



# Oyster River High School News

## October 27, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

As we prepare for the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, keep in mind there are a number of supports available for students to help them finish strong. Math Lab, Homework Den, and Flex are a few of those supports. While the end of the quarter can be a stressful time for students, we can help them by guiding them to healthy stress relief options such as deep breathing, exercise, social activities, or just dedicating small chunks of time to a favorite hobby.

This week we had activities to support Red Ribbon Week. School Counseling invited students to spin the wheel and win a prize during lunches, and many participated in wearing red today.

As playoffs continue for teams this week, it is awesome to see our fan section grow. The positive cheering, school spirit, and celebration of the hard work our coaches and athletes are putting into each game speaks to the pride we all share as Bobcats.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kristen Perron and Mike McCann, Guest Contributors

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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.

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Here's the subscription link, <https://forms.office.com/r/jWw2ypH3Hd>

**The Pearl Literary Arts Magazine** is hosting a Halloween writing contest, and your student could win a big candy prize! Tell them to look for posters in the hallway for more details, or email Ms. Horsley([shorsley@orcscd.org](mailto:shorsley@orcscd.org)) with their writing submissions. Deadline for the contest is November 6th.

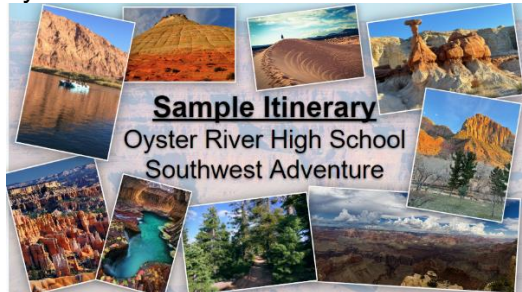
### **ORHS FIRST Robotics Info Session & Season Kickoff**

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/](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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Parents of Seniors**

**CAPS & GOWNS:** A new link was sent out on 10/22 to Seniors and their parents if a cap & gown had not been ordered. The new deadline is 11/1/23. If you didn't order, please check your email!

### **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](http://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

## 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.

## Parents of Sophomores

Students should be reminded to check Power School for missing assignments, talk with teachers about work that can still be completed, and utilize Flex periods for additional support with their teachers. Communication is key, students can talk with their classroom teacher, counselor, or advisor if they need support.

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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](#)

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## **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 17-19 | <i>Arsenic &amp; Old Lace</i> - fall play |
| November 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break                        |
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## Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule:  
10/28 D2 Cross Country State Championship Saturday afternoon @ Derryfield Park  
10/30 NE Golf Championships @ Connecticut  
10/31 Girls Volleyball Semi Finals @ Pinkerton v. Campbell 7PM  
10/31 Unified Soccer Quarter Final @ ORHS v. Salem

## 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!](#)

### 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 ([1 Coe Dr, Durham, NH 03824](#))

### 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](mailto: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!

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## Weekly Features

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### Bobcat of the Week: Student

I would like to nominate Maddy Healey to be bobcat of the week! Maddy has such a big heart! Last block of the day, she has no class, and she choose to clean the ceramics room after seeing the mess that was forgotten by many other artists. I cannot thank her enough!

### Bobcat of the Week: Staff

I'd like to nominate Lisa Hallbach and Erica Cooke as Bobcat Staff of the week. Lisa is amazing as Department Head and always keeps us organized and running smoothly. Most recently, Lisa and Erica have worked together to cover extra classes and to support both teachers and students. They consistently go above and beyond and we appreciate their dedication and hard work!

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## Reminders

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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](mailto:ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org)