



Oyster River High School News

April 19, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

As we enter April vacation, I hope you all have a restorative week. It is extremely busy when we get back and a fast ride to the end of the year! There are many end of the year concerts, induction ceremonies, award ceremonies, sports games and more. I encourage you and your student to attend as many events as possible. There is no better way to get to know the school and school community, and you get to see our kids in action, being the amazing people that they are!

Have a great week!
Rebecca

New

All Students

Teacher Appreciation week is the 2nd 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. 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. If you missed buying a ticket before vacation, see the main 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 10th.

School Board [NEWS](#)

When we come back from vacation, our Student Senate has planned Mental Wellness Week with themes and activities for every day including a wellness fair full of local and school resources, decorating the hallways for school spirit and positive affirmations, and on Friday, we'll flip our schedule so students can participate in wellness activities outside.

Parents of Seniors

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.

The Senior Class Officers have worked extremely hard this year creating fun activities for Senior Week! June 3-7.

Monday- Senior carnival - during the school day

Tuesday-Thomas Loughton Cruise - at night

Wednesday- Canobie Lake Park- come back to the school around 7pm.

Thursday- Senior Walk - during the day, Scholarship Awards & Senior Awards- at night

FRIDAY- GRADUATION

Parents of Juniors

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Parents of Sophomores

Mark your Calendar: Early College and Career Planning

Tuesday, May 7th 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 29th & 31st.

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Important Dates

April 22-26	April vacation
April 29	Back to school
May 6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 16	Underclassmen Awards
May 23	PROM
May 24	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
June 14	Last day of School-Early Release 12:10

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [April 22-27](#)

SAU Features

Last Day of School: June 14

On April 17, the ORSCD School Board determined the last day of the 2023-2024 school year would be Friday, June 14, 2024, with early dismissal. Students will be served lunch at school and buses will provide service to their usual routes.

Dismissal times on June 14:

- Oyster River Middle and High Schools 12:10 pm
- Moharimet and Mast Way Schools 12:35 pm

No School April 22-26

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

ORCSD One Community, Many Voices: Embracing Belonging

The ORCSD DEIJ Committee Group invites you to One Community, Many Voices: Embracing Belonging, a community event on May 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall (1 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824). This event is for everyone and will feature three guest speakers and intentional conversations facilitated by the ORCSD DEIJ Community Group. No RSVP required. View the poster here.

Celebrating Superintendent Morse May 16

Join us at the Oyster River Middle School Learning Commons (1 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824) on May 16 to celebrate Superintendent Morse's coming retirement and 12 years of dedicated service to the Oyster River community. Reception starts at 4:00 p.m. and the ceremony runs 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. No RSVP required. Light refreshments will be served. View the poster here.

Community Features

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 10th

Corey Nelson is an incredibly positive member of our Bobcat community at large and the smaller communities he is a part of. He is an energetic and enthusiastic participant in class, always comes into advisory with a great attitude, and he performs with the school band as well as at Coffee House. Yay Corey!

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Paraprofessional

I would like to nominate Mrs. S (Saravong) for her advisory with the Dance team! She started with them this year and has offered great support to them. Recently at the banquet the girls put together, she was so excited by all the things she hopes to do with them next year! She shared that when she was a student herself at ORHS, she had an interest in starting a club like this and it never took off, so she was so happy to be a part of it now! Thank you to you Mrs. S, for sharing yourself with these ladies!!!!

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