



Oyster River High School News

October 13, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

This week we held class meetings to talk about Spirit Week, school spirit, updates, and Red Ribbon Week. The Class Officers had a chance to talk to their peers about the work they're doing and encouraging everyone to participate in Spirit Week next week (see the theme days below!) Counseling gave updates on when they are going into Advisories, how our On-Call system works, and the activities for Red Ribbon Week. Every class had updates on topics pertaining specifically to them. We hold periodic class meetings so each class has the opportunity to hear information they need and so Class Officers have time to make sure their peers know important information.

In the spirit of important and correct information, I have a correction for last week's news letter. In the opening paragraph, the program that our students and staff participated in and are now speaking with Advisories about was the Connect Youth Leader Program, or Connect Program. They have done a wonderful job teaching and leading their peers and both the program and our kids deserve the correct recognition!

Have a wonderful weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students

Sustainability Club is running our 3rd annual clothing swap. Students can donate their unwanted clothes over the course of a couple weeks, then we organize them and turn it into a free thrift store for other students to enjoy. All the clothing goes to students for free. The swap promotes sustainable behavior and prevents overconsumption. Please consider donating by October 19th to support the community!

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

Mental Health Matters- 2nd annual mental health panel, put on by Student Senate. Flier

Picture Retake day: October 27th.

Spirit Week this week! Theme days

Monday- Class Colors: Freshmen- orange Sophomores-Green Juniors- purple Seniors- Red

Tuesday- Anything but a backpack (must fit through a door) - The Hypnotist show 7:00pm

Wednesday- Decades day- 2027- 70's, 2026- 80's, 2025- 90's, 2024- 2000's

Thursday- Barbie v. Ken (appropriate outfits!) CLUB FAIR and Sustainability clothing swap!

Bobcat show

Friday- School Spirit- Freshmen/Juniors- White Sophomores/ Seniors- Blue (PEP RALLY)

Homecoming tonight! 7:00 pm

The Superintendent Search Committee thanks all students, parents, guardians, staff, and community members who provided critical feedback by completing the survey and attending a focus group. The feedback is being used by the committee to create a candidate profile which will summarize the qualities the district values in its leadership. This profile will be utilized by the screening committee to determine candidate assessment methods. Additional information regarding the superintendent search process and timeline can be found on the [district website](#).

Did you know Oyster River school bus drivers work all day to ensure the safe transportation of students? Together, our transportation team has over 662 years of combined experience transporting children. And 462 of those years are with Oyster River! In honor of National School Bus Safety Week, we invite Oyster River families to **give their driver a compliment**. To do so, [please complete this quick form](#). To learn more about our Transportation department, please [visit our website](#).

Parents of Seniors

CAPS & GOWNS: I'll be running a list of caps & gowns that have been ordered and contacting any families that were not able to order by the deadline. That communication will come through an email to the address you have in PowerSchool and copied to your Senior. If you have questions or concerns, please email me!

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

Encourage your student to dress up for Spirit Week next week!
Counselors will be coming into Advisory in the next few weeks to discuss career exploration.

Parents of Freshman

All Freshmen need to have their computer, case, and charger with them starting Friday, October 13th. Device collection and roll out of new computers will start on October 13th and last through October 25th. Your student will get their new device through Advisory.

Important Dates

October 16	Barrington Information Night
October 16-20	Spirit Week
October 20	Homecoming 7:00pm (Glow theme)
October 23	Mental Health Panel
October 25	PSAT for Juniors
October 27	Picture retake day
November 3	End of quarter 1 (report cards come out November 13)
November 7	No school- voting
November 10	No school - Veterans Day

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule October 15-21:

Saturday- Boys Reserve soccer Home- 10:30
Varsity Football- 2:00- Windam
Monday- Boys Reserve soccer –Exeter- 4:00
JV Football –Windham- 4:15
Girls JV Volleyball- John Stark Regional- 4:30, Varsity 5:30
Tuesday- Girls Varsity Field Hockey 3:30
Boys Reserve Soccer-Derryfield School- 4:30
Girls Varsity Soccer- John Stark Regional- 4:30, Girls JV 4:30
Boys JV Soccer-Kennett High School- 4:30
Girls Reserve Volleyball- 5:30
Boys Varsity Soccer- 6:30
Wednesday- JV Football- Exeter- 4pm
Girls JV Volleyball-4:30, Varsity 5:45
Boys JV Soccer-4:30, Varsity 6:00
Girls Varsity Soccer- 7:00
Thursday- Coed Unified Varsity Soccer- 3:00
JV Coed Golf- Pease Golf Course- 3:30
Freshmen Football-Merrimack- 4:00
Friday- Boys Reserve Soccer- Portsmouth- 4:00
Girls Varsity Soccer-4:30, JV 4:30
Girls JV Volleyball- 4:30, Varsity 5:45
Varsity Football-7:00
Saturday- Girls Varsity Field Hockey- 8:30
JV Football-Merrimack- 4:00

Community Features

PROJECT GRADUATION DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Project Graduation is an annual all-night event created to promote a safe, substance-free evening for graduating seniors. It is the most inclusive night of the year and occurs all graduation night!

EVERY year this is executed and paid for by a volunteer group of parents of the graduating class. The cost is about \$150 per student for all 216 students. Families are not charged for this event to enable all to come.

You can help by [making a tax deductible donation HERE!](#) A QR Code is also included in the attached flyer. **Own a business?** Contact Tara Hicks at tarahicksjohnson@gmail.com for our corporate sponsorship information which is also included in the flyer.

This event is especially important for the class of 2024, whose 8th grade milestones were entirely cancelled due to COVID. Thank you for helping to give them a special night they deserve! We appreciate you!

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

I would like to nominate Elly Holmes for Bobcat of the week. The class needed to be timely after lunch and she had extra supplies and offered them to another classmate so we could start right away. She also regularly demonstrates engagement in class and thoughtfulness in class discussions.

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

“We’d like to nominate Ms. Borrer for Bobcat of the Week. Ms. Borrer always has a smile on her face. She is always willing to share her mints, gum, and everything in her desk. She takes time to learn new things and shares that knowledge to teach other students. She collaborates with teachers, goes the extra mile to encourage you to approach things with a positive attitude, and encourages you to be the best person you can be. We are so lucky to have her in our school, in our advisory, and as an amazing paraeducator. Thanks Ms. Borrer the sweetest optimist we know!”

Reminders

Next week: White/Blue/White/Blue/White

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

call: 603- 868-2375

Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org