



# Oyster River High School News

## April 12, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

We continued the student friendly ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) presentations to students this week. There is one more presentation for Sophomores next Tuesday. These presentations review precautions, safety measures, and what to do if a student does get into a situation where someone online is taking advantage of them (go to your parents). These presentations are a continuation of education for students about social media and being aware of what kinds and how much information we all share. We had a virtual speaker work with students in the 21-22 school year and will continue to educate students on the pros and cons of social media and how to be safe online. We hope these presentations help open up conversations at home also. If you would like advice on how to have conversations on these topics or other hard topics, please contact our Counseling department or any administrator. We would be happy to help and provide resources for you.

Have a great weekend!  
Rebecca

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## New

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### All Students

Teacher Appreciation week is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May (6-10). We are creating gift baskets for the staff to raffle off that week. If you would like to donate a gift card to go into a basket, please drop them off in the front office. All donations are appreciated!

AP exams start on May 6, 2024. This is the week **after** we return from April vacation. You need to familiarize yourself with the annual AP notice to students along with the ORHS exam time/room schedule which can be found at this link:

<https://www.orcsd.org/orhs/departments/counseling/ap-exams>

Prom is taking place at the Red Barn at Outlook Farms in Berwick, ME from 7-10pm on Thursday, May 23rd. Tickets are being sold to Juniors and Seniors during lunches this week and next week through April 19th. Any Junior or Senior bringing an underclassmen or guest from a different school, needs to buy their ticket, and those bringing non ORHS students need to get the Guest Form from the front office.

Tickets are \$50 and can be cash or a check made out to ORHS.

Guest Forms are due back to the main office by May 10<sup>th</sup>.

From the DEIJ Director: I will be hosting an upcoming support space for parents and caregivers of LGBTQ+ youth called “Inclusive Connections.” This will be an opportunity for district parents and caregivers to be in community and discussion with others navigating the journey of raising LGBTQ+ youth as well as a chance to meet and connect. The space will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7:30pm in the HS Library with light refreshments served. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Rachael Blansett at [rblansett@orcsd.org](mailto:rblansett@orcsd.org) [FLIER](#)

## Parents of Seniors

Graduation will be here before you know it, and while the Senior officers are still working hard at planning the final details to make Senior week fun and special, we need to get an official count for how many students will be attending the Thomas Loughton Cruise (June 4<sup>th</sup>) and Canobie Lake Park (June 5<sup>th</sup>). Please have your Senior use the link below to read more information and RSVP to both of these events. Again, you will be getting more information about these events and the other days of senior week soon! This form closes Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm. <https://forms.office.com/r/CDr8XwXXJ8>

Seniors- Just a reminder that the April 18<sup>th</sup> Paying for College Workshop was cancelled by Granite Edvance and replaced with webinars throughout the month. Granite Edvance has expansive resources for helping students and families. Check out their website: Granite Edvance - A New Hampshire-based educational non-profit serving NH students and families

The Phillips Exeter Academy College Counseling Team will be hosting a Spring College Fair / Gap Year and Summer Programs event in Love Gym on campus **Tuesday, April 30, from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**. They will host over 100 colleges, universities, gap year & summer program groups and representatives from the United States military. A list of participants will be available closer to the fair date.

## Parents of Juniors

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## Parents of Sophomores

Sophomores will have a presentation by Officer Nicolosi on Tuesday, 4/16, during Advisory based on Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) presentation in February. This is a presentation adapted for high school students. It helps students understand where the dangers are online and how to avoid them.

Mark your Calendar: Early College and Career Planning

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the ORHS Auditorium

Join an Education & Career Counselor from Granite Edvance for this informative presentation! It is never too early to start planning for high school and beyond. During this session, we'll discuss how and why to explore your interests and aptitudes- what you like and what you're good at- and how these factors contribute to your education & career path. We'll cover how to prepare for the next steps in your journey, including maximizing your time in high school. Attendees will also get a brief intro to the college application and financial aid processes. Attendees will also receive Granite Edvance's Early College & Career Planning Guide. In addition, our own Extended Learning Opportunities Coordinator, Sean Peschel, will discuss options students have through ORHS to expand their learning and career exploration through CTE, internships, and more!

## Parents of Freshman

Spring Star testing will be May 29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Important Dates

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April 15	Report Cards
April 22-26	April vacation
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 16	Underclassmen Awards
May 23	PROM
May 24	No School- Teacher Workshop Day


## Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [April 15-20](#)

## SAU Features

### ORCSD Schools Collecting Eclipse Glasses

Are you done with your eclipse glasses? Please consider dropping them off at one of our schools' front offices during business hours and we will donate them to schools in communities that will be experiencing the next eclipse.

### E-Waste Collection Until April 19

ORCSD schools are collecting electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) between April 8-19. Details about drop-off locations and a list of eligible items may be [viewed here](#).

### Moharimet Pancake Breakfast April 13

Join us for Moharimet's 20<sup>th</sup> edition of its famous Pancake Breakfast this coming April 13, 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. **Suggested donations:** \$6 per person or \$20 per family. At Moharimet School (11 Lee Rd, Madbury, NH 03823). No RSVP required.


### Rescheduled: Moharimet Finding Nemo Jr.

Due to last week's storm the Finding Nemo Jr. evening performance was rescheduled to Friday, April 17, at 6:30 pm. At the Oyster River High School Auditorium (55 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824). Open seating, no tickets required.

### April 22-26: No School

All ORCSD schools will be closed April 22-26. School will resume on Monday, April 29.

### Celebrating Superintendent Morse

Join us at the Oyster River Middle School Learning Commons on May 16, 4:00-6:00 p.m. to celebrate Superintendent Morse's coming retirement and 12 years of dedicated service to the Oyster River community. No RSVP required. Light refreshments will be served. View the poster:  [2024 May 16 Celebration - Poster.pdf](#)

## Community Features

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## Weekly Features

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### Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 11th

Annika Clemmons is worthy of the Bobcat of the Week for her kindness and strong work ethic. Annika arrives early and without being asked, takes down every chair in my classroom. She has an ever-present smile on her face as she learns and is a strong class participator. Watch out Mr. Eustace, because Annika just might be able to top you with her vast knowledge about vocabulary, history, and trivia in general! Game on!

### Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Special Education Case Manager

Dan Chick deserves BOW for his hard work in coordinating accommodations for the PSAT/SATS. He is the mastermind behind the operation and keeps IEP/504 accommodations organized and in line. The Special Education department appreciates Dan so much for his hard work with coordinating all this!

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## Reminders

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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](mailto:ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org)