

O’Gorman High School  
Junior Parent Meeting  
for  
Post-High Planning  
Monday, September 10, 2018  
  
**Class of 2020**

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**JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST**

Academic check-up  
College and post-high planning  
Career Exploration  
Financing my education

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**ACADEMIC CHECK-UP**

Meet with a counselor.  
Review transcript and check high school graduation and college admission requirements (25 credits to graduate).  
Do I meet Opportunity Scholarship requirements?  
Should I consider the Dakota Corps Scholarship or Build Dakota Scholarship?  
Am I taking courses related to college major or interests?

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### Dakota Corps Scholarship

Minimum of a 2.8 GPA and 27 ACT  
Agree in writing to stay in SD and work in a **critical need occupation** after graduation for as many years as the scholarship was received plus one.

Deadline is February 1 (of senior year).  
Provides tuition and fees  
Competitive scholarship (about 50 awarded)  
[www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/welcome.html](http://www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/welcome.html)

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### Build Dakota Scholarship

Enroll full-time in a technical institute program determined as a high-need workforce area in South Dakota.  
The scholarship will support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible programs.

Maintain a 2.5 GPA  
Following graduation, work full-time in the field of study in South Dakota for a minimum of three years.  
[www.builddakotascholarship.com](http://www.builddakotascholarship.com)

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### South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

3.0 GPA with no final grade below a "C"\*

24 ACT (must have before you enter college)

4 English, 4 math (Algebra 1 and higher), 4 science, other state graduation requirements, and 2 world language/CTE courses

Entitlement scholarship \$6,500 over four years of college (\$1,300 the first three years and \$2,600 the senior year)

OR

Score 28 or higher on the ACT and meet benchmark scores:  
Eng - 18, Math - 22, Rdg - 22, Sci - 23

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### College/Post-High Planning

4 year college, 2 year college/tech school, military, enter workforce.  
 Attend Fall Planning Day – College Fair at the Augustana Elmen Center: Wed., Sept. 19 from 8:00 – 9:00. PARENTS WELCOME!!  
 Meet with college reps that come to O’G.  
 Visit colleges and/or technical schools.  
 Talk to military reps or visit with a counselor about ROTC or a military academy.

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### College Selection Process Factors to consider

Location  
 Size  
 Type  
 Admission requirements  
 Major  
 Programs  
 Cost & scholarship/financial aid opportunities  
 Faith life (Newman Centers, FOCUS)  
 Other factors: Placement rate, retention, student/faculty ratio, special programs.

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### More to consider...

College athletics: there are academic requirements.  
 NCAA: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
 NAIA: [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)

Other college activities: band, vocal music, theater, ROTC, Greek life, clubs, intramurals, etc.  
 “Can I see myself living here for the next 4-5 years?”

**PARENTS** are the most important factor in helping with post-high plans! But, the counselors are here to help you with the process.

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## TESTING

ACT is offered seven times a year  
(Feb, Apr, Jun, Jul, Sep, Oct, Dec).

Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

ACT or ACT Plus Writing?

PSAT: Wednesday, October 10 at O'G during school.

Cost is \$20. It is the National Merit Scholarship  
Qualifying Test (NMQST)

-recommended for strong academic students

SAT: normally not needed if you take the ACT. The  
midwest is predominantly ACT.

• ASVAB - Nov. 17. Required for military enlistment

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## CAREER EXPLORATION

[www.SDMyLife.com](http://www.SDMyLife.com) Career and college  
information site where students can explore  
various careers and colleges, take an interest  
inventory, work on a resume, and prepare for the  
ACT (Method Test Prep). It's FREE...

Shadow opportunities/career speakers through  
Anatomy class.

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## Financing my education...

FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid.  
It's the basis for student aid at colleges.

A financial aid package includes scholarships,  
grants, loans, and work study.

Scholarships come in all shapes and sizes and  
from multiple sources.

College cost: tuition, fees, room, board, personal  
and misc. expenses.

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### SFCS Community Building Rules

We will treat all students with respect.

We will help students who are not being treated with respect.

We will work to include students who are left out.

\* We will tell an adult at school if we know that someone is not being treated with respect.

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### Reporting Concerns

**Peer Relations Reporting**

anonymous report for concern about individual personal issues  
email goes to Mr. Hagg and Mrs. Jones  
online form found on OGHS homepage

**Project Stand Up**

anonymous text to report suspicious behavior, threats or violence  
report goes to Police and School Officials  
Text 'SAFE' to 82257

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### Thoughts & recommendations...

Take a challenging curriculum senior year. You will be better prepared for college.

Work on developing time management and study skills. You will be better prepared for college.

Take AP courses and/or courses for Mount Marty credit. You will be better prepared for college.

Check local policy for transfer credit

Consider courses at the Career & Tech Ed Academy.

Build your resume. Step outside your comfort zone.

Volunteer. Service can be an important part of the admission or scholarship process.

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**ACT research...**

Less preparation means more remediation. Taking less rigor in high school may put students in a position where they have to take (and pay for) remedial classes to meet requirements for beginning level classes in college.  
87% of students who complete 4 years of English, math, and science in high school stay on track to graduate from college compared to 62% who don't complete that coursework (from ACT stats).

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**Fall of Senior Year...**

- Take/retake the ACT (as needed)
- Meet with a counselor
- Final college visits
- Apply by Thanksgiving
- Meet with a counselor
- Explore scholarships
- FAFSA will require 2018 tax information
- Meet with a counselor

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