



Oyster River High School News

September 22, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

This is my third year at ORHS, so I consider myself a "Junior". I have the same feeling of familiarity and maturity I see in the class of 2025 when you know you belong somewhere. We know the school; we know the expectations; we know we want to keep making it better here for ourselves and our school community.

In the past two years, our kids have worked hard to make sure they pass along the history, knowledge, and pride of being a Bobcat. Already this year, I've seen theme days from sports teams, a very active student section at the games, excitement and planning for spirit week and the pep rally, and our theme this year for the 2nd annual Homecoming dance: Glow! These are the events that bring our school community together and help define who we are. We are very proud of the work SALT, Class Officers, and Student Senate, and the Dance Team are putting into these events. We have really great kids that do really great things. They make us proud to be a part of ORHS and proud to support them in their goals. They are always striving to make our community better.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students


Please mark your calendars for October 5th, **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.

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. 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!

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 between September 15 and October 6, 2023
2. Attend a virtual focus group
September 27, 2023, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. No registration required.
Link and login information are available in the PDF document below and they will also be made available on the district's superintendent search webpage 48 hours prior to the meeting  ORCSD Superintendent Search Poster - Community.pdf
3. 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

If you are interested in an [MOR Subscription](#) please check out this link!

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

School Board [NEWS](#)

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>

Letter to Seniors and parents from [Counseling](#)

Parents of Juniors

Your spirit day t shirts are ready to be ordered. All orders must be placed by Tuesday, September 26th, using the link in our class instagram bio, the QR code on any poster, or ask one of your class officers for the order form. They will be ready to pick up during the week of October 10th, during advisories. Place your orders as soon as possible!

Here's the link to order:

<https://collinssports.chipply.com/orhs2025/>

PSAT's will be October 25th. These are voluntary and students will need to sign up and pay for the test. This test can qualify students for the National Merit Scholars Program. Sign up information coming out soon.

Parents of Sophomores

Check out your class Instagram link to purchase 2026 class t-shirts! Last day to purchase is September 26th, Tuesday!

Parents of Freshman

Freshmen parents! The online store to order Freshmen t-shirts is now open (link below) and will be open until **September 26, Tuesday**. After that, the store will be closed so don't miss out! Students will be wearing their t-shirts during spirit week on pep rally day. Mrs. Gibson will be scheduling advisories to pick up t-shirts during the week of October 2.

<https://collinssports.chipply.com/orhs2027/>

STAR testing will take place September 25th and 27th.

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!**

Letter to Freshmen and parents from Counseling: [Welcome letter for 9th grade.pdf](#)

Important Dates

September 29	Brown Center for Freshmen
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

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](#)

Hazel Stasko deserves to be Bobcat of the week because she is awesome! She is genuinely kind and helpful to all. Her exuberant personality helps to create a fun atmosphere where people feel welcomed.

[Bobcat of the Week: Staff](#)

1. Marek and the amazing cleaning crew who worked all summer to make sure ORHS would be the best learning space it can be. 2. Marek! He is the calm and collected backbone of all the hard work that goes into the smooth functioning and cleanliness of our building. He is always

more than happy to do any task asked of him. We sometimes take for granted that there are people who spend hours behind the scenes helping us put on events and keeping our building clean. Marek is the reason all of this gets done so well and we appreciate his hard work.

Reminders

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

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

call: 603- 868-2375

Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org