



Oyster River High School News

January 12, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

Next week we move into midterms, on Wednesday. If there is a weather call on Tuesday, the schedule for midterms will not change. (Please see the link below for the schedule.) For students, staying hydrated, focused periods of studying, and plenty of sleep will help more than they think! While some traditional assessments are given, many teachers have students working on projects, doing an oral presentation, or may hold a discussion or Socratic seminar for students to talk about their learning this semester. Checking in with your student on where they can focus for this weekend may be beneficial to help them organize. We will have FLEX sessions throughout the exam schedule, so students have opportunities to ask questions, work on missing assignments, and check in with teachers. Please email teachers if you have any questions about a class and administration would be happy to help also.

Have a good 3-day weekend!

Rebecca

New

All Students

Midterm schedule [January schedule](#)

The 2025 New Hampshire **Teacher of the Year Program**- You can nominate a teacher by going to this link: [nominate](#) Here is a flier explaining the purpose and dates for the program. We have many outstanding teachers! This is a great way to show our teachers how much you think of them! [flier](#)

****February 1st, we are holding the next segment of our series to help **combat hate speech and help in keeping our students safe**. The “Internet and Digital Safety” presentation by ICAC (Internet Crimes against Children Task Force) will be for **parents/adults only**. It is at the middle school from 6:00-7:30. We will have a student focused presentation on the same content at a later date. [FLIER](#)

Seasonal Inclement weather information [link](#)

School Board News: [SB News 01 03 24.pdf](#)

The February 13, 2024, Teacher Workshop Day is now a regular school day. The Teacher Workshop day has switched to Friday, March 15, 2024. This decision was made by the School Board in consideration of the 2024 New Hampshire primary election having been scheduled for

January instead of the anticipated February date. The updated 2023-2024 printable calendar is available [online here](#).

The 2024-2025 school calendar is now available [online here](#).

Please consider donating a baked good to the ***Freshmen and Sophomore Class Election Day Bake sale on January 23***. Items can be dropped off in the office on Monday or can be delivered directly to the bake sale table in the high school by 9 am Tuesday. Thank you!

Please sign up on the bake sale sign up form:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CA8A92DA2FA7-47104572-bake>

Individuals wishing to file for a school district opening must do so between Wednesday, 1/24, and up until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 2/2/24: one moderator position (1-year term) and three School Board members one each for Durham, Lee, and Madbury for the ensuing three years. There is no filing fee to register for placement on the ballot. Interested individuals may contact School District Clerk Susan Caswell at 603-498-7054 to set up a time to file, or Wendy DiFruscio at the SAU 603-389-3286 to make an appointment. The official announcement may be [viewed here](#).

Parents of Seniors

Please see the January schedule above under “All Students”. Seniors who have early release, late arrival, or Senior Privileges will be able to use those privileges during midterms.

Parents of Juniors

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Parents of Sophomores

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If your Sophomore has a study hall or is not signed up for FLEX at the end of the day during midterms, and you want to give them permission to leave the building during the midterm schedule, we will need a call or note from parents/guardians to let us know you have given them permission. It will be the same process as when they are dismissed for an appointment during the day.

Parents of Freshman

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If your Freshman has a study hall or is not signed up for FLEX at the end of the day during midterms, and you want to give them permission to leave the building during the midterm schedule, we will need a call or note from parents/guardians to let us know you have given them permission. It will be the same process as when they are dismissed for an appointment during the day.

Important Dates

January 15	No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17-22	Midterm Exams (schedule link at the top)
January 23	No School- Teacher Workshop Day - voting
January 24	First day of Semester 2/Quarter 3
January 25	Coffee House 6:00-8:00 pm
January 29	Poetry Out Loud
February 1	Internet & Digital Safety presentation - adults only
February 2	Report Cards
February 8	8 th Grade Information Night 6:00pm

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [Week of 1-14.pdf](#)

Community Features

PROJECT GRADUATION DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

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!

EVERY year this is executed and paid for by a volunteer group of parents of the graduating class. Families are not charged for this event to be inclusive for all.

You can help by [making a tax deductible donation HERE!](#) Own a business? You can sponsor there too and we provide free advertising for YOU! (click the link below)

[Oyster River Alumni Association](#)

oralumni.org

Project Graduation is an annual all-night event created to promote a safe, substance-free evening for graduating seniors and occurs all graduation night. We appreciate you!

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 11th grade

I'd like to nominate Amelia Rury and Caroline Allen for Bobcats of the Week. These two helped move hundreds of canned goods from the high school to the service building. This was no small task, and they did it with a smile! Thank you, Amelia and Caroline, for helping make our food drive a success!

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Science teacher & Digital Learning Specialist

Celeste Best continues to assist colleagues with technology and keep us updated on what is in the works in the digital field. She is patient, hardworking, and energetic. She helps us work through our tech issues and is always available to figure out a way to implement new and innovative ideas. We appreciate how much time she puts in! Thank you Celeste!

Reminders

Next week: no school/Bobcat/ midterm/midterm/midterm (See January Schedule at the top!)

Please remember to call or email if your student is going to be absent.
call: 603- 868-2375 Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org