

FALL 2009 TAG/EASA News

If your student has been taking College Credit Now Classes, we recommend that you check the Chemeketa transcript to make sure the courses and grades are correct. Here are some simple instructions on how to view Chemeketa transcripts on-line.

How to view your unofficial transcript from Chemeketa:

- Go to www.chemeketa.edu
- Middle of the page under Student Services tab, click **MY CHEMEKETA**.
- On the left side of the screen – **How do I get a user name and Password? Click here.**
- Online: Click on **Look up your user name and password.**
- Enter first name, last name, ss# (no dashes or spaces) and date of birth with dashes and full year (MM/DD/YYYY) **Get Log-in Information**
- **A** security question may pop up here, your answer must be exact.
- Write down your log-in information.
- Click on the Link that says **Log into My Chemeketa.**
- **Log-in** using user name and password.
- On left side of screen go to **My Chemeketa Short Cuts** pull down menu.
- Scroll down to the very bottom of the pull down menu and choose **View Unofficial Transcript.**
- Choose **Transcript Type: Summary Transcript Unofficial.'**
- Check boxes to display institution name, student's name, student i.d.
- **Submit**
- Print Unofficial Copy of Transcript (If no printer icon appears at the top of the screen, press control P to print.)

OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Enrichment and Talented and Gifted Programs at the University of Oregon

<http://interact.uoregon.edu/tag/index.html>

Opportunities include a summer program which provides a wide variety of educational opportunities for students, parents and educators, two week summer residential program, special conferences, parent education, TAG Line newsletter, etc.

Cybercamps

<http://www.cybercamps.com/oregon-computer-camps>

Cybercamps hosts single and multi-week summer technology camps for 7 – 16 year olds at prestigious university campuses across the US.

Oregon Association for Talented & Gifted (OATAG)

<http://www.oatag.org/>

OTAG is a statewide organization of educators and parents interested in promoting growth opportunities for talented and gifted children in Oregon. Provides *A Different Drummer* – a quarterly newsletter, updates.

Oregon Episcopal School Summer Program

<http://www.oes.edu/summer/>

OES Summer Programs offer a rich array of class offerings for children age 4 through adult. An emphasis is placed on hands-on activities, a stimulating curriculum and fun adventures.

Saturday Academy

<http://www.saturdayacademy.org/>

Saturday Academy's classes and workshops program offers enrichment courses after school and on vacations and weekends to 4th – 12th grade students. An emphasis is placed on classes in the sciences, math and technology. ****Information will be available in January regarding a new opportunity called Action!Academy. The academy is forming a partnership with Mercy Corps and it is for high school students interested in learning to use their skills on projects with a local or global impact.**

ASE Summer 2010 Program (through the Saturday Academy)

ase@saturdayacademy.org

Eight-week internships available in: Biomedical Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Nanotechnology and Physics. Apprentice Application Deadline: January 15, 2010.

THINK Summer Institute – Davidson Institute for Talent Development (Reno, NV)

<http://www.DavidsonGifted.org/THINK>

This three week residential summer program offers bright students an opportunity to access an extremely rigorous educational experience. Participants who complete the program receive transferable college credits from the University of Nevada.

Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth

<http://cty.jhu.edu/summer/summer-programs.html>

Summer programs offer eligible students the opportunity to engage in challenging academic work in the company of peers who share their exceptional abilities and love of learning.

EPGY Education Program for Gifted Youth at Stanford University

<http://epgy.stanford.edu/>

EPGY is a continuing project dedicated to developing and offering multimedia computer-based distance-learning courses. Students have access to courses, including online courses, in a variety of subjects at levels ranging from kindergarten through advanced-undergraduate. EPGY Summer Institutes are three and four week residential programs for academically talented and motivated.

Junior Statesmen

<http://www.jsa.org/about-isa/about-isa.html>

Summer programs offered at Georgetown, Princeton, Stanford and Yale for students interested in enhancing their leadership skills and their understanding of the democratic process. Students cultivate democratic leadership skills, challenge one another to think critically, advocate their own opinions, develop respect for opposing views and learn to rise above self interest to promote public good.

College Prep Time Line

9th & 10th Grade:

- Begin to explore career options and the education required for those careers.
- Talk as a family about saving and paying for college.
- Find out as much information as you can about college from friends, teachers, parents and counselors.
- Take the PSAT in the fall.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Review your high school class plan. Take the most challenging classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork.
- Explore internships and apprenticeships.
- Enroll in a summer enrichment program.
- Research indicates high scores on the PSAT, SAT and ACT are significantly correlated to students taking rigorous and challenging courses through high school.
- Monitor your Chemeketa transcript if you have taken College Credit Now Courses to make sure all courses and grades are correct. (directions are on the first page)

11th Grade:

- Attend college and financial aid events.
- Take the PSAT in the fall to prepare for the SAT & ACT and to identify areas where you need improvement.
- Consider possible career options and investigate the type of education that is needed.
- Visit college WEB sites to begin gathering information about future college options.
- Arrange campus visits to those schools that interest you.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Consider earning college credit while in high school through College Credit Now classes.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT in the spring
- Check with your potential college choices to see if you also need to take the SAT Subject Area tests. Some of the more selective colleges and all of the University of California schools also require this test. Spring is an important time to schedule this test if your college requires it.
- Monitor your Chemeketa transcript if you have taken College Credit Now Courses to make sure all courses and grades are correct. (directions are on the first page)
- Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Make sure you are meeting both your high school and college graduation requirements.
- Get a job to earn and save money for college, or explore your skills through an internship or apprenticeship.
- Research indicates high scores on the PSAT, SAT and ACT are significantly correlated to students taking rigorous and challenging courses through high school.

12th Grade:

- Meet with your school counselor to review your high school class plan. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork.
- Take advantage of the College Credit Now opportunities at MHS.
- Monitor your Chemeketa transcript if you have taken College Credit Now Courses to make sure all courses and grades are correct. (see below for directions)
- Arrange campus visits to those schools that interest you.
- Take or retake the SAT/ACT in the fall.
- Select the schools to which you will apply. Make a list of important admissions and financial aid deadlines for each school.
- Attend a financial aid event.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Create a resume of your academic, athletic and work activities as well as other achievements.
- Search and apply for private scholarships.
- Check out the Counseling Center Web Page for information on scholarships.
- Ask for recommendations (if required) from teachers and counselors who can comment on your abilities and talents.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Make sure to apply to one "safe school" (one that you know you will be admitted to and that you can afford).

Seniors—To Do List

- Sign up with your counselor for a “senior interview”. We review credits, help identify colleges, discuss financial aid and scholarships and other topics to help make plans for post high school education.
- Apply for FAFSA PIN number (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)—www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - Both you and a parent/guardian need to apply
 - Do this before January 1, 2010, if possible
 - Be sure to keep this information in a safe, easy to find place! (Share with your ASPIRE Mentor if you have one!)
- Complete the **FAFSA** form *as soon as possible after January 1, 2010* (on-line is best)
 - Financial information may be estimated and updated after 2009 taxes have been completed. **Both parent and student** must sign if corrections are made!
 - FAFSA **MUST** be filed to be eligible for consideration for one of the 7 GEAR UP **renewable scholarships** (need-based) worth over \$4300 that will be given to MHS students!
- Begin **OSAC scholarship** application (Oregon Student Assistance Commission) on-line at www.getcollegefunds.org. Scroll down to ‘Oregon App Scholarship’ and Click on “Click here to:”
- Or get activities sheet and essay questions in paper and pencil form from the Career Center
 - Meet the **Early Bird Deadline, February 16**, and be eligible for a random drawing for an additional \$500! Drop dead **deadline March 1**
 - Both merit-based and need-based scholarships are available through the OSAC application—EVERY senior should apply!
- Attend Wednesday, December 9 **Senior Financial Aid Night** in the auditorium with your parents.
 - Dan Preston, a financial aide advisor, will explain the FAFSA form you and your parents will complete—VERY helpful information at this event!
- Attend the hands-on **FAFSA help session** Wednesday, January 20, here at the high school.
 - Bring your parents, your tax information and actually input information on the computer. Expert advice from financial aid advisors will be available
 - Workshops for Spanish-speaking families and English-speaking families will be held that evening
- Check in the Career Center every week for **new scholarships**. You can also view the current scholarships that are posted in the Career Center on the Counseling Center School Web Page.