



Oyster River High School News

September 29, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

This week I went to a few games and watched our athletes perform. We have such talented kids! They play with heart and passion and always show the best side of themselves. I saw them motivate one another, comfort one another, and support each other time and time again. Coaches were pacing, yelling, and smiling. I remember those coaching days, of being stressed for your athletes and wanting to give them everything you have to help them be their best. I see wonderful role models in our coaches and in our varsity athletes. They live what it means to be a Bobcat on and off the field or court.

I also saw our student fan section grow! I mentioned before that our past Senior classes worried that some traditions would be lost because of Covid. This Senior class (2024!!!) is not going to let that happen! They were positive and cheering for our teams and not against others. The cheering, the spirit, the coordinated themes.. our kids ROCK!! Keep it up!

Good luck this season and keep up the amazing work!
Have a wonderful weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students

Please mark your calendars for October 5th, Thursday, **OPEN HOUSE**. You'll follow your student's schedule and meet teachers. Students will receive a form to fill in their schedule that you will get from their Advisory teacher at 6:00pm. Linked below is the form for your student to fill out at home, so you can bring a copy also if you would like.

Progress reports will go out Thursday, 10/5.

8th grade Barrington Information Night, Please join us on October 16th! Here is a [FLIER](#) for the event.

ORCSD Care - Reminder: The ORCSD Care technology insurance program will be closing on LINQ on October 1, Sunday. Families can still enroll in the program after October 1 but only cash or check will be accepted and an inspection of computer, charger, and case will be required. Sign up today!

Mental Health Matters- 2nd annual mental health panel, put on by Student Senate. [Flier](#)

In Advisory next week, the Youth Connect Suicide Prevention peer facilitators will present an activity regarding reducing the stigma around suicide. The Youth Connect program is designed to train teens about youth suicide prevention, so that students learn from peers about how to recognize warning signs, what are protective factors, how to help connect someone to an adult, and how to destigmatize seeking help. There will be other activities in future advisories to continue the discussion around suicide prevention. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

ORCSD Superintendent Search Committee Seeks Community Feedback

The ORCSD School Board Superintendent Search Committee would like to cordially invite the Oyster River parents, guardians, and community members to assist with the ongoing superintendent search by providing critical feedback. You may find below a few opportunities to do so. Feedback collected will be used to create a preferred candidate profile for the screening committee.

1. Complete the survey

A survey will be available online until October 6, 2023

2. Attend an in person focus group

October 4, 2023, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Oyster River High School's Multi-Purpose Room

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Parents of Seniors

CAPS & GOWNS: IMPORTANT INFO. Before you order.

1. The **only required item is the \$20.00** package that includes the cap, gown, and a tassel. There are three items listed to choose from; the required item is the second (2) item. You may choose an extra tassel or the package with announcements if you prefer.
2. Students can choose Blue or White for their cap & gown. The 2nd tab at the top will take you to look at the colors.
3. Please discuss with your senior, **who** is placing the order and what color they would like to wear. This will help AVOID duplicate orders.
4. All orders come to the high school and are given to students during Senior Week. They receive their cap & gown the day they have the Senior Walk at the elementary schools. Usually, the day before Graduation.
5. Here is the link! <https://www.buildagrad.com/orhs>

Senior Portraits are due by November 6th!

- save your photo by your name = last name, first name
- please save the file correctly. It helps avoid mistakes.
- jpg or png file at least 300dpi
- upload to yearbookforever.com
 - choose Oyster River High School
 - click on "Yearbook snap"
 - The upload code is: ORHS2024
 - Choose the "Portraits" folder
 - Only upload the picture you want in the yearbook

Parents of Juniors

The PSAT/NMSQT for Juniors will be held on Wednesday October 25th during the school day. **Students must arrive by 8:00am with their fully charged school-issued computer. Students should also bring a picture ID for checking in.**

This is an optional test for Juniors. The cost is \$25, payable by cash or check made out to ORHS. (Fee waivers are available confidentially to eligible students, such as those who receive free/reduced lunch). The PSAT helps prepare Juniors for the SAT Test in the spring and depending on their score can qualify them for the National Merit Scholarship. **Students must sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT in the counseling office by October 20th at 3pm.**

For more information, including a practice test, please see the College Board website. Please stop by the Counseling Office with any questions.

Parents of Sophomores

We are five weeks into the year. How is your Sophomore doing? This is about the time it starts to get real for some kiddos. They are finding their clubs or doing sports. The homework and responsibilities are starting to hit. Check in and see if they have an organizational system to help them out.

Parents of Freshman

Brown Center for Freshmen is either 9/29 or 10/2. You should have received and filled out paperwork allowing your student to attend. **They will need to bring a lunch that day!**

Class officer elections are 10/5.

Important Dates

October 2	Brown Center for Freshmen
October 5	Open House
October 5	Progress Reports
October 6	No School, Teacher Workshop Day
October 9	No School, Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day
October 10	NHHEAF Financial Aid Night
October 16	Barrington Information Night
October 16-20	Spirit Week - Homecoming!
October 23	Mental Health Panel
October 25	PSAT for Juniors

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule October 1-7: [weekskedNH0382418540902.pdf](#)

Community Features

Dear Oyster River High School Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The ORHS PTO's purpose is to share information, provide support and resources for both parents and teachers alike, as well as be a tool to come together as one community for our ORHS kids.

We need to know from YOU what you're interested in - how can we support you, what information do you need, what topics matter to you. Email us at oysterriverhs.pto@gmail.com and please let us know!

POSITION SEARCH - Two of us are aging out end of this year. WHOOT! One role is spoken for. The other is for treasurer! Love numbers? Join us now to learn from Kevin all year!

INFORMAITON - We'll have a table at Parent Night this fall to learn more about us and sign up to help, if you want. Please keep your eyes out for our two annual online fundraisers, which support ORHS wide projects and staff/teacher needs. And join us online us to keep on top of all things ORHS. Our primary information sharing tactic is via [Facebook here](#). [We do not update parents via email regularly]

CLASS PAGES - We encourage you to join the Parent run pages for your child(s) grade. *Please note, these are not school sponsored pages, but parent administered resource for parents only of that class.* Please click on your child(s) class for the hyperlink.

[Class of 2024](#)

[Class of 2025](#)

[Class of 2026](#)

[Class of 2027](#)

Here's to a great year for your kids and you! Go Bobcats!

Fondly, Oyster River PTO Board

Rebecca Throop, Katie Maggio, Kevin Strawbridge, Bridget Elsemore and Deb Savage-Rearick Curran

Weekly Features

[Bobcat of the Week: Student](#)

I'd like to nominate Lucky Muppala, Elise Bacon, Jessica Li, Teagan Nadeau, Lily Papajohn and Amalie Trump for Bobcats of the Week. These Sophomore class officers took time out of their own days to go visit Freshmen advisories to talk about running for office. Thanks especially to Lucky for organizing everything and keeping Mrs. Gibson informed.

[Bobcat of the Week: Staff](#)

1. I would like to nominate Kim Wolph as Bobcat of the week. She cares deeply about our staff and students. Kim has everyone's best interests in mind and will take time to make sure you feel heard and cared for. She advocates for what students need. She also supports Best

Buddies as the advisor. Kim puts her heart into her work and it shows. Thank you for all you do! 2. Kim works tirelessly every day for every student. Kim cares deeply for every student and staff member at ORHS. Kim ensures that the health office runs smoothly and safely, for all. Kim is selfless in all she does. She embodies what it means to be a committed healthcare professional!

Reminders

Next week: White/Blue/White/Blue/Teacher Workshop Day

Please remember to call or email if your student is going to be absent.

call: 603- 868-2375

Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org