



Oyster River High School News

February 23, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are already half way through the third quarter. We are back in school on March 4th and we have many events and activities coming up. The Art department is hosting a student art show "Empowering Positive Pathways" the 2024 Scholastic Art Awards Entries and other selected work. Come down to the Durham Public Library on March 6th! The Student Senate is hosting a School Board Candidate forum on March 7th, 6:00pm, join us if you can! While winter playoffs start next week, spring sports will begin by the middle of March. And, save the date for the spring musical, *Little Women*, March 22, 23. Our kids are doing amazing things.

Have a great week and I hope you enjoy the break!
Rebecca

New

All Students

Here is the Blue/White schedule for the rest of the semester: [B/W semester 2](#)

Progress Reports are on Power School. Here are the directions on how to find them: [How to access your childs printable Progress Report \(1\) \(1\).pdf](#)

Today is the last day for student to put their class requests in! When you hit submit the last time, those are the requests that stay in PowerSchool.

Student Senate is hosting a School Board Candidate Forum on March 7th, 6:00 pm, in the ORHS auditorium. Student Senators will have prepared questions for our candidates and audience members will be able to ask questions also.

School Board News [newsletter](#)

Parents of Seniors

The PTO is hosting a College Financial Planning event on March 7th at 6:30 pm. [Flier](#)

From Counseling: Hello Class of 2024 and Families, New information about the FAFSA and financial aid offers has caused Granite Edvance (formerly the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation) to change their approach to programming for seniors for this unique year only. As you may have heard, the U.S. Department of Education recently [announced](#) another delay in FAFSA processing. FAFSA information will not be sent to colleges until mid-March, instead of

February as earlier announced, which means there will be a **delay in the release of financial aid offers**. With that in mind, Granite Edvance will be maximizing their resources for the Class of 2024 by providing **Paying for College 101 virtually every week this spring**, so that students and families can access the information on the timeline that works best for them. **This means the in-person session originally planned for April 18th at ORHS has been cancelled.** To register for one of the webinars, please visit Granite Edvance's website: <https://graniteedvance.org/find-your-direction/upcoming-events/>

****CLASS OF 2024 PROJECT GRADUATION SAVE THE DATE ****

DATE: Friday, June 7th

CHECK IN: 9:00pm-10:00pm ARRIVAL, CHECK-IN & DINNER!!

CHECK IN LOCATION: SOMEWHERE IN DURHAM - Exact location Will be revealed the morning of graduation

****IMPORTANT** - Turnaround between graduation to check-in is always VERY tight.

- PLEASE DO NOT schedule a family dinner out or your child will miss check-in and buses.
- We are serving a full "ORHS Teen Fan-Fave" meal during check-in.

Registration window & more details coming in time. [What's Project Graduation? Read More!](#)

They missed DC in 2020 but won't want to miss this! We have planned an AMAZING night for our kids! So PLEASE save the whole evening/night/early morning on June 7 & 8 for this!



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BARRINGTON SENIORS: These three attachments are Scholarship Opportunities from Barrington! [2024 NHBS Program Flyer \(3\) \(2\).pdf](#) [2024 Scholarship Packet .pdf](#) [2024 NHBS Application Proofed Final 01_28_24_\(C2501447xA5F95\).pdf](#)

Parents of Juniors

Please have your Junior turn on their school computer over break (connected to wifi)! This will allow updates and the app we are pushing out for the SAT to upload. There will be meetings for Juniors in March to make sure they have everything they need for the exam on April 3rd. Making sure their computers are updated helps this process immensely.

It's time to prepare for the School-day SAT with Essay scheduled for April 3rd. All juniors are registered to take this test at no cost to families. More information will be provided in March, but at this time it's very important that students **prepare their school-issued computers. Please run updates regularly over the next couple of weeks to be sure the computers run optimally on test day.**

For more information about the SAT, including practice tests, check out the College Board website: [SAT School Day - SAT Suite | College Board](#)

We will be having a college fair at ORHS on April 8th. Over 70 colleges will be in attendance. We will be in school on this day, so all Juniors will have the opportunity to attend.

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Students in 11th grade that have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher should keep an eye on their school email for a formal invitation to apply to the Oyster River Chapter of the National Honor Society. Emails were sent to all eligible students this week, and mandatory informational meetings will be held the week of March 4th.

Parents of Sophomores

It's time to prepare for the PSAT-10 scheduled for April 3rd. All sophomores are registered to take this practice test at no cost to families. More information will be provided in March, but at this time it's very important that students **prepare their school-issued computers. Please run updates regularly over the next couple of weeks to be sure the computers run optimally on test day.**

For more information about the PSAT-10, including practice tests, check out the College Board website: [The PSAT 10 - SAT Suite | College Board](#)

Students in 10th grade that have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher should keep an eye on their school email for a formal invitation to apply to the Oyster River Chapter of the National Honor Society. Emails were sent to all eligible students this week and mandatory informational meetings will be held the week of March 4th.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2026 IS PLANNING **A FUND-RAISER LUNCHEON** FOR THE TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15. OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE RELIED ON THE GENEROSITY OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO MAKE THIS LUNCHEON A SUCCESS. PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE A TASTY LUNCH FOR OUR TEACHERS!
WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SIGN-UP GENIUS WITH SUGGESTED LUNCHEON ITEMS LIKE BOTTLED WATER, CHILI, SOUPS AND CROCK POT ITEMS. IDEALLY, THE PREPARED ITEMS WOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CAFETERIA THE MORNING BEFORE THE NOON LUNCHEON TIME ON MARCH 15TH.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT. PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9AC2EA3FEC43-47993850-sophomore>

If you bring a dish that is gluten free, dairy free, vegan or vegetarian, etc. please write a note we can put beside your dish! Thank you for participating!

Parents of Freshman

Your student can submit their course requests for next year through today. Check in with your student on their choices!

Important Dates

March 4	Back in school!
March 6	*date Correction - Student Art Show, Durham Public Library 5:00pm
March 15	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
March 21	Barrington Course Selection
March 22, 23	Spring Musical <i>Little Women</i>
April 3	PSAT for 10 th grade, SAT for 11 th grade
April 5	End of Quarter 3

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule:

Tuesday 2/27 Boys Basketball First Round Playoff TBA (Away)

Wednesday 2/28 Girls Basketball First Round Playoff TBA (Home)

Friday 3/1 Girls Hockey Quarterfinals TBA

Sat. 3/2 Boys Hockey Quarterfinals TBA

SAU Features

Give our Maintenance Staff a Compliment

In honor of Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day (March 4), we ask that you please consider giving a compliment to our Facilities Department team members who work hard year-round to ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment for our students and staff. You may do so by [clicking here](#).

No School February 26 - March 1, 2024

All ORCSD schools will be closed February 26 - March 1. School will resume Monday, March 4. The SAU office will be closed Monday, February 26, in observance of Presidents Day.

Election Day March 12, 2024

Warrant article # 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be on the ballot in Durham, Lee, and Madbury. Supporting documents for the FY25 budget can be found [online](#) under the "Budget FY 24-25" tab. The February 6 Deliberative Session may be [viewed here](#) (presentation starts 9:36 minutes in) and an explanation of the warrants is available here: [FY25 Warrant Article Explanation.pdf](#).

Jennifer Horton Named Human Resources Director

Jennifer Horton was named as ORCSD's new Human Resources Director. Jennifer will start on March 4, 2024.

High School Students Exhibiting at Durham Public Library

Eighteen Oyster River High School students were honored at the Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire ceremony on February 11 at Pinkerton Academy. Their artwork, along with the artwork of other students who submitted theirs, will be displayed at the Durham Public Library with an opening reception on March 6, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Oyster River Students Qualify for VEX IQ Robotics World Championship

Three of the 14 Oyster River Middle School teams who competed in the 2024 VEX IQ State Competition at Manchester Community College on Sunday, February 18, qualified for the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship. The world championship will be held in Dallas, May 1-3, 2024. Congratulations to all participants for their remarkable performance. Additional information is [available here](#).

Community Features

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 12th

Sandy Garofalo is a community builder who knows how to pull people together, accomplish something and build a solid vibe at the same time. This Senior epitomizes the Bobcat spirit.

Grade: Varies

I nominate that dance team because of their school spirit and hard work with planning for their showcase and half time shows for sports. With other clubs they all do at the same time.

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: English Teacher

I commend Shauna Horsley for her work on Bystander Training! She truly shows what it means to be "Bobcat of the Week" in so many ways but her organization of the program, her presentation and leadership during the Bystander Training was truly amazing. Shauna's role in this program demonstrates the many hats that teachers wear behind the scenes, and we all appreciate her time, work and skillful leadership in this program.

Subject area or position: Paraprofessional

Grace Murray has kindly stepped into a support role in the life skills classroom when we had an immediate need. Grace exhibits a great deal of patience and kindness each day. She expresses an interest in each student she works with and strives to form a relationship and get to know her students. Grace does this all with a smile. She is a hard worker that should be recognized for her efforts!

Reminders

Next week: Vacation Week, March 4-8 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