



Oyster River High School News

March 8, 2024

Hello Parents & Guardians,

Saturday will see the end of the winter sports season with our Boys & Girls Hockey teams playing in the State Championships! If you can make it to the SNHU arena, Girls are at 10:00 and Boys are at 12:15. Bobcats are wearing white for the games!

Wednesday night was the opening of the Scholastic (and more) art exhibit, “Empowering Positive Pathways” at the Durham Public Library. I hope you have a chance to check out the absolutely amazing work by our students!

And, a huge Thank You to the Student Senate. They hosted the School Board Candidate Forum Thursday night. They organized the event and planned all the questions. It was extremely well run and a great opportunity for the community to hear from our potential School Board members. And, a big thank you to Mrs. Jensen, advisor to Student Senate, for her leadership and time all year long!

Have a great weekend!
Rebecca

New

[All Students](#)

Here is the Blue/White schedule for the rest of the semester: [B/W semester 2](#)

School Board News: [NEWS](#)

April 8th is now an Early Release for the eclipse.

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.

Little Women is playing on March 22 & 23! Tickets will be available soon.

[Parents of Seniors](#)

We are receiving lots of questions about Senior baby picture. Parents of Seniors, for baby pictures ONLY:

1. Go to yearbookforever.com
2. Choose "Create Personal ad"
3. Select "Have the school design my ad"
4. select "1/16 page"
5. Last date for purchase is 3/15- NEXT FRIDAY

****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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BARRINGTON SENIORS: These three attachments are Scholarship Opportunities from Barrington! [2024_NHBS_Program_Flyer_\(3\)_\(2\).pdf](#) [2024_Scholarship_Packet_.pdf](#) [2024_NHBS_Application_Proofed_Final_01_28_24_\(C2501447xA5F95\).pdf](#)

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

We hope to see Juniors and their parents/guardians on Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm in the ORHS Library (note the room change from the auditorium).

Selecting colleges and applying for admission can be overwhelming. There are applications to be completed, deadlines to meet, essays to write and policies to understand. This session is intended to educate the student and family about the college admission process and is appropriate for high school juniors and parents, but all high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are welcome to attend. Topics include: narrowing your list, questions to ask on a college tour, college essay pointers, the application timeline and the basics of financial aid. Attendees will receive The College Insider.

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

Sophomores met with Counselors this week to go over their course requests for next year. If your student missed having a meeting, they will have it by the end of March.

THE SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 2026 IS PLANNING **A FUND-RAISER LUNCHEON** FOR THE **TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY ON FRIDAY, MARCH 15**. OVER THE YEARS, WE HAVE RELIED ON THE GENEROSITY OF PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO MAKE THIS LUNCHEON A SUCCESS. PLEASE HELP US PROVIDE A TASTY LUNCH FOR OUR TEACHERS!

WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SIGN-UP GENIUS WITH SUGGESTED LUNCHEON ITEMS LIKE BOTTLED WATER, CHILI, SOUPS AND CROCK POT ITEMS. IDEALLY, THE PREPARED ITEMS WOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CAFETERIA THE MORNING BEFORE **THE NOON LUNCHEON TIME ON MARCH 15TH**.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT. PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9AC2EA3FEC43-47993850-sophomore>

If you bring a dish that is gluten free, dairy free, vegan or vegetarian, etc. please write a note we can put beside your dish! Thank you for participating!

Parents of Freshman

If you would like a copy of your child's fall or winter STAR Reading/Math scores please follow the link and complete the form. Scores will be mailed home upon request. [LINK TO STAR SCORE REQUEST](#)

Our Essentials classes will see *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this week, performed by Shakespeare & Co.

From the Freshmen Class Officers: Hey Oyster River Freshmen parents! "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in a while you could miss it." Freshmen are invited to a free showing of Ferris Bueller Thursday night from 6:30 pm to 8:15. Blankets and lawn chairs are recommended for a fun movie night with their freshmen classmates. Popcorn, drinks and candy provided.

Important Dates

March 15	No School- Teacher Workshop Day
March 21	Barrington Course Selection
March 22, 23	Spring Musical <i>Little Women</i>
April 3	PSAT for 10 th grade, SAT for 11 th grade
April 5	End of quarter 3
April 8	Early release- ECLIPSE

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule:

Boys and Girls Hockey in State Championship games Sat. 3/9

10:00 AM Girls

#4 Oyster River/ Portsmouth vs. #3 Hanover

12:15 PM Boys

#2 Oyster River vs. #8 Spaulding

Both games at SNHU Arena (Formerly the Verizon Center) in Manchester.

SAU Features

Reminder: Election Day March 12, 2024

Election for ORCSD School Board candidates and the FY 24-25 budget will take place March 12, 2024, in each town's voting location. Warrants may be [viewed here](#) and their explanation may be [viewed here](#). All budget documents are [available here](#) under the FY 24-25 tab.

Reminder: No School March 15, 2024

All Oyster River schools will be closed on March 15, 2024, for a Teacher Workshop Day.

School Calendar Change: Early Release April 8, 2024

On March 6, 2024, the ORCSD School Board voted in favor of an early release on April 8, 2024. We hope this decision will allow families to be able to enjoy this extraordinary celestial event together. The solar eclipse, which will be at its highest obscuration at 3:30 p.m., also coincides with the ORCSD's usual release schedule and would have put students at risk of eyes injuries.

Oyster River Orchestra Concert March 11, 2024

The Oyster River Middle School Chamber Orchestra and the Oyster River High School String Orchestra will be teaming up for a concert on Monday, March 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Concert Hall ([1 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824](#)).

Save the Date: April 11, 2024, Community Dinner

The ORCSD Sustainability Committee will be hosting a community dinner on April 11, 2024, at the Oyster River High School. The dinner will be followed by a musical performance of Mast Way students in the auditorium. Additional details will be made available in the coming weeks.

Oyster River High School Students Exhibit at DPL

Eighteen Oyster River High School students were honored at the Scholastic Art Award of New Hampshire ceremony on February 11, 2024. Their artwork, along with the artwork of other

Oyster River High School students, will be on display at the Durham Public Library (DPL) until the end of March.

Community Features

Weekly Features

Bobcat of the Week: Student

Grade: 10th grade

I'd like to nominate Isabella Carneiro for Bobcat of the Week. She is always kind, courteous and helpful. This week before school she noticed I was rearranging my desks alone and offered to help. She also helped me clean and sanitize my desks. Her generous offer helped save a lot of time. Thanks, Isabella, for your random act of kindness!

Bobcat of the Week: Staff

Subject area or position: Administrative Assistant

I would like to nominate Christine Clark as Bobcat of the Week. Ms. Clark has numerous responsibilities in her position, but no matter how busy she is, she has a smile and kind word for everyone. She is able to keep a lot of details in her head and if she makes a mistake, she immediately owns it and corrects it. She doesn't gossip and can keep a confidence - she is unfailingly professional in her role. The following example demonstrates how much she cares about us. Some weeks ago, I sent everyone an email about a missing library mug - the Panda. Mugs come and go in the library, but this mug was special to one student. Ms. Clark recognized the picture that was sent and remembered that she had one just like it home. She brought it in for the student so that he could, once again enjoy his tea in his favorite mug. There is nothing too big or too small that Ms. Clark won't do for each and every Bobcat in our school! Aren't we lucky?

Reminders

Next week: Blue/White/Blue/White/ TW day (no school)

Please remember to call or email if your student is going to be absent.
call: 603- 868-2375 Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org