



Oyster River High School News

January 26, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

It has been quite a week. Between finishing midterms, starting a new semester, and weather, this week has been very busy for everyone. I appreciate the flexibility of our parents and students as we worked to make sure everyone in our school community had what they needed. For example, today, as the weather worsened throughout the morning, our kids understood when we halted privileges for a while. (And they were happy to have them back!) We will always make the choice that is best for students. I appreciate the Durham PD helping to keep us informed about the roads. It really does “take a village” and we are in a wonderful community that truly cares about our kids and our schools.

Have a good weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students

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](#)

On February 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. the Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) will host a free admission program presented by experts from the **New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)** at the Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall. Additional information is available on the district [website here](#) and the event's poster is [available here](#). This event is open to the public and for adults only. This program is not suitable for students.

ELECTIVES FAIR- all students will be invited to go to the electives fair, during school, on February 13th. 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.

Bill Sullivan Named Principal of Oyster River Middle School

The ORCSD is pleased to announce that Bill Sullivan has been named Principal of Oyster River Middle School (ORMS). Principal Sullivan joined the ORMS community in 2000 as a Grade 5 classroom teacher. He was named Assistant Principal in 2011. He has been serving as Interim Principal since the beginning of the school year. The official announcement may be [viewed here](#).

Oyster River kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be open February 5-13, 2024. Registration packets and in-person registration schedule [are available here](#).

Individuals wishing to file for a school district opening must do so between Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and up until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024: 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. Contact School District Clerk Susan Caswell at 603-498-7054 to set up a time to file, or Wendy at the SAU 603-389-3286 to make an appointment.

Parents of Seniors

Encourage your student to attend the Leadership Advisory Council Friday, February 2nd, 1:05 in the Counseling conference room. If they have ideas, issues, pros or cons that your student would like to make sure administration knows, this is a forum for all students.

Parents of Juniors

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Parents of Sophomores

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This week and next week, all Sophomores are attending a presentation about CTE. If our student is interested in applying, the application window is now through February.

Parents of Freshman

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Important Dates

January 29	Poetry Out Loud 5:00-6:30
February 1	Internet & Digital Safety Presentation- adults only
February 2	Report Cards
February 8	8 th Grade Information Night 6:00pm
February 13	Electives Fair - for students during school
February 23	Progress reports
Feb 26-March 1	Vacation Week
March 15	No School - Teacher Workshop Day

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [Jan 28 Feb 3.pdf](#)

Community Features

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 11th

Keira Ferris aka Coach K deserves to be Bobcat of the Week for her volunteer work as the Assistant Coach for the ORMS Girls' Basketball Team! Her dedication is impressive and she has been an outstanding support and role model for our young players!

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Spanish Teacher

We had a new student here in PEP who had never been away from his parents and speaks Spanish at home. He was having a very hard time transitioning into the classroom on his first day. Tom Hausmann came into the room and got down to his level and reiterated our words in Spanish to the child. He was very calming and patient. While the child was still upset, he soon after adjusted to the classroom and I believe that hearing some of his home language aided in that! Gracias Tom!

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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