



Oyster River High School News

September 9, 2023

Hello Parents & Guardians,

For the first “longer” week of school, it has been a hot one. We did not expect the Florida weather! The airconditioning should be fixed as of this afternoon. Teachers were extremely collaborative in sharing their air conditioned spaces to help other classes stay cool. The auditorium and library were also open for classes to move to.

Picture day went well and the Class of 2024 took a Senior photograph. We will do this at the pep rally and at the end of the year in their caps & gowns before Graduation.

We have many sporting events coming up and Homecoming plans are in the works. Please take note of the Important Dates section below!

Rebecca

New

All Students

If your student missed picture day, 9/7, we have a retake day on October 27th.

We have a new website. Please check us out and give feedback on what you like and how we can keep improving! Link on the website’s main page.

Please mark your calendars for October 5th, **OPEN HOUSE**. You'll follow your student's schedule and meet teachers. More details coming soon!

Student Pick up! Please be sure to pick your student up in front of the high school. Stopping along Coe Dr. or Bagdad Dr. is causing hazards for our students crossing the street. We do get traffic moving pretty quickly; traffic is usually gone by 3:12pm.

We have repainted the lines for student drop off. If you are in the right-hand lane, please pull all the way forward and wait for your kiddo. If you are in the left-hand lane, this is thru traffic, and you'll go to the stop sign at Coe Dr.

The last day to **add** a course is Thursday, September 14th at 3pm. The last day to **drop** a course to not have it reflected on the transcript is Wednesday, October 4th at 3pm.

AP Mandarin: If your student is interested in AP Mandarin, we are looking into offering an after-school class twice a week. Please fill out this survey so we can reach out to interested families with details: [AP Mandarin Survey](#)

ORCSD Care -is all on the enrollment page in PowerSchool. Below is a screenshot of what it looks like in PowerSchool. There are instructions in LINQ on how to purchase ORCSD Care through the store. The deadline for signing up by as October 1.

ORCSD Care

The ORCSD Care Program covers school issued laptops, iPads, chargers, and cases against loss, theft, or accidental damage from day of distribution through the last day of school. If the device is not covered by ORCSD Care, you will be liable for full replacement or repair cost. All ORCSD Care covered student devices and peripherals must be returned in their original condition, apart from normal wear and tear. Families may register for ORCSD Care for \$20.00 per student at the time of registration for each school year. Coverage does not begin until you agree to the program and payment is received. (Please note that students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch will have a \$0.00 fee for enrollment. Please contact Food Service).

Families may choose to join ORCSD Care later in the school year upon inspection of the device by building IT personnel.

Participation *

I will participate in ORCSD Care, I have read and understand the included coverage.

- YES-I will participate in ORCSD Care
- NO-I decline the ORCSD Care program and understand that I will be responsible for the full replacement and or cost should any damage to the device occur.

I will pay for ORCSD Care using:



Superintendent Search: Survey and Focus Groups

The Superintendent Search Committee and The New England School Development Council

(NESDEC) will provide two opportunities for parent, guardians, students, staff, and community members to assist with the search. A survey will be made available on the [superintendent search page](#) online starting September 15, and NESDEC will host two focus group opportunities, on September 27 (remote) and October 4 (in person). Time and location will be provided by the district next week. Feedback collected from both the survey and focus groups will be used to establish a profile of the preferred candidate.

School Board news [SB News 09 06 23.pdf](#)

Parents of Seniors

Seniors can send design ideas for their senior shirt to Siena Schaier by 9/11 at midnight. They have her email!

The link to order caps & gowns will be in next Friday's, **September 15th**, newsletter. The site will be open for four weeks. I'll send reminders and as we get closer to the deadline.

College reps visit ORHS throughout the months of September and October. These reps are typically the admissions counselors who act as the "first read" of a student's application, and they can answer any questions about the school that students have. Visits will take place in the ORHS Counseling Office unless otherwise specified. Students can login to Scoir to see the full list of schools visiting and can receive personalized email notifications if a school they follow in Scoir has scheduled a visit. The list is constantly growing, and can be found here: [College Visits 2023-2024.xlsx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Tuesday, September 12th, 6pm is Senior College Night, in the ORHS Auditorium, with a representative from the NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation's(NHHEAF) Center for College Planning ! This session is intended to educate high school seniors and their families about the college admission process. Whether you need a quick refresher after the summer or

this is the first time you are thinking about college, we'll share everything you need to know to navigate your college application journey. Attendees will also receive NHHEAF's Admissions Insider. No registration is required.

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.

Please see the College Workshop Series flier for more information, including information about the spring Paying for College Workshop (April 18th): [NHHEAF College Night Flier \(5\) \(1\).pdf](#)

There is also a NHHEAF webinar on Financial Aide 101: [NHHEAF Financial Aid Webinar Flyer.png](#)

** We have started letting Seniors know if they are receiving parking and being taken off the wait list. We expect a few mores spots to open up next week. The town of Durham is creating permitted parking on Dennison and Coe Dr. If you would like to apply for one of these spots, applications for the new permitted parking in Durham on Dennison will be available at the Durham Police Department, at 86 Dover Road, Durham. Please call ahead with any questions and for availability at (603) 868-2324. This is NOT ORHS parking.

Parents of Juniors

If you are interested in getting ahead on financial aide, there is a NHHEAF webinar on Financial Aide 101: [NHHEAF Financial Aid Webinar Flyer.png](#)

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Class t-shirt information is coming soon!

Parents of Sophomores

The Sophomore class is still taking submissions for the Class of 2026 t-shirt design. The Class of '26 Instagram site will have details as to design submissions. They want to make the choice soon so shirts can be ordered. Tell your Sophomore to check out their class page on Instagram!

Parents of Freshman

Is your student interested in running for class office?

They can pick up the necessary paperwork in the main office Tuesday, 9/5- 9/20.
Paperwork is due to Mrs. Gibson, Freshmen Class Advisor, by 9/22.
Students running must meet with Mrs. Gibson for an interview by 9/29.
Speeches and voting for class office will be on 10/5.

Freshmen parents! The online store to order Freshmen t-shirts is now open (link below) and will be open until **September 24**. After that, the store will be closed so don't miss out! Students will be wearing their t-shirts during spirit week. Mrs. Gibson will be scheduling advisories to pick up t-shirts during the week of October 2.
<https://collinssports.chipply.com/orhs2027/>

STAR testing will take place September 25th and 27th.

Important Dates

September 12	Senior College Night by NHHEAF
September 29	Brown Center for Freshmen
October 2	Brown Center for Freshmen
October 5	Open House / Progress Reports
October 6	No School, Teacher Workshop Day
October 9	No School, Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day
October 10	NHHEAF Financial Aid Night
October 16	Barrington Information Night
October 16-20	Spirit Week
October 25	PSAT for Juniors

Athletic Features

Athletic Schedule for Sept 10-16: [GAMES](#)

Community Features

Dear Oyster River High School Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The ORHS PTO's purpose is to share information, provide support and resources for both parents and teachers alike, as well as be a tool to come together as one community for our ORHS kids.

We need to know from YOU what you're interested in - how can we support you, what information do you need, what topics matter to you. Email us at oysterriverhs.pto@gmail.com and please let us know!

POSITION SEARCH - Two of us are aging out end of this year. WHOOT! One role is spoken for. The other is for treasurer! Love numbers? Join us now to learn from Kevin all year!

INFORMAITON - We'll have a table at Parent Night this fall to learn more about us and sign up to help, if you want. Please keep your eyes out for our two annual online fundraisers, which support ORHS wide projects and staff/teacher needs. And join us online us to keep on top of all things ORHS. Our primary information sharing tactic is via [Facebook here](#). [We do not update parents via email regularly]

CLASS PAGES - We encourage you to join the Parent run pages for your child(s) grade. *Please note, these are not school sponsored pages, but parent administered resource for parents only of that class.* Please click on your child(s) class for the hyperlink.

[Class of 2024](#)

[Class of 2025](#)

[Class of 2026](#)

[Class of 2027](#)

Here's to a great year for your kids and you! Go Bobcats!

Fondly, Oyster River PTO Board

Rebecca Throop, Katie Maggio, Kevin Strawbridge, Bridget Elsemore and Deb Savage-Rearick Curran

Weekly Features

[Bobcat of the Week: Student](#)

I am pleased to nominate Cam Fournier, Zack Labonte & Dom Dulan for helping me carry books down to the library when I was exhausted from the heat! These three not only offered to help me but also cheered me up, making me laugh on arguably the hottest day of the summer.

[Bobcat of the Week: Staff](#)

1. Hannah Cunningham deserves to be Bobcat of the week because she works diligently to help improve quality of life for students and staff! She goes above and beyond her work responsibilities to plan events to celebrate and empower her peers. Her helpful attitude is contagious, and she helps make OR High a fun place to be. 2. Hannah Cunningham is the epitome of dedication in her field. Ms. Cunningham provides support, meets students where they are, and encourages autonomy. She strives to be there for her students to promote self-awareness, confidence and trust in themselves. She offers a smile to everyone she encounters and is always willing to take on tasks that go above and beyond her role as a school psychologist. While Ms. Cunningham is goal oriented, articulate, professional, great at time management, she also has the best sense of humor, and we can't forget how stylish she is. We love Ms. Cunningham!

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