



Oyster River High School News

November 9, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

As Dr. Morse wrote to the district yesterday, we have a plan for addressing the issues of hate speech, vandalism, and other graffiti. This is the beginning of addressing these issues, recognizing that educating ourselves and our students is an ongoing process. We value the uniqueness and individuality of every student and staff member, and our goal is always to create a safe, accepting, inclusive culture and space. These steps are a continuation of our DEIJ journey, embracing diversity and helping our school community contribute positively to the betterment of ourselves, our school, our society, and our world.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rebecca

New

All Students

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

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 7th from 2:30-3pm.

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

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

Congratulations to our Volleyball State Champions! Two years in a row! It was such an exciting game!

And, Congratulations to our Girls Cross Country Team! They won the State Championship for D2 and the Meet of Champions, beating every other school in New Hampshire! Amazing job!!

A new date for our Mental Health Panel!

ORHS Senate Presents

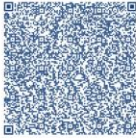
Mental Health Matters: Breaking Stigma

**November 20th
6:00-8:00 PM
ORHS Auditorium**

The goal of this event is to continue our community conversation on mental health. The theme of this event is breaking stigma related to mental health. Panelists will reflect a variety of perspectives including students, faculty, and mental health professionals in our community.

Students, Parents, Faculty, and Community Members are all encouraged to attend. See you there!

This QR code will take you to our question form. Feel free to ask questions that can be discussed at the panel!



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

If you have not ordered a cap & gown for your Senior, an email with a link was sent today!

PROJECT GRADUATION 2024

The Committee REALLY NEEDS your help for this event to occur. Without help there's a chance of it falling flat.

WREATHS: We need parents to decorate and kids to delivery still!

Sign up here for a slot and come have some fun!

DONATION / COMPANY SPONSORSHIP: Please consider donating yourself or sending a simple [email or text](#) communication and Direct Ask to family, friends and employers. We have options for company sponsorships as well and this is MOST impactful. [This is the fundraising website](#) and everything is tax deductible!

Gratefully, your Project Graduation Parent Chairs

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

November 10	No school- Veterans Day observed
November 13	Report cards
November 16-18	<i>Arsenic & Old Lace</i> - fall play
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Progress reports
December 11	Red Cross Blood Drive
December 12	Orchestra concert

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule:

Nashua North at PHS/ORHS Clippercats D1 Football Quarter Final Friday 11/10 6:00 PM

Girls XC at New England Championships Sat. 11/11 11:30 AM Belfast Maine

Community Features

❁ 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!](#)

WANT TO SUPPORT YOUR PTO?

There are two ways to give to support the ORHS PTO! Your PTO provides educational opportunities for parents, supports all school improvement efforts and supportive activities for staff such as the Appreciation Lunch and wish list items.

[Fair Trade Holiday Sale](#)

The holidays will be here soon! Check out all the ethical sustainable handcrafted gift items available. 25% of everything you buy goes directly to our PTO initiatives.

<https://fairtradecaravans.com/fundraiser/orhs-pto/>

OR

Just give us tax deductible money! Simple!

<https://orhs-pt-community-support-fundraising-appeal-fal-49094.cheddarup.com>

Weekly Features

[Bobcat of the Week: Student](#)

Meagan Rinko and Avery Smith are friendly, caring, and kind students. They exemplify what it is to be a Bobcat. They take time each day to visit and say hello to the life skills students and engage them in conversation. They bring joy and friendship to these students. Meagan and Avery are positive peer role models that the school is lucky to have.

[Bobcat of the Week: Staff](#)

1. Ichiko Harju: She is always willing to help out with any students in any way that she can. She goes above and beyond to create study guides for students to use to study by that are

organized and very well done. She is always cheerful, upbeat, and so kind to everyone that she meets. She is a great resource and a friendly, smiling face! 2. I'd like to nominate Ichiko Harju (Har-yu) as Bobcat staff of the week. She has spent hours outside of the classroom creating beautiful color coded notes for students in Algebra 1 and Geometry. We appreciate her dedication and commitment to helping students!

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