



Oyster River High School News

March 22, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

It looks like winter has one more hit for us this weekend. Our resilient, talented, flexible theater crew has moved their Saturday afternoon performance to Sunday at 1:00pm.

FIRST Robotics, Team OVERDRIVE, had their best competition to date last weekend! I hope you all take the opportunity to go to UNH on the 29th and/or 30th to see them in action! These are the kids that will get us to Mars and farther! I am so impressed with everything they have done.

As promised, once a month I send out the Parent/Guardian Feedback Form. If you have ideas, suggestions, or questions, please fill it out! You are anonymous unless you enter contact information. If you would like a response, be sure to put your email in the form and check "yes" for a response. <https://forms.office.com/r/OMrV5FVJ30>

Have a great weekend!
Rebecca

New

All Students

To purchase a yearbook, go to: www.yearbookforever.com Type in Oyster River and then choose Oyster River as your school. Click on "Yearbook". From here, you can make choices on any extras (or not) and purchase your yearbook.

Our Sophomores are presenting their National History Day projects March 26th at 5:00pm. They have been working on these in Social Studies classes for months. Come see the fruits of their labor! They have done some great work!

FIRST Robotics has their tournament at UNH on Friday and Saturday, March 29 & 30th. You can have tours of the pits and watch the robots in action!

We will hold an Active Event Drill on March 27th. This is required once a year by law. Officer Nicolosi has written a scenario that students will dialogue through with their teachers.

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!

The College Fair is coming! On April 8th we will have 100 college representatives at ORHS. All students will have an opportunity to go to the gym and investigate colleges and universities. Counselors will share resources with students on how to make the most out of attending a college fair. We encourage students to carpool on this day (eclipse day).

School Board [NEWS](#)

Parents of Seniors

April 3rd is the SAT/PSAT day for Juniors and Sophomores. Seniors do **not** need to be in school. They can study, check out a college they are interested in, or do community service etc.

****CLASS OF 2024 PROJECT GRADUATION SAVE THE DATE ****

DATE: Friday, June 7th

CHECK IN: 9:00pm-10:00pm ARRIVAL, CHECK-IN & DINNER!!

CHECK IN LOCATION: SOMEWHERE IN DURHAM - Exact location Will be revealed the morning of graduation

****IMPORTANT** - Turnaround between graduation to check-in is always VERY tight.

- PLEASE DO NOT schedule a family dinner out or your child will miss check-in and buses.
- We are serving a full "ORHS Teen Fan-Fave" meal during check-in.

Registration window & more details coming in time. [What's Project Graduation? Read More!](#)

They missed DC in 2020 but won't want to miss this! We have planned an AMAZING night for our kids! So PLEASE save the whole evening/night/early morning on June 7 & 8 for this!



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CELEBRATE YOUR SENIOR & HELP FUND THE BEST END TO ORHS POSSIBLE!!

BUY YOUR SENIOR YARD SIGNS!

Show everyone how proud you are! Senior yard signs support both Project Graduation and senior class activities! **ON SALE ONLY BETWEEN Monday, March 11 - Sunday, March 31.** Pick up will be in Durham in the end of April. Exact dates TBA.

BUY HERE Starting March 11 - <https://signsunleashed.com/oyster>

PG ONLINE SILENT AUCTION!

Also Monday, March 11 through Sunday, March 31

Head over to the [Class of 2024 Facebook Parent Facebook Page](#) to bid and stay informed about everything you need to know during your senior's last semester!).

Browse the selection of donations from local businesses, including gift certificates to Sweetened Memories, Atlantic Grill, Jimmy Jay's Blues and Jazz Club, Take Five DogCare, Nippo Lake Golf Course, and more! Place the top bid before the auction closes and you win!

This is one of the last opportunities you have to support [Project Graduation](#) this year AND to get something back for your donation! Questions? Contact Stefanie Griffin: stefbrett@gmail.com

Parents of Juniors

April 3rd is SATs. Please make sure your student has a charged school computer and gets to school on time! Most Juniors will be done around 1:00pm. Buses are at 1:00 and 3:00pm. Students are not required to stay in the building after testing.

Did you miss the Junior College Night? Check out these resources from Granite Edvance:

[AdmissionsInsider-Web.pdf \(graniteedvance.org\)](#)

[Apply to College - Granite Edvance](#)

[Granite Edvance - YouTube](#)

Registration for Destination College is now open for high school juniors and their parents/guardians!

Destination College is a free college planning event, including keynote speakers, workshops, and a college fair.

DATE: April 6, 2024 from 12:00pm - 5:00pm

LOCATION: Saint Anselm College

REGISTRATION: Required. Click here GraniteEdvance.org/dc for more information and to register.

[Destination College Flier](#)

Parents of Sophomores

PSATs are April 3rd. Sophomores will be done around 11:30. If they stay in the building, they will have lunch and then attend a performance through Plymouth State University on addiction, “Triggered”, from 12-1:00pm. Buses are at 1:00 and 3:00pm.

Parents of Freshman

April 3rd there is special programming planned for freshmen. In the morning, they will travel to three different stations with their Advisories: EPW activities, a presentation by our LADC, Britta Bartlett, and a classroom Advisory activity. Students will have lunch and then attend a performance through Plymouth State University on addiction, “Triggered”, from 12:00-1:00pm. Buses are at 1:00 and 3:00pm.

Important Dates

March 22, 23, 24	Spring Musical <i>Little Women</i>
March 26	National History Day presentations 5:00
March 29, 30	First Robotics at UNH
April 3	PSAT for 10 th grade, SAT for 11 th grade
April 5	End of Quarter 3
April 8	Early Release- ECLIPSE
April 10	SAT makeup
April 15	Report cards

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule: Games start in April.

SAU Features

ORCSD School Board At-Large Position

The School Board is looking to fill the At-Large one-year {March 2024-March 2025} Vacancy. If you are interested in applying for this vacancy, please submit a letter of intent along with a resume to Wendy DiFruscio at the Central Office by 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2024, at wdifruscio@orcscd.org. Applicants must be residents of either Durham, Lee, or Madbury.

Oyster River High School: Little Women the Broadway Musical

Presented March 22-24, at the Oyster River High School Auditorium. Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

March Madness: Staff vs Students

Join us this Thursday, March 28, for **March Madness: Staff vs Students!** This event supports the Oyster River Middle School student activity fund. Games, prizes, pizza, and other concessions will be available. **Entry cost \$5.** At the Oyster River **Middle School Gymnasium (1 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824)**.

Moharimet School Spring Musical: Finding Nemo Jr.

Join us for Moharimet's 4th grade spring musical on Thursday, April 4, at the Oyster River High School Auditorium ([55 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824](#)).

Save the Date: E-Waste Collection April 8-19

ORCSD schools will be collecting electrical and electronic waste (e-waste) between April 8-19. A list of eligible items will be provided next week.

Collection points (during business hours only):

- Mast Way: front office
- Moharimet: vestibule outside the main office
- Oyster River Middle School: front office
- Oyster River High School: front entrance breezeway

Save the Date: April 11 Community Dinner

The ORCSD Sustainability Committee will be hosting a community dinner on Thursday, April 11, at the Oyster River High School. The dinner will be followed by a musical performance of Mast Way students (Willy Wonka Jr.) in the auditorium. **Dinner cost: \$8 per adult or \$20 per family** (a family includes up to 2 adults and children living within the same household). A sign-up document will be made available next week.

Reduced Plastic Lunch Day April 16

On Tuesday, April 16, the ORCSD Sustainability Committee will be hosting a reduced plastic day and join school cafeterias across the US in a nationwide initiative to reduce single-use plastics. On April 16 our lunches will be served with limited single-use plastic foodware and packaging. Students who bring their own lunch to school are invited to participate by bringing a lunch free of single-use plastic packaging.

Community Features

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 10th

I would like to nominate our ORHS student Elyse Bacon. She is the stage manager for Little Women and has demonstrated an enormous amount of leadership, maturity, and talent throughout this past week (and I am certain the entire process). She is responsible for the entire tech crew, responsible for moving props, the curtain, setting the stage for the actors, and many other needs. Her knowledge of the show, the music, and of her leadership role, completely exceeds expectations! Often the actors are recognized because they are in the spotlight. However, the show would not be possible without students like Elyse.

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Music teachers and IT personnel

1. Jarika and Olberg and Sarah Kuhn are true Bobcats of the week for working incredibly hard to guide our students in the production of Little Women. These students were incredible in their performances this past weekend and the amount of details and logistics they handle on top of the actual musical, acting, and dancing guidance is incredible. Putting on a show of this magnitude and quality takes an astronomical amount of hours and passion and these two have put their all into it. Congratulations on an amazing show! 2. I would like to nominate Jarika Olberg, Sarah Kuhn (MS but co-directed) and Alexander Taylor for their work on the musical. The vast number of moving parts and work that goes on behind the scenes is remarkable. The quality of the performance is an homage to their efforts combined; coaching the students, acquiring props, building sets, preparing music, organizing tech, light cues, and the list goes on. Their hard work and accomplishment should certainly be recognized!

Reminders

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