



# Oyster River High School News

## October 6, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

September is Suicide Prevention month. We are so fortunate to have a group of amazing students and staff that take this issue to heart. Last year, we had 45 people in the building go through Connections training. This year those trained students and their Connections advisor are going into Advisories to educate others about safety and suicide prevention. It's not easy to stand in front of your peers to teach them about a hard topic. These students are striving to make sure all of our kids are healthy and safe and know what to do if they or a friend are ever in a bad place. We hope you'll join us at the Mental Health Panel later this month as we continue discussions around the importance of breaking the stigma that surrounds mental health concerns. (link to the flier below!)

Have a wonderful weekend!

Rebecca

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## New

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### All Students

Progress reports were posted last night, Thursday, 10/5. If you go into PowerSchool, find the "Student Reports" button. Any posted student reports are listed there.

8<sup>th</sup> grade Barrington Information Night, Please join us on October 16<sup>th</sup>! Here is a [FLIER](#) for the event.

**Tuesday, October 10th at 6pm, Financial Aid 101, in the ORHS Auditorium.** Join an Education & Career Counselor from NHHEAF's Center for College Planning for this informative presentation! This session will help families navigate through the federal financial aid process including the FAFSA, explore what type of additional aid is available, review scholarship searches and highlight the importance of meeting deadlines. Attendees will receive NHHEAF's Financial Aid Insider.

ORCSD Care -

Many families chose to purchase the ORCSD Care program during enrollment through PowerSchool over the summer. If you chose to purchase the insurance but have yet to pay, there are two options to finalize payment which must be done by **Friday, October 13**. After this date, enrollment to the program may only be done after equipment inspection.

1) Send or bring \$20 cash or check to the ORHS front office. Check should be made payable to ORCSD and your student's name needs to be in the memo. If paying by cash, please seal in an envelope and put your student's name on the envelope.

OR

2) Go to the Child Nutrition page on the district webpage. Choose LINQ Connect and login to account. Go to the navigation lines on the top left corner and enter the Store for ORCSD. Once in the store choose **ORCSD Care** and follow the provided instructions. In the Note section, include your student's name.

Interested in purchasing Bobcat Fan fare? <https://collinssports.chipply.com/oysterrivergear/>  
Visit this link for the Fall Fan Store!!

**Mental Health Matters-** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual mental health panel, put on by Student Senate. Flier

Picture Retake day: October 27th.

The ORCSD School Board Superintendent Search Committee would like to cordially invite the Oyster River parents, guardians, and community members to assist with the ongoing superintendent search by providing critical feedback. You may find below a few opportunities to do so. Feedback collected will be used to create a preferred candidate profile for the screening committee.

Complete the survey

- A survey will be [available online](#) until October 6, 2023- tonight

## Parents of Seniors

**CAPS & GOWNS: IMPORTANT INFO. Before you order.**

1. The **only required** item is the **\$20.00** package that includes the cap, gown, and a tassel. There are three items listed to choose from; the required item is the second (2) item. You may choose an extra tassel or the package with announcements if you prefer.
2. Students can choose Blue or White for their cap & gown. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tab at the top will take you to look at the colors.
3. Please discuss with your senior, who is placing the order and what color they would like to wear. This will help AVOID duplicate orders.
4. All orders come to the high school and are given to students during Senior Week. They receive their cap & gown the day they have the Senior Walk at the elementary schools. Usually, the day before Graduation.
5. Here is the link! <https://www.buildagrads.com/orhs>

Closes October 13<sup>th</sup>! Next Friday!

**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

The PSAT/NMSQT for Juniors will be held on Wednesday October 25th during the school day. **Students must arrive by 8:00am with their fully charged school-issued computer. Students should also bring a picture ID for checking in.**

This is an optional test for Juniors. The cost is \$25, payable by cash or check made out to ORHS. (Fee waivers are available confidentially to eligible students, such as those who receive free/reduced lunch). The PSAT helps prepare Juniors for the SAT Test in the spring and depending on their score can qualify them for the National Merit Scholarship. **Students must sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT in the counseling office by October 20th at 3pm.**

For more information, including a practice test, please see the College Board website. Please stop by the Counseling Office with any questions.

### Parents of Sophomores

Nothing specific this week. Have a great weekend!

### Parents of Freshman

Class officer election results will be announced Wednesday.

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 9	No school: Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day
October 10	NHHEAF Financial Aid Night
October 16	Barrington Information Night
October 6-20	Spirit Week- Homecoming !
October 23	Mental Health Panel
October 25	PSAT for Juniors
October 27	Picture retake day

## Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule October 7-14: [Games](#)

## Community Features

## Weekly Features

### Bobcat of the Week: Student

I would like to nominate Lauren Pang. Lauren voluntarily helps the custodial staff and the food services staff with lunches daily. Her sense of community and willingness to step in and help is beneficial to all at ORHS. Her energy, positive attitude, curiosity, and kindness make everyone's day better! Thanks for all you do Lauren!

### Bobcat of the Week: Staff

I would like to nominate Mrs. Ayers for Teacher Bobcat of the Week. She has been a wonderful teacher who always helps each individual with their Spanish. During flex, she goes over what we learned with each student to ensure that they will do well on tests and makes sure we understand the course content. She is always ready to greet us at the door. Mrs. Ayers works hard every day to make sure that we can truly enjoy our Spanish journey.

Despite [me] having no prior experience in the Spanish language, Mrs. Ayers has made this class very easy to understand. She never gives up. No matter how lost a student is, she will give it everything she's got to help them understand. Mrs. Ayers understands us as not just her students, but also individual people who have different personalities and ways of learning as well.

Mrs. Ayers is an exceptional teacher who goes above and beyond for each of us. No matter what.

## Reminders

Next week: No school/ 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](mailto:ORHSAttendance@orcsd.org)