



Oyster River High School News

February 9, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

Scheduling for the 24-25 school year has begun! The window for students to request classes is February 5th- 23rd. All Freshmen-Juniors attended a class meeting this week on course selections, how to request classes, requirements etc. It is NOT a first come, first serve system. Students can go into their account on PowerSchool and change their selections as many times as they would like. When the portal closes on the 23rd, the last classes selected when your student hits “submit” will go into the system. The Program of Studies is on the website and here is a [link](#). We encourage you to talk with your student about all of their options as they decide what to take next year.

This isn't the last step. When we come back from vacation, Counselors will begin meeting with students to review their course selections, discuss teacher recommendations, and confirm student choices. If you have questions along the way, want to learn more about various pathways, or have questions about a class or recommendation, we are here to help. You can call Counseling, or any Administrator, and we will help find the answers to your questions.

Have a good weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students

Barrington bus information for 2/13. The Barrington School District does not have school on Tuesday, 2/13. Barrington ORHS students will be coming to school! The bus for Barrington High School students will run as normal outside of weather related events.

FIRST time event: **Pathways & Possibilities!** On February 19th, at 6:00pm, in the high school auditorium, our ELO Coordinator (of the year 2022) Mr. Peschel, will give a presentation on CTE (Career Technical Education), ELOs (Extended Learning Opportunities), Early College (formerly Running Start), Internships, and other opportunities. We talk about these things when students first get to high school, but we've had questions from parents on how they work. Here is an opportunity for you and your student to learn about these individualized pathways for your student's passions.

Parent Night Out! Are you looking for a babysitter for date night? The Senior Class Officers are hosting a Valentine's Day Parent Night Out. See the link for registration and more information: [Registration form](#)

[Paris/Madrid](#) (link to tentative itinerary) **APRIL Break 2025**: Ever thought about traveling to another country to experience the language and the culture you've studied in school? Want to see a new side of the world and explore the possibilities of studying language? April Break 2025 Passports Travel Company will be offering a Private Tour chaperoned by Oyster River High School World Language Teachers Ms. Heaney and Mrs. Sant. Interested in learning more with no commitment? Attend one of two information sessions online or in person (attendance is required for application to the trip, if neither works with your schedule, please reach out to kheaney@orcsd.org to schedule an individual meeting) student and one guardian should attend. The two information sessions will be held at the high school on Friday February 16th at 5 p.m. and Monday February 19th at 6p.m. Please use the [LINK here](#) to join our mailing list for information and reminders. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Junior Colton Brisard of Lee was recently selected as the only New Hampshire athlete to participate in the 2023 Offense-Defense High School All American Football Bowl game held in Florida. The event is a showcase of the top football players in the country. Brisard is also a member of the National Honor Society.

[Parents of Seniors](#)

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

[Parents of Juniors](#)

If you are interested in learning more about CTE, ELOs, Early College (this used to be Running Start), internships, and other opportunities for your student to explore their passions and different pathways, please join us on February 19th at 6:00pm in the auditorium. Mr. Peschel, ELO Coordinator, will give a presentation and be able to answer questions from students and parents.

We will be having a college fair at ORHS on April 8th. Over 70 colleges will be in attendance. More information to come.

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[Parents of Sophomores](#)

If you are interested in learning more about CTE for Juniors (your kiddo is a rising Juninor!), ELOs, Early College (this used to be Running Start), internships, and other opportunities to explore their passions and different pathways, please join us on February 19th at 6:00pm in the auditorium. Mr. Peschel, ELO Coordinator, will give a presentation and be able to answer questions from students and parents. The application process is for CTE is happening currently.

[Parents of Freshman](#)

STAR testing for math is the 19th.

If you are interested in learning more about CTE for Sophomores (your kiddo is a rising Sophomore!), ELOs, Early College (this used to be Running Start), internships, and other opportunities to explore their passions and different pathways, please join us on February 19th at 6:00pm in the auditorium. Mr. Peschel, ELO Coordinator, will give a presentation and be able to answer questions from students and parents.

Important Dates

February 10	Lunar New Year Community Day 10am-2pm
February 13	Electives Fair (for students during school)
February 19	Pathways & Possibilities- Learn about CTE, ELOs and more 6:00pm
February 23	Progress reports
Feb 5-23	Students request courses for the 24-25 school year
Feb 26-March 1	Vacation Week
March 15	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
March 15, 16, 17	Spring Musical <i>Little Women</i>

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [February 11-17](#)

SAU Features

ORCSD Kindergarten Registration

Oyster River kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open until February 13, 2024. Registration packets and in-person registration schedule [are available here](#).

Deliberative Session Update

On February 6, the School Board met for a regular meeting and the annual Deliberative Session. Warrant articles were finalized and can be viewed on the [district website](#). Thank you to all who attended. Voting for the budget, warrant articles, and school board open positions will be held in each town on Election Day March 12, 2024.

Nominations for ORMS and SAU Office

- Alida Carter was named as Assistant Principal of Oyster River Middle School (ORMS)

- Dave Totty was named new Director of Facilities

ORCSD Places 3rd in Post Pandemic Recovery

The New York Times recently published the results of a study conducted by Sanford and Harvard researchers evaluating grades 3 through 8 math test scores for public school districts in 41 states. The study explored how elementary and middle school students were recovering from pandemic learning losses.

Community Features

Oyster River School Board News - February 7, 2024

This week the School Board met for a regular meeting and the annual Deliberative Session. At the deliberative session the warrant articles were finalized and can be viewed on the district website. Thank you to all who attended. Voting for the budget, warrant articles, and school board members will be held in each town on March 12th, 2024.

Registration for REACH camps will begin on February 19th. The camps will be held in partnership with the Durham Parks & Recreation department and will run July 8th through August 2nd. Keep an eye out later next week for a flyer with registration information and descriptions of the available camps.

Maple sugaring has begun at the Moharimet School. The students, along with teachers and parent volunteers, have begun tapping the trees and collecting sap. The sap will be boiled at the school and the syrup will be available for purchase at the annual Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on a Saturday morning in early April.

This week is National School Counseling week. The district is lucky to have a talented staff of dedicated professionals working in the schools. The Board would like to thank all of the counselors for their time, effort, and hard work.

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: all

Unified Basketball! This group of athletes is amazing. They work hard in every game and even when they are down in points, they keep on playing showing determination and tenacity. This week during their playoff game, where the pressure was high, they raised the bar again by providing the fans with an exhilarating 4 quarters. Their support for each other is amazing to watch and even though Jacob and Hayden were on fire with their shooting they still took it in turns to pass the ball to Alexa, Anna, Morgan, Abbie and Franklin allowing them to also help build the score and take the win. Even when they missed a shot they didn't give up, fighting for the rebound and then trying again and sometimes a third time to make that basket. The cheers from the rest of team when they did were deafening.

Their defense was equally as impressive, with Franklin leading by example and encouraging Jacob and Hayden to have their hands up and build a wall to stop the Lebanon/Hanover attack. Overall, these athletes lead the way in teamwork and sportsmanship and have taken us through to the next stage of the Championships.

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Mandarin World Language Teacher

I would like to nominate Lisa Fan for Bobcat of the Week. She has worked really hard to create connections outside the classroom. She and her students have visited and shared Chinese language and culture with elementary students in our district. Most recently she has been planning and organizing a large community event to celebrate lunar new year. She has reached out to numerous individuals, groups and organizations to participate and created something truly special for the whole community to enjoy.

Reminders

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

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

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