



Oyster River High School News

January 5, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe it's really 2024. Graduation will be here before we know it. I don't know if it is still 'cool' or 'nifty' to make New Year's Resolutions, but I still do. I don't want to lose anything or stop doing something. I try to add something positive to my routines, practices, or attributes. One area professionally is to keep improving communication. In talking with colleagues and a few parents over the past few weeks, I am going to try two different things in the second semester. First, every month I am going to randomly choose 2 families per grade level to call. It will be an opportunity to talk about your student's experience, your experience as a parent, where you see us doing well and where we can keep improving. Second, I am going to send a survey out every few weeks for parents & guardians to have an opportunity to give feedback, ask questions, or talk about something great their student or a teacher did. It will be a form for you to communicate with me directly. We'll try these for the 2nd semester and see how it goes. If you have other ideas for types or styles of communication, I would like to hear them. You can always call the school or now, you can fill out the form! <https://forms.office.com/r/OMrV5FVJ30>

Stay warm this 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](#)

The 9th and 10th grades are planning a snack table for the **January 23rd** Primary voters. They humbly request the support of their parents and guardians to help them provide individually wrapped cookies, brownies, muffins, cups, etc., for this fundraiser. There will be a **Signup Genius** coming out soon!

If you would like a printable calendar for the 24-25 (what??) school year, here is the link: [24-25 calendar](#)

The ORCSD School Board will hold a public budget hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 school budget at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2024, in the Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall.

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

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

Parents of Sophomores

The 9th and 10th grades are planning a snack table for the January 23rd Primary voters. They humbly request the support of their parents and guardians to help them provide individually wrapped cookies, brownies, muffins, cups, etc., for this fundraiser. There will be a Signup Genius coming out soon!

If your Sophomore has a study hall or is not signed up for FLEX at the end of the day, 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

The 9th and 10th grades are planning a snack table for the January 23rd Primary voters. They humbly request the support of their parents and guardians to help them provide individually wrapped cookies, brownies, muffins, cups, etc., for this fundraiser. There will be a Signup Genius coming out soon!

If your Freshman has a study hall or is not signed up for FLEX at the end of the day, 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 29	Poetry Out Loud
February 2	Report Cards
February 8	8 th Grade Information Night 6:00pm

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: [week of 1-8.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

Lauren Pang!!!! She continues to assist custodians with cleaning up after lunches and after the class assemblies, she helped to put all of the chairs away. She continues to demonstrate selfless acts and lives up to the collaborative spirit and sense of community that we believe in as Bobcats!

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

I'd like to nominate Lisa Harling for Bobcat of the week. She has provided the latest research platforms for students and teachers, and invaluable, reassuring guidance on the use and misuse of AI. All the while, she works tirelessly and successfully to provide students with a welcoming and helpful space in the library.

Reminders

Next week: Blue/White/Blue/White/Bobcat (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