



# Oyster River High School News

## February 2, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

Last night we held the next workshop in the series the district has created based on the hate speech earlier this year. I am happy to report we have not had further incidents of hate speech. We had great attendance at the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) presentation which was very informative and helpful. My biggest takeaways, as a parent, were to keep open lines of communication with your student. If the phone is only seen as a tool to be taken away, students won't come to us when there is a problem. And, that setting healthy boundaries and expectations around the phone and social media were important for students. We are making a concerted effort in the high school for students to use their phones during appropriate times, not class time. This will be an ongoing effort through the end of the year. We will be having a student friendly presentation of the social media content and safety on the internet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. More information to come.

A few weeks ago, I explained the two new methods I was going to try for communicating with parents. One was a form directly to me which I am going to resend each month <https://forms.office.com/r/0MrV5FVJ30> I have also called my first round of parents from each grade level. I truly appreciate our conversations and time spent giving me constructive feedback for the school as well as letting me know what we are doing well. Both are very informative and helpful. Thank you for your time and perspective!

Have a good weekend!

Rebecca

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## New

### All Students

\*\*\* Report Cards are delayed. There is an issue with PowerSchool allowing us to store grades and create the report card. We have contacted PowerSchool and are trying to resolve the issue. We will post as soon as possible. When they are posted, here are the directions: [directions](#)

Next week, February 5-9, is National School Counseling Week. We want to thank all of our Counselors and School Psychologists for helping our students. They are a very important part of our school community! If you have a moment, reach out to your student's Counselor, and let them know they've made a difference.

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](#)

Britta Bartlett is our Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) at ORHS. We are very lucky to have her. Recently, she wrote a blog for the Children's System of Care on "Parenting Resources for Substance Use among Youth". I thought it gave a great perspective and numerous resources. If you would like to learn more, here is the link: [link](#)

**ELECTIVES FAIR**- all students will be invited to go to the electives fair, during school, on February 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for students to learn about the various electives offered in the Program of Studies to help guide their decisions and choices for classes next year.

NH DOE has a new platform if you are interested in learning about is: [flier](#)

### [Parents of Seniors](#)

Our next college info night "Paying for College" is April 9<sup>th</sup>!

### [Parents of Juniors](#)

Class meeting 2/7, Wednesday. We'll review the Program of studies, various pathways of classes (example: math, English elective system) in the building, how to request courses and the dates to request. (By February 23<sup>rd</sup>)

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

### [Parents of Sophomores](#)

Class meeting on Monday. We'll review the Program of studies, various pathways of classes (example: math, English elective system) in the building, how to request courses and the dates to request. (By February 23<sup>rd</sup>) Sophomores are first, so they have more time for CTE applications.

### [Parents of Freshman](#)

Class meeting 2/9, Friday. We'll review the Program of studies, various pathways of classes (example: math, English elective system) in the building, how to request courses and the dates to request. (By February 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup>, is STAR testing for Reading and STAR testing for math is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## Important Dates

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February 8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Information Night 6:00pm
February 13	Electives Fair (for students during school)
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

## Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [February 4-10](#)

## Community Features

Please join us for soup and live bluegrass music at the Oyster River Community Read Kick-off Event on Friday, Feb. 9th, 6-8pm. Our local food pantries will be there, too, to share about their work and challenges. As I think you know, our Read topic this year is poverty and we have three months of planned programs that provide ways for the community to learn more about how poverty impacts our lives, personally, locally and nationally. We will talk more about the books and our programs on the 9th.

<https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/b314feaa46a1e8329968>

## Weekly Features

### Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 12<sup>th</sup>

Maya Grainger embodies the values of the Oyster River community and exemplifies what it means to be Bobcat of the Week. She is always eager to assist students in their understanding of mathematics. She can frequently be found working with students during FLEX in math classrooms and has assisted in covering math lab. Maya is caring, conscientious, and an all-around positive individual. Thank you, Maya, for all your dedication and hard work.

## **Bobcat of the Week: Staff**

Subject area or position: Speech and Language Assistant

I would like to nominate Maggie Dodge for Bobcat of the Week. Maggie never hesitates to lend a hand where one is needed. She is highly organized and dedicated to helping students and meeting them where they're at. She is a friendly face in the building that promotes positive energy! Thank you for all that you do, Maggie.

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## **Reminders**

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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](mailto:ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org)