



Oyster River High School News

October 20, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

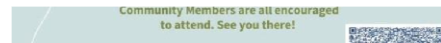
What a spirit week! We had our first hall decorating through Advisory. Students made artwork, a picture booth, and all kinds of Bobcat Pride posters. Students enjoyed dressing up for the theme days (colors, anything but a backpack, decades, Ken vs. Barbie, and school colors) all week and we have the Homecoming Dance tonight. As we move forward with weeks like these, we recognize this is an important part of creating a positive school community and the high school experience. We will always work to create safe, fun, positive, events for students. I'm off to chaperone the dance. Have a great weekend!

Rebecca

New

All Students

Mental Health Matters- 2nd annual mental health panel, put on by Student Senate. Flier



Congratulations to Owen Nelan, James Li, and Chris Hawley! They earned a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program!

Picture Retake day: October 27th.

ORHS FIRST Robotics Info Session & Season Kickoff

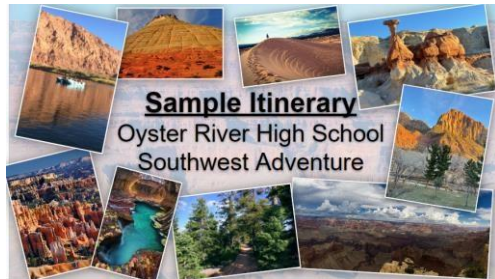
If students are interested in learning more about the ORHS FIRST Robotics team, join the team for a Season Kickoff and Information Session **Thursday, Nov 2, 6pm - 7pm** in the ORHS MPR. After a successful season last year, the team is looking to build on its success and will compete at UNH in the spring. During the session the team will show opportunities in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer programming, design, and business. Students and parents are welcome to attend. For more info, visit the team website at

<https://www.orhsrobotics8410.org/> and follow them on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/orhs_overdrive_8410/

Oyster River High School National Parks Trip Occurring Over April Vacation

Are you interested in hiking, rafting, and exploring in beautiful and historic destinations over April vacation this spring? Oyster River High School is planning a trip called the Southwest National Parks Adventure. This is a private trip run by a professional company being led by Oyster River Science teachers. Destinations include Bryce Canyon, Zion, and Grand Canyon National Parks. Detailed trip information is available [here](#). Pick up a trip application from Mrs. Cathey or Mr. Thibault at the high school in rooms L-152 and L-153. Trip applications are due by November 3rd.



Is your student unsure of what they want to do when they get out of high school? The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test provides students with great information about possible careers that match your skills. Scores are **NOT** released to the armed services; they are solely used for career exploration purposes. A student can, however, use them for military entrance if they choose. The ASVAB test will be offered to students in grades 10-12 on Monday, November 13th in the MPR during W1, W2, and possibly a few minutes into W3. If they are interested in taking this free test, please have them sign up in the counseling office or see their counselor for more information before November 9th.

School Board [NEWS](#)

Parents of Seniors

Senior Portraits are due by November 6th!

- save your photo by your name = last name, first name
- please save the file correctly. It helps avoid mistakes.
- jpg or png file at least 300dpi
- upload to yearbookforever.com
- choose Oyster River High School
- click on "Yearbook snap"
- The upload code is: ORHS2024
- Choose the "Portraits" folder
- Only upload the picture you want in the yearbook

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.

Parents of Juniors

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There seem to be rumors after the pep rally today that the Junior class cannot attend Homecoming tonight. This is untrue and unfounded. While there was unruly behavior that will be addressed, that does not affect Homecoming.

Parents of Sophomores

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Parents of Freshman

All Freshmen need to have their computer, case, and charger with them starting Friday, October 13th. Device collection and roll out of new computers will start on October 13th and last through October 25th. Your student will get their new device through Advisory.

Important Dates

October 23	Mental Health Panel
October 25	PSAT for Juniors
October 27	Picture retake day
November 3	End of Quarter 1 (report cards 11/13)
November 7	No school- voting- teacher workshop day

November 10	No school - Veterans Day
November 22-24	Thanksgiving vacation

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule October 22-29: [October 22-29](#)

Community Features

PROJECT GRADUATION DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Project Graduation is an annual all-night event created to promote a safe, substance-free evening for graduating seniors. It is the most inclusive night of the year and occurs all graduation night!

EVERY year this is executed and paid for by a volunteer group of parents of the graduating class. The cost is about \$150 per student for all 216 students. Families are not charged for this event to enable all to come.

You can help by [making a tax deductible donation HERE!](#) A QR Code is also included in the attached flyer. **Own a business?** Contact Tara Hicks at tarahicksjohnson@gmail.com for our corporate sponsorship information which is also included in the flyer.

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! We appreciate you!

Weekly Features

[Bobcat of the Week: Student](#) [Bobcat of the Week: Staff](#)

I would like to nominate staff member Jake Bayer along with his two student presenters, Eliza Sekera & Abby Trojan, for Bobcats of the week. This team engaged my advisory in a discussion about suicide, a topic that can be difficult to talk about. They created an environment that

felt safe, where everyone's voices could be heard and a sincere discussion resulted from their efforts. Thank you to these NAMI reps!

Reminders

Next week: Blue/White/Blue/White/Blue

Please remember to call or email if your student is going to be absent. call:
603- 868-2375

Or email: ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org