

A Newsletter from Onalaska High School

November 2023

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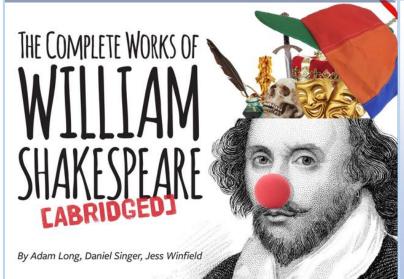
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Onalaska High School Drama Department presents

The hysterical comic farce,



When: 7:30 pm on Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18

Where: Claude C. Deck PAC at OHS

Cost: \$9.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for students and senior citizens.

Ticket sales through GoFan.

The 2023 Fall Play at OHS is the hysterical comic farce, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield.*

This play is about a group of 13 actors who are attempting to stage <u>ALL 37</u> of Shakespeare's plays in an hour and a half – by using LOTS of creative editing, audience participation, sock puppets, quick costume changes, general silliness, and overlapping story-telling, to pull it off. The cast and crew is composed of over thirty OHS students.

Acting Company:

Carly Hess, Jaelyn Benson, Elizabeth Matz, Ella Stacey, Nicholas Sagen, Peyton Horman, Kenji Ammerman, Amelia Payne, Elijah Clark, Liv Vogler, Sam Shugrue, Eddie Yang, and Kyara Cayasso

Crew:

Lillie Helseth, Miti Patel, Eddie Hughes, Sophie Johns, Owen Pinter, Ana Moses, Hailee Thiel, Summer Yang, Sienna Engholdt, Lillie Engholdt, Maddy

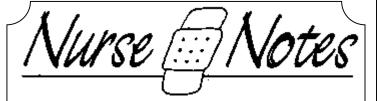
Dahl, Ava Fletty, Lia Bruha, Margaret Nygaard, Ellie Helixon, Desirea McCann, Macy Welch, and Emily Hamilton

The performances are scheduled for Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$7 for students and senior citizens, and \$9 for adults. Ticket sales will be through our event ticket program GoFan.



Important Dates

| Fall FestivalThursday, Nove | mber 2 and Friday, November 3 7:00 PM in the PAC |
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| National Honor Society Induction | November 6 6:00 PM |
| Academic Awards Night | November 6 6:30 PM |
| UW System practice placement tests (resource) | November 8 – 9 |
| Senior Class Photo | |
| Senior Cap and Gown Meeting/Measurements W | ednesday, November 15 Orders due by December 17 |
| Fall Play – "The Complete Works of William Shakespea | nre"November 17 & 18 7:30 PM |
| Orchestra Concert | November 20 7:30 PM |
| Holiday Break – No School | November 22 – 24 |
| Winter Band Concert | December 4 7:30 PM |
| Sleigh Ride Concert | December 15 7:30 PM |
| Senior Cap/Gown Online Orders Due | December 17 – Additional \$10 after this date |
| Winter Choral Concert | |
| Holiday Break – No School | |



The School District of Onalaska follows the Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Diseases table when determining if a child shall be excluded from school due to illness. If fever is 99.9°F/37.8°C or higher, please do not send your child to school. When symptoms of possible communicable diseases are present, a child may be excluded based on district RN determination (i.e.: fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)

Parent Liaison Information

The role of Parent Liaison was created through the Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI) to aid in the support of families with children or adolescents who have special needs. The Parent Liaison for the Onalaska School District is:

Vicky Shanley 214 15th Ave N, Onalaska 608-317-0275

vickyshanley@outlook.com

If you are the parent of a child with special needs, please contact Vicky if you have any questions about the special education process.

If you are interested in following what is happening in the School District of Onalaska, check us out on Facebook.

School District of Onalaska, WI Facebook Page



School District of Onalaska, WI

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237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

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Welcome Mrs. Weber to the OHS Main Office



Hello everyone!

I am the new Administrative Assistant here at OHS! I recently began my journey in the Onalaska School District at OMS as a Special Education Paraprofessional. It was bittersweet to leave the OMS team after such a short time, but I am excited to join the OHS team!

I am a proud wife and mother of four wonderful kiddos. We reside in Onalaska and love spending time enjoying our community and the outdoors. Prior to the Middle School, I spent over 12 years professionally at Gundersen Hospital.

I cannot tell you how much my family already enjoys the change in career and how happy I am to be here! I look forward to meeting and supporting all the new faces!

Changes in Student Information

If you have any changes throughout the year in your child's information, please contact our Pupil Services office at 783-4610.

This information would include:

- address/phone number
- parent/guardian information
- emergency contacts
- health issues
- email address

FAMILY SCHOOL LIAISON

In recognition of the importance in supporting the *whole* child (e.g. students' physical and mental health, their social and emotional learning along with their academic growth), the School District of Onalaska has a Family School Liaison position. My name is Carrie Rein and as the Family School Liaison for the School District of Onalaska, my role is to partner with families in effort to support overall student success. Services may include collaboration, consultation, home visits, and/or information and referral to community resources and agencies. If you are interested in learning more about community resources to assist with student or family needs (e.g., food, housing, healthcare, human services, clothing, etc.), feel free to contact me.

Carrie Rein, Family School Liaison, School District of Onalaska, 608-779-1959.

A note to families from Kerry Johnson, Director of School Nutrition.

Please reference our <u>School Nutrition policy</u> for information on our program including unpaid meal balances. If you believe you may qualify for free or reduced meals, please contact the school nutrition office at 608-783-6251 to receive an application.

To those that regularly dine with us, thank you for your patronage. For others, we welcome the opportunity to serve you "the best meal deal in town."

Academic Honors Recognition Ceremony

Justin Chouinard

Cameron Cornett

Amara Dayton

Eva Drver

RubyAnn Clemmer

Aayush Daithankar

Alexandra Drazkowski



Congratulations to those students who earned a 3.5 grade point average during the 2022-2023 school year. These students were honored at our sixteenth annual Academic Honors Recognition Ceremony held on Monday, November 6.

Sophomores Krishna Ailiani Adam Amundson Kennedy Backman Ruby Baum Azul Bautista-Lopez Carter Beeler Elise Berry DeMarion Blackdeer Alexis Brantner Charles Burrows Norah Carlson Kyara Cayasso Asha Champion Caroline Clark Ainsley Cowan Raelyn Cowley Isabella Cromheecke Ellie Dahl Grady Dunnum Rylie Eckert Jackson Egan Connor Fejfar Katelyn Ferguson Elijah Fernandes Vitaliano Figueroa Molly Franck Kai Gallant Mia Gallant Zander Garbrecht Vayda Garvin Jakob George Lila Gerbig Easton Glebke Lewis Go Alexander Gregg Gravsen Guzzo Alexander Hauser Autumn Heiman Jacob Hellman Steven Henke Isabelle Her Natalie Jacobson Carter Johnson Morgan Jones Gavin Kind Colton Klein Sophia Knight Aiden Knopp Zoe Koonce-O'Kane Ian Kowal Sydney Kranig Sophia Larkin Alton Larson Delilah Lee Zachary Lemon Donovan Lucksted Jessica Mahlum

Isabella Malecek Porter Mallady Joclyn Mathison Elizabeth Matz Isabel Mavrantonis Lauren Mavrantonis Makena McGarry Tristan Molling Aditi Muduganti Diya Patel Soham Patel Olivia Peterson Sangdurne Phayvanh Joshua Phillips Brenya Riley Zara Rizvi Alan Rodriguez Cooper Rudie Addison Sanwick Brett Schauer Danielle Schmit Sophia Shilts Tanner Siebert Luke Siegel Gavin Sommerfield Kaitlyn Steers Alexis Stupi Samuel Thao Mali Thor Rickie Tillotson Maximus Todd Stevanna Towle Daniel Tran Elizabeth Vallazza Ella Vallazza Harrison Van Der Horst Cherry Vang Phengsu Vang Olivia Vogler Ethan Vue Macy Welch Brooklynn Williams Pengxue Xiong Mya Yang Nou Qu Yang Abigail Younis Benjamin Zimmer

Juniors

Maya Absalon Matthew Arsenault Dulce Maria Ascencio-Urtiz William Bakkestuen Ava Ballmer Gia Brorson Kennedy Busta **Bodie Callaway** Noah Chenault

Karissa Evans Dylan Everson Carter Fortun Ienna Gansen Iohn Gobel Nolan Graw-Ristow Isabela Gutierrez Lvdia Hartman Julia Hauser Emma Haves Mariann Heiderscheit Brooke Hintz Michael Hintz Noah Hougom Aidan Hughes Eddie Hughes Tyson Hughes Kaysan Irwin Kolton Kapus Megan Komperud Olivia Konrardy-Buchal Olivia Kunkel Alexa Larson Danielle Lass **Jean Lee** Selphie Lee Michael Lien Zoie Loeffelholz Adeline Lorenz Gabriel Maldonado Garcia Hailey Marsh Gwen Marso Zeidy Martinez Juarez Tristan McCov Kylene McNeese Mallory Meighan Levan Miller Rece Miller Kipa Moore Makayla Moss Lydia Moxness Iustin Neberman Diego Neira Lilly Netwal Michael Odegaard Addison Olesevich Qitarra Olson Hanna O'Rourke Miti Patel Yash Patel

Vishnu Prakash

Amanuel Putz

Nicholas Putz Snigdha Rajamanuri Katherine Ramsay Jayden Randall Mason Richardson McKenzie Runde Alara Running Gianna Sanchez Sonja Schoenecker Lyla Schultz Scarlett Seidel Pevton Shanlev Pierce Sommerfield Sebastian Spies Kyle Steers Landon Stewart Jack Stoen Saterial Stuttley Alexis Sulentic Nolan Sullivan Abaigeal Sytsma Natalie Tevis Jaela Thao Maixee Thao Hailee Thiel Leah Thies Matthew Tillman Allen Updike Ellexis Van Ravenstein Loobsim Vang Olivia Vang Phyllipe Vang Rvan Vriens Alex Vue Tatum Walters Sydney Wendler Brian Weng Olivia Wenger John Werwinski Madelyn West Arlo White Kaomi Widger Madelyn Wilson Evan Xiong Maddix Xiong Shouana Xiong Gao Kou Yang Paul Yang Connor Zywicki

Seniors

Nolan Adams Evan Anderson Gabriella Anderson Keagan Anderson Siri Anderson Georgia Banasik Kasey Barth

Gavin Belanger Jaelyn Benson Kyla Betz Nolan Bey Samuel Bossman Sarah Brewer Zoe Brorson Cora Brown Damian Buckle Olivia Burchell Braden Burke Blake Burnstad Ashlynn Chapman **Justin Christen** Mary-Catherine Clatworthy Matias Dahl Zachary Dahlke Lillian Ekern Max Erdmann Caleb Fejfar Sidney Fillbach Salli Flynn Verdayne Garvin Carter Gilhausen Lucas Go Anjali Gonzalez-Yang Emily Hamilton Jacob Havlik Carly Hess Peyton Horman Noah Hronis Benjamin Hsieh Landen Hubert Jackson Hughes Alanna Hurlburt Devan Hutson Kendyl Johansen Sophia Johns Claire Johnson Onphimon Ketniem Arman Kiani Seth Kowalski Brady Kuhn Jenna Law Zavier Lawrence Elijah LeFebre Kimora Livingston Josie Lucksted Johnathon Ludington Kinsey Luebker Claire Lukasek **Jackson Mahlum** Addison Mallady Aidenn Markos Chloe Marks-Brewer Iuliene McDonald Madeline McKelley Roman Melbo Landon Mellon

Payton Mickschl Alexis Miller Ana Moses Beau Moss-White Alyssa Neilson Campbell Nitti Lillian Novak **Emerald Olson** Cullen O'Rourke Prashika Paudel Ann Phetteplace-Faas Caden Pierzina Owen Pinter Breckyn Remis Jenna Richgels Justin Richgels Leora Robinson Emma Rudie Kateley Schlicht Jason Schultz James Siegel Isaac Simpson Anna Skemp Isaac Skemp Adam Skifton Mara Smith Landon Soland Rubie Stetzer Brock Sullivan Sofia Tak James Taylor Amaya Thesing James Vanderloop Justin VanDyken Saiszim Vang Sadie Vannieuwenhoven Marlee Walleen Ellie Walls Joseph Walters Libertee Wentz Nicholas White Camila Williams Abigail Xiong Isaac Yang Isabella Zimmer

2023 National Honor Society Inductees

On Monday, November 6, 2023 in the Onalaska High School PAC, the following students were inducted into the Onalaska High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations! We are very proud of your accomplishments, and look forward to your continued involvement within our school and community.

Matt Arsenault Kasey Barth **Bodie Callaway Noah Chenault** Aayush Daithankar Alexandra Drazkowski Jenna Gansen John Gobel Isabela Gutierrez Lydia Hartman Emma Hayes **Brooke Hintz** Aidan Hughes **Eddie Hughes** Tyson Hughes Alanna Hurlburt Megan Komperud Olivia Konrardy-Buchal Alexa Larson Zoie Loeffelholz Adeline Lorenz Claire Lukasek Gwen Marso Kylene McNeese Mallor Meighan

Rece Miller

Makayla Moss



Lilly Netwal Qitarra Olson Miti Patel Yash Patel Vishnu Prakash Manny Putz Katherine Ramsay Jayden Randall Leora Robinson McKenzie Runde Alara Running Gianna Sanchez Sylvie Schams James Seigel **Alexis Sulentic** Nolan Sullivan Abaigeal Sytsma Natalie Tevis Hailee Thiel Leah Thies Justin VanDyken **Tatum Walters** John Werwinski Madelyn West Arlo White Madelyn Wilson Gao Kou Yang

Alyssa Neilson

FREDDY'S FOOTNOTES



Giving Thanks for Onalaska School Staff

Are you looking for a way to honor those in the Onalaska School District who had a positive impact on your child's life during the upcoming holiday season? The Onalaska Education Foundation (OEF) would like you to join us in recognizing these individuals for all they have done.

Giving Thanks for Onalaska School Staff is a tribute program that allows community members to recognize the amazing people in Onalaska schools – public and private. By making a donation to the Onalaska Education Foundation, you can celebrate our excellent teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, bus drivers, administrators, coaches, school nurses, school counselors, school food service staff, or any school staff you wish to honor. The Foundation provides funds for innovative educational programs or creative projects that will help inspire both teachers and students to achieve educational excellence.

With each donation, the honored school staff member will receive a certificate of thanks. If you wish, the certificate will include your name and a personal message. You may also remain anonymous. We will notify the person honored of your gift to the foundation without disclosing the amount.

All tax-deductible donations, large or small, are welcomed and appreciated. With your support, we can continue to make a difference!

You may nominate someone using the link below or visiting the Onalaska Education Foundation website (onalaskafoundation.org). Look under "Events." Then click on "Giving Thanks for Onalaska School Staff."

The program closes December 17, 2023.

Nomination Form

Thank you,

Onalaska Education Foundation, Inc.



Visit the Onalaska Education Foundation website (Onalaskafoundation.org), under "Events," find "Giving Thanks for Onalaska School Staff." Use the link to the Google Form on the page to recognize the school staff member of your choice.



ONAbility





This past month the ONAbility crew has been keeping busy. Some leisure things have been planting garlic, riding the MTU to La Crosse, making fall decor for their houses and playing Bingo at the mall. The highlight of the month was going to Wisconsin Dells for a Self Determination Conference.

The mission of ONAbility is to transition students beyond 18 with varying abilities from high school into adult employment and independent living.





November 2023 Students of the Month

Every month students who meet specific criteria are nominated by departments and voted on by the entire staff.

The STUDENT OF THE MONTH honor goes to the student in each grade level who receives the most votes. The STUDENT OF THE MONTH receives a plaque, certificate, and publicity in the local newspaper.

Criteria for nomination includes: long-term academic effort and achievement: a high degree of life skills – respect, responsibility, teamwork, integrity, and initiative – demonstrated on a regular basis; and involvement in co-curricular activities.

Freshmen Class Student of the Month: Lauren Pica

Nominees:

Dane Adams
Katelyn Bakkestuen
Tsion Benusa
McKenna Butenhoff
Trenton Dus
Kaydence Flaten
Taliya Mayne
Amethyst Racila

Junior Class

Student of the Month: Leah Thies

Nominees:

Matthew Arsenault Emily Brewer Bodie Callaway Dylan Everson Lydia Moxness Addison Oelsevich Kyle Steers Grace Vue

Sophomore Class Student of the Month: Trent Oyen

Nominees:

Raelyn Cowley Rylie Eckert Mia Gallant Gavin Kind Hannah Miller Rickie Tillotson Phengsu Vang Abigail Younis

Senior Class

Student of the Month: Alanna Hurlburt

Nominees:

Kendyl Johansen Akio Lor Amelia Payne Sylvie Schams Zana Scott Dawson Sjolander Nathan Snodgrass James Vanderloop



Lauren Pica Freshman



Trent Oyen Sophomore



Leah Thies Junior



Alanna Hurlburt Senior

Freddy Extra Effort Award ... November



Myles Stapleton Freshman



Liv Vogler Sophomore



Matt Arsenault Junior



Kyla Betz Senior

This award is given to a student who works above and beyond what is expected while displaying positive leadership and school spirit.

Four winners per month from each grade are chosen by the academic departments. The award is sponsored by the staff and is dedicated to promoting student success and school pride.

The FREDDY EXTRA EFFORT AWARD winners will receive a certificate, a gift from the staff and recognition in the Community Life.



Pational French Veek

To celebrate National French Week, the French Department hid a Golden Eiffel Tower in a secret spot in OHS. Clues were read over the announcements each day and students had the opportunity to find the Golden Eiffel Tower. This year's winner is Grady Dunnum. Félicitations!

Students also took part in a scavenger hunt during their extended learning day. Each class had twenty-five tasks they had to accomplish in sixty minutes. The tasks were developed with their level of language proficiency in mind. Students either had to take selfies, scan QR codes, answer trivia, or say words in French using clues found in the halls around the school.





School District of Onalaska World Language Departmen



LE DEPARTEMENT DES LANGUES ÉTRANGÈRES • DEPARTAMENTO DE IDIOMAS DEL MUNDO NOVEMBER 2023 • NOVEMBRE 2023 • NOVIEMBRE 2023

WORLD LANGUAGE TEAM



Mr. Brian Wopat wopbr@onalaskaschools.com



Mr. Devin Pettys
petde@onalaskaschools.com



Mrs. Rebecca Chaouki



Mrs. Valerie Mumm-Jansen mumva@onalaskaschools.com



Mrs. Victoria Carter carvi@onalaskaschools.com



Mr. Andy Beckstrom



Mrs. Jennifer Garves garje@onalaskaschools.com



FACT CHECK /!



MYTH: All the languages in the world are of equal difficulty.

REALITY: Although many languages are very similar, each one has a different level of difficulty. Depending on what your native tongue is, a language can be hard for some, while at the same time be easy for others. A person who has grown up speaking Spanish all his or her life will find it easy to learn a language like Italian. Some languages are more difficult than others. It is important to start early and be committed to sticking with it long-term.

How Your Child Can Save \$4000 by taking Dual Credit French 4

The World Language Department is excited about the addition of Dual Credit French 4 to our offerings. Since our French curriculum aligns with that of UW-Green Bay's French program, we are able to offer students in French 4 high school credit and college credit at the same time. Here is how it works.

At the start of the school year, all students in French 4 have the option to either take French 4 for just one (1) high school credit or high school credit AND three (3) college credits. The college credits align with French 202, a fourth semester French course at UW-Green Bay. If students select dual credit, they enter into agreement with UW-Green Bay for French 202 and pay the course tuition of \$315. A typical credit costs \$328 but we are offered a reduction of \$105 per credit. If at the end of the school year, the student has earned an A or A/B combination, they will be awarded 3 credits **PLUS 11 retro-active credits!**

That's right – a total of 14 college credits for \$315!

Students who earn a B or B/C in the course will still be able to earn a total of 8 college credits. Credits earned will appear that summer on the student's UW-Green Bay college transcript. Those credits can transfer to other institutions of higher learning. We use the side, transferology.com to verify which universities across the country accept transfer credits from the UW system.

Currently there are 29 students enrolled in Dual Credit. If each student earns an A or A/B, they will earn **406 college credits** with a potential savings of **\$92,000**. Those credits can be applied towards university graduation requirements!

ONALASKA SCHOOLS FOOD PANTRY

2023 - 24



The Onalaska Schools Food pantry is open to families with children in any Onalaska school (public, private, or home school) who need supplemental food staples.

Distributions are held on the **first** school Monday of each month beginning in September and throughout the school year at:

Irving Pertzsch Elementary School
Door I (access through the parking lot)

4:00 - 5:15 PM

Monthly updates and reminders will be posted on the Onalaska Schools Food Pantry Facebook page.

There is also information on the District website.

Distribution Dates

- September 11
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4
- January 8
- February 5
- March 4
- April 8
- May 6









Onalaska High School Student Services

700 Hilltopper Place Onalaska, WI 54650

Phone: 608.783.4571 Fax: 608.783.2604

Office Hours:

Week Days: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Reach the Student Service Administrative
Assistants at: Melissa de Boer – Ext. 5034
Jennifer Morrison – Ext. 5029

Your High School Student Services Staff

Garrett Silker - Ext. 5032

silga@onalaskaschools.com

Serves students with last names beginning with A-Hr

Chrissy DeLong - Ext. 5030

delch@onalaskaschools.com

Serves students with last names beginning with Hs – Ra

John Horman - Ext. 5031

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Serves students with last names beginning with Rb– Z

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSJTE...

http://www.onalaskaschools.com/ohs/studentservices.html





Statewide Junior ACT Day for 2024

All OHS Juniors test on March 13, 2024 next year!



Upcoming ACT Dates and Deadlines

| Test Date | Register By | Late Registration (Additional Fee) |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| December 9, 2023 | November 3 | December 1 |
| February 10, 2024 | January 5 | February 2 |
| March 13, 2024 | All Juniors required – Free | No registration required |
| April 13, 2024 | March 8 | April 5 |
| June 8, 2024 | May 8 | May 31 |
| July 13, 2024 | June 7 | July 5 |

Important Dates

November 8-9 UW System Pre-Tests during Resource

November 6 Academic Awards Night 6:30 pm, OHS PAC

November 8-9 UW System Pre-Tests during Resource

November 22-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School

SCHOLARSHIPS for SENIORS

Check out our on-line scholarship database, which is updated often: http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/schools/high/students/scholarships.cfm

This is your site for upcoming scholarship deadlines and information needed to be a successful scholarship recipient. Continue to check this database for new arrivals!

Mental Health Counseling Services for Students





Hello Hilltoppers! My name is Caitlyn Snyder and I am a licensed therapist. I am new to OHS this year and very excited to be a part of this school district. I am contracted through Peace of Mind Counseling to provide full-time mental health and/or substance abuse counseling services at OHS. I am available to any students who may be needing some additional support. If you are interested in counseling services, reach out to your school counselor to discuss the referral process.



Upcoming College Rep/Military/Employer Visits to OHS

Students interested in meeting with any of these reps should stop by Student Services for a pass.

November 3 - Gundersen Lutheran Health System - 11:00 am First Tuesday of each month - US Marine Corp rep visit Second Tuesday of each month - US Army rep visit

Seniors & Juniors - Western Career Coach Meetings

Our Western Technical College Career Coach will be available once a month in the Student Services Office, to meet with students about WTC options, application process, requirements, and more. The next opportunity to meet with the WTC rep at OHS is Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Students who are interested in signing up to meet with our rep should stop and see Mrs. Morrison in Student Services, or talk to their counselor. The WTC rep will also be at OHS on November 14 and December 12. Stay tuned for second semester dates.

College Bound Student Athletes

Students who plan to compete in D1 or D2 athletics in college must register with the NCAA in order for you to be eligible to compete prior to enrollment this fall.

- 1. Log into his or her account at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- 2. Follow the directions on the page to register for the clearinghouse If you have questions, please contact Mr. Wojta in room 105, or call 783-4571 Ext. 5105.

Application Process:

Once a student has completed their application, he or she should:

- 1. Request a transcript in person in OHS Student Services or fill out this form.
- 2. Include letters of recommendation, **IF necessary**. (Most schools do <u>**NOT**</u> require letters of recommendation.) 3. Include check for application fee unless paid online (no cash please).
- 4. Applications completed using online programs like the Common Application or Send Edu will request a High School counselor's email address. Transcripts for these applications are sent directly to colleges using these programs and do not require students to make transcript requests.
- 5. Counselors will complete requested information, and all application materials will be mailed out in a timely manner.

Looking for a Job? Check out the OHS Jobs Board

Students:

Check out the Job Opportunities on the OHS website. Opportunities change, so check it often! https://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/schools/high/students/job-board-for-current-students.cfm

Parents & Employers:

Please submit childcare or employment opportunities you have to the Student Services Office for posting. You can reach us at 608-783-4571 or by email at debme@onalaskaschools.com.

CHANGE IN PROCESS FOR WORK PERMITS

Students under age 16 need a work permit. Work permits are now completed by the parent online, and can be done 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Payment is made directly through the application, using credit or debit card, or by ACH direct withdrawal. Go to

https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/laborstandards/workpermit/ for instructions and more information.

ACT Updates

The University of Wisconsin System has suspended the ACT requirement for all UW colleges and universities for the class of 2024. Many other colleges have also waived the ACT requirement. A strong ACT score can still help with admission to college and scholarship placement. Since most schools are now "test optional", students can choose not to use a score if they are not pleased with it. Students will choose if they wish to include their ACT scores as part of their application. Visit the websites of your colleges for more information.

Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch?

Any student who has participated in, or has younger siblings who have participated in the free or reduced lunch program should reapply each year, **even if they do not eat in the school cafeteria.**Many opportunities are available to students participating in this program such as fee waivers for tests, like the ACT, and scholarship/grant programs. OHS Counselors often confidentially inform students of these opportunities, but only know who is eligible based on this program.

Applications for the School District of Onalaska's Free and Reduced Lunch Program are available in the main office or online. Names of students participating in this program are kept confidential.



UGETCONNECTED! - Many opportunities to participate in community service as a family, with friends, or by yourself. This organization matches volunteers with organizations in need. Visit https://www.ugetconnected.org/ and check it out!

www.ugetconnected.org



Student Services Accepting Donations for Students

The OHS Student Services office maintains a supply of items for students who need them throughout the school day. At this time, we are in need of the following items:

- feminine hygiene products such as pads and tampons
- reusable water bottles, new or used but clean
- gently used or new clothing such as leggings, shorts, and t-shirts
- school supplies such as notebooks and folders

If you have any of these items you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at OHS and just let them know your donation is for the Student Services Office. Thank you!

Youth Apprenticeship

Students who participate in Youth Apprenticeship are able to learn essential skills under the supervision of a skilled mentor while earning high school credit. Juniors and Seniors who have part-time jobs in areas including food service, banking, automotive, construction, computer science, agriculture, nursing assistant or other related careers who are interested in earning high school credit for their employment should see Mrs. DeLong in Student Services for more information about the Youth Apprenticeship program!

ACT Prep Course Options

Preparing for the ACT can increase test scores to gain entry into the college of your choice and receive scholarships. There are several options that are available each year which can help students prepare for this test.

- All Juniors took a FREE practice ACT test on September 19. This retired ACT test was administered, timed and will be scored identically to an actual ACT. ACT will score this test, and provide students with sub scores, a composite score and most importantly an itemized list of correct answers compared to the student answers. Students can use the test book they receive back with their results to see the questions they answered correctly, and identify content they need more review.
- 2. There are FREE resources located in the Student Services office, such as practice tests, which can be scored and timed by the student. Several FREE resources are also available online at sites such as ACT.org. Every Junior at OHS will also participate in a FREE two-day ACT prep program this February.
- 3. Onalaska High School will offer a 6-hour ACT Workshop this winter with Schoolhouse Educational Services. This program will emphasize specific test-taking strategies for each of the five ACT subjects, and costs approximately \$50 per student plus an optional \$20 workbook. More information including dates will be available in future Freddy's Footnotes.

UW-L's Continuing Education office offers an ACT prep course. Students will learn test-taking strategies, receive instruction in each of the four testing areas, and take a retired pre- and post-ACT test. Writing strategies to assist you in the essay part of the ACT test will also be provided. Visit https://www.uwlax.edu/gel/ypc/act-test-prep-online/ for more information.

Register to Retake the ACT

If you are interested in retaking the ACT, please register at ACT.org.

The following are tips to help students complete the registration process:

- Students go to myACT.org to log into their account, register and pay for the ACT test
- Plan to register at least a month in advance of the test date to avoid late fees!
- Decide if you want to take the writing test. Most schools do NOT require the writing test. Remember, all juniors took the writing test at OHS on March 7th.
- Give yourself at least 45 minutes to complete the registration
- Decide which 4 colleges/universities you want FREE score reports sent to. It's better and easier to do this now to avoid extra steps later.
- Be prepared to upload a clear headshot photo to the website. Students without a picture are NOT allowed to test!
- Fee waivers are available for students who qualify see your school counselor if you need one.
- Print your admission ticket, and keep it somewhere safe you will need it to be admitted to your testing room.



2023-2024 Assessments at OHS

The following is a schedule of assessments that will be given to each grade level at no cost to the student and families.

| Freshmen | * Required Pre ACT | April 9 |
|------------|--|--|
| Sophomores | * Required Forward Exam (Social Studies) * Required Pre ACT | March 20-21 April 16 |
| Juniors | * PSAT (Pre SAT, Optional, Fee Required) * ASVAB * Required State-wide ACT | October 10 October 17 March 13 |
| Seniors | * PSAT (Pre SAT, Optional, Fee Required) * ASVAB * UW System Early Math & English Placement Practice Tests | October 10 October 17 November 8-9 |



Juniors & Seniors, Classes of 2024 and 2025 – It's Time to Schedule Campus Visits:

Seniors planning to apply to college should be sure to visit their schools of interest. Go to your college's website for sign up information. visiting campuses (technical, 2 or 4 year) is a great way to get a feel for which school "fits" for you! While it's important to meet with admissions counselors and take the official campus tour, it's also helpful to take your own personal tour. Check out the places they don't show you, talk to a student in the student union about what they like about the school, as well as what they do not like about the school. Pick up a campus newspaper to see what's important to students and soak in the environment. If you don't feel like the school is a good fit, it may be a difficult place for you to find success. Refer to your STAR Conference materials for more helpful tour information.

Seniors Applying to College – US System Practice Placement Tests

Many seniors planning to attend 4-year universities will be required to take a placement test this coming spring. These tests will be used to determine which level of coursework they can take during their first year of college. Depending on their scores, some students may pass into advanced courses while others may be required to take remedial coursework to build their skills.

To give seniors an opportunity to see how they may score on this test, we are offering the University of Wisconsin System Early Math and English Placement Tools. While these practice tests were created by the UW System, they are similar to other college system placement tests. Seniors will be given the opportunity to take these practice tests during Resource on Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9.



College Application -- Tips & Help -- from UW Help!

<u>UW Ready</u>

The University of Wisconsin System has developed a webpage for prospective applicants to use to prepare for their college applications. UW Ready: https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/admission-guidelines/uw-ready/ will assist applicants and their parents with the college application process.

The application is at apply.wisconsin.edu. Each admission office has its own priority dates or deadlines.

Fall 2023 Opportunities



VU Preview Day
October 19th

Human Behavior Day
October 25th

First Generation College Student Night November 8th

Sign up at www.viterbo.edu/visit



November 10th, 2023

NUTRITION SCIENCES

SCHOLARSHIP & CAREER DAY

Scholarship Competition

Incoming, first-year students for Fall 2024 (current seniors) who are interested in majoring in Nutrition & Dietetics are eligible to apply for Viterbo's scholarship competition. Application deadline is Sunday, October 15th at 11:59 PM.

Career DayWhen: 11:30am - 2:15pm

Where: Viterbo University
What: An opportunity for
students interested in
Nutrition & Dietetics to

learn about program offerings at Viterbo, explore our food science and nutrition assessment labs, and more! Open to all high school students.

Learn more at www.viterbo.edu/nutritionscholarship

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Apply to Viterbo University!

Free application

Test optional

Find out status in 1-2 weeks

Apply at www.viterbo.edu/apply



First-Generation College Student Night

NOVEMBER 8TH | 5:15-7:00 PM

Will you be the first person in your family to attend a four-year college?

That means you'll be a first-generation college student!

Come learn more about what that means and how Viterbo supports our first-generation students!

ADVISING | TUTORING | MENTORSHIPS | FINANCIAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIPS | CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT

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- 1. YOU ARE TOUGH
- 2. NO DRAMA...PERIOD
- 3. COMMITTED TO THE TASK Find a Way, Take Care of your People
- 4. ABOVE THE LINE DECISION MAKING 24-7-365
- 5. DO NOT BE A FENCE RIDER Decide and Move on





Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club



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"Like" the Onalaska Booster Club Facebook page to get events and other information.

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Check Out The Onalaska Booster club website

Onalaska - Team Home Onalaska Hilltoppers Sports

Check it out - onalaskahilltoppers.net

- *Sport schedules continuously updated
- *Link to join the Booster Club
- *Link to become a sponsor
- *Link to sign up your athlete for the upcoming season

Click the link to sign up now to get text updates for schedules & upcoming events: https://alerts.getvnn.com/

Looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year supporting our student athletes!

Students registering for athletics

must have a **current physical examination** on file in the athletic office before the student is authorized to participate in practice/tryouts. If your students' physical is outdated and you are struggling to make an appointment with your regular physician other options include:

Bronston Chiropractic - 1202 CTH PH Suite 100 -

Onalaska 608-781-2225

OR Neighborhood Family Clinics -

La Crosse - 1526 Rose Street - 608-781-9880 or

Onalaska - N5560 CTH ZM - 608-779-5323











Onalaska High School

EVENT TICKETS

Tickets



Search schools

We have an exciting update regarding our athletic ticketing for fall and winter games/activities! GoFan cashless ticket system.

Similar to the WIAA state tournaments, the Coulee and MVC Conferences are partnering with GoFan to provide a cashless system for all athletic entry fees. All purchases for athletic events will need to be purchased through GoFan. Your ticket will be available on your electronic device on the date of the event. In addition, your Onalaska High School athletic sports passes will now be purchased through GoFan. Please note, there will be no cash event ticket sales at our games/activities this year. Electronic individual game/activity tickets and athletic sports passes will be available for purchase at Onalaska High School's GoFan page link - https://gofan.co/app/school/WI17153.

Activity Sports Passes

- Student Sports Pass optional \$30 for all home athletic events (Students K-12)
- Adult Sports Pass optional \$70 for all home athletic events
- Non-resident Senior Citizen Sports Pass optional \$30 for all home athletic events
- Onalaska Resident Senior Citizen Sports Pass Gold Card Still free, same as before. No need for a new card, still active this year. Just present when entering event.
 - Download the GoFan app and create an account https://gofan.co/app/school/WI17153







ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC USER FEES

\$45.00 - (\$6.75) \$100.00 - (\$15.00)

Cross Country Dance Swimming Golf

Tennis Gymnastics

Track & Field

\$75.00 - (\$11.25) \$200.00 - (\$30.00)

Baseball Winter Guard

Basketball

Football

Ski & Snowboard **\$250.00 – (\$37.50)**

Soccer Hockey

Softball

Volleyball

Wrestling



- *Students whose families submit the proper federal forms and qualify for free or reduced lunch under existing federal guidelines will have the option to have athletic fees waived/reduced.
- *Families with students in multiple athletic programs will be responsible for a maximum family fee of \$350.00 per year.
- *Participation fees are to be paid prior to the first competition.
- *Refunds of athletic user fees will be considered if a student/athlete voluntarily terminates or is terminated from an athletic activity prior to the third competition in that sport.
- *All school owned athletic equipment <u>MUST</u> be returned before any refunds will be considered. All school owned athletic equipment must be returned at the end of the season or cost of equipment will be added to the student's school account.

Admission Charges for Athletic Events: Purchased through GoFan

Adults - \$6.00

Students (K-12) and Senior Citizens - \$4.00 (62 or Older)

School Year Sport Passes – Adults \$70.00 / Students (K-12) \$30.00

Good for all OHS home events - except post season tournament events

For Update Activities Information Go to: http://www/ohs/activities.html



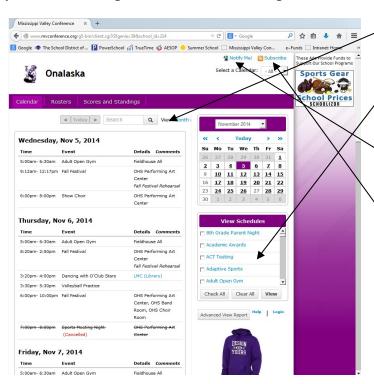
Calendar of Events

To view the most updated schedules for any Mississippi Valley Conference team, use the MVC website at:

http://www.mvconference.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=39

This website not only has athletic events, but also all other events taking place in our school.

Once you click into a specific school, you can subscribe to a calendar or set up a "notify me" text reminder. This is located in the upper right corner of the website. All MVC sporting events go through this calendar and will give you the most up to date information possible.



When subscribing to a calendar, you can choose from Outlook, ICal or Google for your calendar.



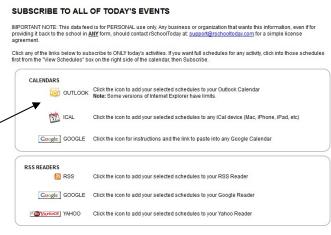
Select Onalaska High School

View the calendar by day, week, or month.

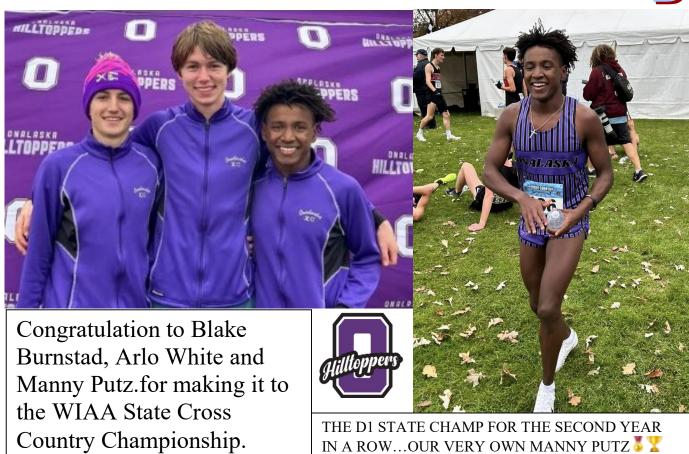
Select schedules you would like to view and see your own customized view.

Use the "Notify Me!" tab to set up text reminders.

"Subscribe" to set up a calendar that will update automatically with any changes that may occur.



State Cross Country



Manny Putz earned the individual medalist honors for the second year in a row - he completed the 5-kilometer course in 15:05.8, which is the third-fastest time in State Meet history.

Teammates Blake Burnstad finished in 13th place with a time of 16:01 and Arlo White finished in 43rd place with a time of 16:38.

NIKE National Cross Country

Congratulations to Manny Putz for qualifying for the NIKE National Cross Country Championships. The top 40 runners and top 16 teams in the Nation will square off on December 2nd in Portland Oregon and race for National Championships. Good Luck Manny!

Intramural Volleyball Champs





Congratulations to the Ninjas in Pajamas team of Mason Moua, Fabian Xiong, Vincent Thao, Isaac Yang, Abby Xiong and Pha Vang. They went undefeated to take home the bragging rights and championship t-shirts.

Intramural Pickleball Champs

We had another great turn out for intramurals. 16 teams showed up for pickleball and a one-man team took home the championship. Congratulations to Mr. Archer on going undefeated and having very few points scored on him the entire time. Lucas Go and Porter Mallady gave him a run for his money in the championship game but Mr. Archer won ... a lot to a little!





School Nutrition



ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL MENU NOVEMBER 2023

| | | Mr. door door | T1 | F-14 |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Fresh Garden Bar and milk choices available daily | | 1)BBQ Rib Patty on a WG Bun 2/Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese on a WG Bun 3/Kizkin Chicken Sandwich on a WG Bun All Lines: Oven Fries and Garden Bar Breakfast: Cheese Quesadilla with Oven Fries, fruit, juice, milk | 1/WG Chicken Patty on a WG Bun 2/WG Pizza Choices 3/Cheeseburger or Mushroom Swiss on a WG Bun All Lines Baked Beans and Garden Bar Breakfast: WG Mini Bagel with Cream Cheese, fruit, juice, milk | 1)/WG Pasta Bowl with Beef or Chicken and choice of Red Sauce or Alfredo and Garlic Toast 2) 2- Uncrustable PB&J with Sun Chips 3/WG Chicken Strips, WG Dinner Rolf/ Masthed Potatoes Breakfast: French Toast and Sausage, fruit, juice, milk |
| 1)Mestball Sub on a WG Hoagie 2)Del Sandwich on WG Hoagie 3)WG Grilled Cheese All Lines: Whole Corn, Garden Bar Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich on a WG Biscuit, fruit, juice, milk | 1)WG Orange Chicken with Brown Rice 2)Cheeseburger on a WG Bun 3)WG Orange Chicken with Brown Rice All Lines: Carrol Coins and Garden Bar Breakfast: Uncrustable PB&J Sandwich, fruit, juice, milk | 1)WG Mini Corn Dogs 2/WG Spaghetti with Mearballs and Cheese 3/WG Pizza Choices All Lines Carrot Coins and Garden Bar Breakfast: WG Mini Bagels with Cream Cheese, fruit, Juice, milk | 9 Harvest of the Month 1)Chicken Ranch WG Wrap 2)Turkey/Cravy over WG Becuts 3(BBQ Rb Patly on a WG Hosgie All Lines Green Peas, Garden Bar Breakfast: WG Orange/ Cranborry Muffin featuring locally grown Cranborries, Cheese Stick, fruit, juice, milk | 1/WG Vegetable Dumplings 2/Spicy Chicken Patty on a WG Bun 3) Cheeseburger on a WG Bun All Lines: Stir Fry Veggles, Garden Bar Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, fruit, juice, milk |
| 13 1/Walking Taccs with WG Chips 2/WG French Toast and sausage 3/Crispy Fish Sandwich with Cheese on a WG Bun All Lines: Wedge Fries/ Garden Bar Breakfast: Uncrustable PB&J sandwich, fruit, juice, milk | 14 1)Locally raised Superior Fresh Salmon Filet with Rice Pilaf 2/WG Pizza Choices 3/WG Gartic-French Bread Pizza with Soup All Lines: Roasted Broccoi and Cauliflower, Garden Bar Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich on a WG Biscuit, fruit, juice, milk | 15 1/WG Chicken Pathy on a WG Bun 2/2/WG Uncrustable PB&J's with Sun Chips 3/Rib Pathy on a GW Hoagie Bun All Lines: Carnot Coins, Garden Bar Breakfast:Breakfast Pilza, fruit, juice, milk | 18 1/WG Pizza Dippers/Tomato Soup 2/Chicken and Waffles with Local Maple Syrup 3/Cheeseburger on a WG Bun All Lines Sweet Potato Fries, Garden Bar Breakfast: WG Cheese Bosco Stick, fruit, juice, milk | 17/WG Pasta Bowl with Beef or Chicken and choice of Red Sauce or Alfredo' Garlic Bread 2/Deli Sandwich on a WG Hosgie with Sun Chips 3) WG Pasta Bowl with Beef or Chicken and choice of Red Sauce or Alfredo' Garlic Bread Al Lines: Green Peas, Garden Bar Breakfast: Choese Quesadilla with Oven Fries, fruit, juice, milk |
| 20 1)Turkey/Gravy over Mashed Potatoes/ WG Dinner Roll 2) WG Popcorn Chicken and Wedge Fries/ WG Dinner Roll 3) WG French Toest Sticks/ Sausage and Wedge Fries. All Lines: Garden Bar Breakfast: French Toest and Sausage, fruit, juice, milk | 21 1)Canadian Poutine featuring local Westby Cheese Curds 2/WG Gartic Cheese Bread with Soup 3)Cheeseburger on a WG Bun All Lines. Green Beans and Garden Bar Breakfast: Celby Cheese Omelet, Tri-Tater fruit, juice, milk | No School | No School | No School |
| 1)/WG Soft Shell Tacos 2) WG Fish Tacos 3)/WG Chicken Fajita All Lines Closesiaw and Whole Kernel Corn, Garden Bar Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, fruit, juice, milk | Harvest of the Month 1)WG French Toast and Sausage and WG Orangel Cramberry Muffin featuring locally grown Cramberries, 2) Rib Patty on a WG Bun 3)WG Chicken Nuggets All Lines: Oven Fries, Garden Bar Breakfast: Uncrustable PB\$J Sandwich, fruit, juice, milk | 1)Locally raised Superior Fresh Salmon Filet with Rice Pilaf 2)Cheeseburger on a WG Bun 3)Bakalar Hot Dog on a WG Bun All Lines, Green Beans, Garden Bar Breakfast: Breakfast Sandwich on a WG Biscuit, fruit, juice, milk | 1)Caradian Poutine featuring local Westby Cheese Curds 2/WG Gartic Cheese Bread with Soup 3) WG Chidden Patty on a WG Bun All Lines Green Peas and Garden Bar Breakfast: Cheese Quesadilla with Oven Fries, fruit, juice, milk | USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER The menu is subject to change without notice. |

Allergy Notice: Menu items may contain tree nuts, peanuts/nut products, wheat, fish, eggs, soy and various legumes. Students with allergies should contact the School Nurse or School Nutrition Director prior to eating any foods served in the cafeteri

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| Cap and Gown measurements taken and packets sent home | November 15 |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Graduation order due date | |
| Graduation Date | Saturday, May 18, 2024 1:00 PM |

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