



Orono Schools

Where Excellence is a Tradition and a Goal

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From the Superintendent

Happy Homecoming week to all students, staff and families!! It has been a very festive and happy week on campus as we celebrate our annual Homecoming with many activities, coronation, pep fests, parade, alumni awards and a tailgate party. We have celebrated cherished traditions and created new events that we hope will be happy memories for many years.

Please join us **TONIGHT** at 5 p.m. for our tailgate party co-sponsored by Student Senate and the Orono Foundation, and **TONIGHT** at 7 p.m. for the Homecoming football game against the Westonka Whitehawks ([TICKETS](#) | [LIVESTREAM](#)). The Orono Band and dance teams have special programs planned for our community at half time. It has been a wonderful week! Huge thank yous to our staff and students who make Orono Schools a special place, and our parents who have supported all of the celebrations. We believe in a connected community where our students thrive. It is wonderful to see the school spirit across our district and community.

Our Orono High School Homecoming dance will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday night! You can view more parade and other photos on the [district Facebook page](#). Go, Spartans! Thank you and enjoy this special weekend!

Warm regards,
Kristine Flesher, Ed.D.

**No Preschool
No School K-12**

**PROFESSIONAL DAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Orono Middle School Homecoming Pep Fest

Orono Middle School students and staff rocked Pesonen Stadium this morning with a Pep Fest of their own. The event started with the National Anthem, beautifully performed by 7th grader Faith Mshihiri. Thank you to the Orono High School senior leaders who taught three different cheers, and to our wacky OMS teachers who donned costumes and held a Minnesota-Twins-style mascot race across the field. We are proud of the middle school spirit that was on full display today!



High School Homecoming Field Day

On Thursday this week, OHS student leaders set out to create an organized "recess" for all OHS kids. They enjoyed an outdoor snack by the rock, played lawn games on the plaza, threw frisbees and footballs on the turf, and competed in relay races on the track. Head over to the Stadium tonight for the Orono vs. Westonka football game and you'll see friendly chalk messages on the sidewalk courtesy of our high school students.



Homecoming Parade Highlights

It's the event we wait for every year! It was so exciting to see Old Crystal Bay Road filled with students and community members this afternoon. We had beautiful weather and representation from local first responders, the OHS band, student clubs, and our high school Homecoming Court. Thank you to our teachers, staff and parent volunteers who brought all of our kids out to experience the Spartan Pride!





Calendars & Announcements

- Monday, September 30 - No Preschool; No School K-12, Staff Professional Day
- Wednesday, October 2 - National Custodian Appreciation Day
- October 14-16 - National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week
- October 16 - Unity Day: Wear Orange or your BE KIND t-shirt!
- October 17-18 - MEA state teacher convention - No School K-12

Please see the [Calendars page](#) on the Orono Schools website for more information.

