



# Oyster River High School News

## November 3, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

This has been an extremely busy fall. We have three sports competing this weekend in championship games, meets, and competitions (see schedule below). Our fall play is almost ready for the stage (11/16,17,18) and report cards come out on the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is hard to believe today is the end of quarter one.

As in any school, we have our ups and downs during the year. This week became one of those down periods. While I strive to communicate in a timely manner with the information necessary for parents, I needed to be clearer this past week in exactly what types of hate-based and other forms of graffiti we have been experiencing, the steps we have already taken, and the steps we are planning to take to address it. In meeting with the high school leadership team, the staff, and Dr. Morse, Mrs. Filippone, and Ms. Blansett, we are developing a comprehensive plan to address the issues from this week. Once finalized, these plans will be shared with you. I appreciate this community and your willingness to directly share your thoughts with me so we can keep moving forward together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Rebecca

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## New

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### All Students

**GRADUATION DATE: JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2024!** The School Board voted, and we have our official Graduation date.

**MOR** If you'd like to place an ad, here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ic4LCecmnF>  
Everyone should get a subscription: <https://forms.office.com/r/jWw2ypH3Hd>

Congratulations to the Debate Team for their successful tournament at Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday, October 28. Stella Pillet-Shore and Shreya Joglekar were part of the top two teams in the final round of the tournament - Congratulations Stella and Shreya! In addition, Congratulations to Vivian Best who was recognized as one of the top Novice Debaters in the tournament.

The OR Debate team will be hosting a home debate on Saturday, November 18. The debate resolution is: Resolved: the US government should forgive all federal student loan debt.

Please reach out to Debate Team advisor, Kara Sullivan ([kasullivan@orcscd.org](mailto:kasullivan@orcscd.org)) if you are interested in serving as a volunteer judge at one of our tournaments.

At least two of our Sophomores, Paige Stehle, and Madeline Stone placed as round 4 finalists for the NYT Edotorial contest! Congratulations!!

Calling everyone who is interested in being involved in any way with this year's musical! (March) We are looking for actors, pit orchestra musicians, tech crew, etc. If you are interested, we'd like to meet with you! We will hold a meeting in the ORHS Auditorium on the teacher workshop day, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3pm.

If you cannot attend but would like to be involved, please email Ms. Olberg ([jolberg@orcscd.org](mailto:jolberg@orcscd.org)) or Mrs. Kuhn ([skuhn@orcscd.org](mailto:skuhn@orcscd.org)) to get in touch!

We hope to see you there! Jarika Olberg and Sarah Kuhn

BARRINGTON: Starting Monday, November 6, 2023, Dail Transportation will no longer be offering the second **Barrington bus route** to Oyster River High School. Please prepare for the change by reviewing this updated bus route for Barrington students. Concerns and questions may be directed to Dail Transportation at (603) 736-9682 or by emailing our account representative, Ginger, at [gmcq4@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcq4@yahoo.com). Barrington bus route changes [bus route webpage](#)

### **Parking Restrictions at the ORCSD District Office**

This is a friendly reminder that parking at the SAU and Service Building during business hours is by permit only (36 Coe Dr). Vehicles parked during business hours that are not displaying a valid SAU parking permit will be ticketed by the Town of Durham.

### **Plastic Free Lunch Day**

On Wednesday November 8, Oyster River school lunches will be served with limited single-use plastic foodware and packaging. Oyster River students, the ORCSD Sustainability Committee, and our cafeterias have been planning for this opportunity and the reduction and elimination of single-use plastics during lunch. Students who bring their own lunch to school are also invited to participate by bringing a lunch free of single-use plastic packaging. For additional information on Plastic Free Lunch Day, please [click here](#).

## **Parents of Seniors**

Senior Portraits are due by November 6th! Please see the linked flier for directions. If you would like to buy an add and have your student's baby picture in the yearbook, check out this link! [Senior portrait 2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

## **Parents of Juniors**

Parking: The parking spots on Coe Dr. (opposite of Beards Landing) are open parking. Any student (person) can park here. The only restriction is, no overnight parking. As of Monday, 10/23, the spots on Dennison Rd, warning slips will begin to educate drivers of the expectations. The general public can purchase permits for these spots through the police department. The permits will cost \$100 per UNH semester. This is a pilot program from the town.

If your student is interested in taking the ASVAB, see Mrs. Ficker in counseling. It is being given Monday, 11/13.

### Parents of Sophomores

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### Parents of Freshman

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

## Important Dates

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| November 3     | End of quarter 1 (report cards 11/13)     |
| November 7     | No school- Teacher Workshop day           |
| November 10    | No school- Veterans Day observed          |
| November 16-18 | <i>Arsenic &amp; Old Lace</i> - fall play |
| November 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break                        |

## Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule:

Volleyball Vs. Coe Brown D2 State Championship Game 12:00 PM Sat. 11/4 at Pinkerton

Cross Country at Meet of Champions (Alvrine HS) 2:30 Sat. 11/4

Cheer State Championships 1:00 PM Sunday, 11/5, at Pinkerton

Sat. 11/11 Cross Country at New England's TBA

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## Community Features

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### ❁ ANNUAL HANDMADE WREATHS FOR A SAFE GRADUATION NIGHT ❁

Order gorgeous, fresh handmade decorated wreath(s) - All proceeds go to the Senior Class 2024 Project Graduation. FREE DELIVERY to your house ALL Thanksgiving week this year (except on Thanksgiving day). So, if family is coming to visit, they TOO can buy their wreaths and take them home with them!

We've pulled in some big expert design decorators, so expectations are high on design!

[Purchase online here!](#)

### **ORCSD Sustainability Committee Special Event**

On Monday November 6, 2023, the ORCSD Sustainability Committee invites Oyster River students, parents, caregivers, and community members to a unique event hosted at the Oyster River Middle School. Join us to view the abridged 45-minutes long version of the acclaimed documentary "[Kiss the Ground](#)" (winner of 25 awards). The movie will be followed by student presentations about their school's sustainability practices and a panel conversation.

When: November 6, 2023, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Oyster River Middle School Concert Hall

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## Weekly Features

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### **Bobcat of the Week: Student**

I nominate Cohen Oxford for Bobcat of the week. Cohen jumped right in to help me all week with the absolute craziness of handing out Freshmen t-shirts during advisory and flex time. He took a leadership role in helping me set up, helped to develop a better system for the next days and even delivered unclaimed t-shirts to advisories. I truly could not have done it without him! His helpfulness and generosity with his time epitomize the spirit of Bobcat of the Week.

I am nominating Ms. Sullivan's Advisory. The kindness they have shown each other this week has been inspiring. Their support of one of our advisees, in particular, has been a great model of respect and spirit.

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

1. I would like to nominate Heidi Sant who is always going above and beyond to provide amazing experiences for her French students like making crepes or waffles in class, to bringing in the materials for her upper-level students to make Moroccan style ceramic tiles. Such cool ways for students to engage with culture! 2. I nominate Heidi Sant for Bobcat of the week for always going out of her way to organize cultural enrichment activities for her students. Previously she has brought in ceramic tiles to create Moroccan style art, different herbs for teas, and this week helped students travel to Noble HS to see their March Madness

Music winner from last year live in concert. Go Heidi! 3. I would like to nominate my colleague Madame Sant for organizing the French student exchange and the concert field trip to see LeFlo Franco! Both experiences positively impacted so many people and she worked hard behind the scenes to make these fun French things happen! Merci, Madame!

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## Reminders

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Next week: Blue/no school/White/Blue/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](mailto:ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org)