their photo taken on Tuesday, Feb. 2 between 2:30-4:00 PM. All-Virtual students whose last names begin with M-Z can have their photo taken on Thursday, Feb. 4 between 2:30-4:00 PM. Please fill out the [Mandatory Health COVID-19 Screening Form](#) before entering the building, wear a mask, and practice social distancing guidelines.

**14. Will the school be offering physicals for student athletes like they normally do? How do we sign up for those?**

- The school is not presently offering physicals for students. This may change for spring sports. The athletic department will communicate with families if that is the case.

**15. Has the June Regents been canceled due to COVID-19?**

- The State Board of Regents has not yet made this decision.

**16. I know COVID has delayed a lot, but when will the NHS applications be released?**

- NHS applications will be released in February.

**17. This is my first senior so I'm not sure if it was delayed by COVID or not, but when will the JIO normal scholarships for Seniors be released?**

- Guidance will work with seniors on the scholarship process in February and March.