Superintendent Report

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The purpose of the Superintendent Report is to give the Board a high-level overview of the amazing things going on across the district.

Celebrating OSD Retirees



CONGRATULATIONS 2025 Oregon School District retirees! 🧡🖤

It was an honor to celebrate these amazing individuals at a special retirement reception this week. We are deeply grateful to each retiree for their commitment to our students and families throughout their careers. Your dedication truly embodies our value of Caring and Professional Educators.

We wish you all the very best as you embark on this new chapter of retirement!

A Pliner Parade



Oregon High School took the celebration of Mr. Pliner one step further…..before the end of the school year they held a surprise parade featuring Mr. Pliner. Students and staff members lined the hallways and cheered as the OHS band accompanied Mr. Pliner through the building. It was a truly joyful and emotional occasion.

The “Circus” Visits BKE!







🎪 The circus rolled into Brooklyn Elementary, and the kindergarten stars stole the show! From elephants and jugglers to camels and acrobats, these little performers wowed the crowd.

A huge thanks to Mrs. Rutz for bringing the magic to life What a show! 🎉🐘🤹‍♀️🎭

NKE 2nd Graders Meet OHS Penpals







After a quarter of exchanging letters, drawings, advice, and encouragement, second grade penpals in Ms. Cox's class at Netherwood Knoll Elementary met their OHS penpals.

Throughout their time corresponding, penpals have been building a unique connection through their "puppy problems," in which high school students take photos of stuffed animal puppies in predicaments and ask the second graders to use problem-solving skills and regulation strategies to help their puppies. 🐶🐾Each week the SEL Coaches coordinated relationship-building activities. They've shared stories, asked questions, offered wisdom across the age gap, and cheered each other on from afar.

During their first in-person gathering, they played games organized by the high school students, laughed together, and deepened the bonds they've nurtured. The second graders lit up seeing the faces behind the puppy stories, while the high schoolers were just as excited to meet their younger friends.

A huge thanks to our SEL Coaches for organizing this impactful learning experience!

PVE Kindergarteners Learn About Trees



Kindergartners in Ms. Frey's class at Prairie View Elementary have been learning about and reading about trees. 🌳Students took advantage of the weather and outside learning space today by extending their learning through nature observations. ☀️✏️🍃

These young scientists were encouraged to find four different things in nature to thoughtfully observe and then sketch with detail using art skills like texture and shading.

BKE 2nd Graders Learn About Weather





The unpredictable spring weather in Wisconsin recently became a fascinating learning opportunity for our second-grade students at Brooklyn Elementary, thanks to a special visit from WKOW 27 meteorologist Emma Hietpas. Students were thoroughly engaged in the discussion, enthusiastically sharing their existing knowledge and posing thoughtful questions. 💬

Special thanks to Ms. Valentine, Ms. Nindorf, and Ms. Dretske for arranging this timely and relevant learning opportunity.

FES Marigold Festival





Forest Edge Elementary School proudly hosted its first-ever Marigold Festival—a celebration of the many cultures that make up the FES community! 🌼✨ The evening was filled with music, dancing, crafts, marigold planting, and delicious multicultural dishes generously shared by FES families. It was a beautiful and meaningful evening.

RCI Field Day



Green 1 team at Rome Corners Intermediate brought the energy and enthusiasm to our annual Team Olympics! From Tug of War to the Tic-Tac-Toe Relay, Capture the Flag, and so much more. The day was packed with friendly competition, teamwork, and tons of fun.

OHS sophomore Tony Perkins is credited for capturing these amazing photos.

FES Staff Olympics



The gymnasium at Forest Edge Elementary was buzzing with excitement and filled with smiles during our recent Staff Olympics! 😊It was wonderful to see our students enthusiastically supporting and cheering on their teachers. 👏

FES 6th Grade Field Trip





Our sixth-grade students from Forest Edge Elementary enjoyed a wonderful day on their recent field trip to Lussier Family Heritage Center, where they learned valuable survival skills. Students actively participated in several outdoor activities, including fort construction and fire starting.

Thanks to our dedicated educators for organizing this enriching learning experience.

Be A Champion Mentor Celebration



Oregon Middle School volunteer mentors and mentees who are part of the Be A Champion Mentor Program recently gathered for a special celebration of their time together. 💕Some of the mentors and mentees have been meeting since elementary school and we recognize the strong connections that they have built with one another.

We are always seeking caring adults to serve as mentors for students. Learn more about this opportunity at: www.oregonsd.org/well-being/mentoring

OMS Lerner Park Project



Oregon Middle School eighth grade students recently partnered with Oregon Rotary for the annual Lerner Park workday.☀️🍃

Throughout the day, the students actively participated in various tasks, including removing invasive species, planting native grasses, and maintaining the park's walking trails. This year also featured a special project: the rebuilding of a bridge, and the final result looks fantastic!

We are so proud to see our students applying their learning in such a hands-on way while also giving back to our local community.❤️

OHS Physics Class Applies Learning





OHS physics students recently put their learning into action by applying the concepts they learned over the course of this school year to extreme rides at Six Flags Great America!

🎢Throughout the day they gathered electronic data from the rides to further inform their learning.

Thanks to our fantastic educators for organizing this hands-on engaging and relevant learning experience!

OHS Photography Class Field Trip



Our talented OHS photographers recently enjoyed their annual field trip to Horicon Marsh. They had a wonderful day practicing their artistic skills and capturing some truly amazing photographs. 📷

Thanks to Mr. Derrick for offering this engaging and relevant learning opportunity!

OHS Construction Class Open House







Students from Mr. Prahl's Home Construction class recently showed off the final product of their work during an open house event. It was clear that a great deal of care and attention to detail went into building this home. 🏡

We love seeing how your collaboration with local contractors provides such valuable hands-on experience in the various aspects of residential construction each year.

Congratulations on a job well done! We are all incredibly proud of your accomplishments.

OHS Students Perform in Jerry Ensemble Cabaret



Congrats to Oregon High School students - Erika Briski, Beau Jacob, and Lia Wochenske - who recently performed together in the Jerry Ensemble Cabaret held at Madison's Overture Center. 🎶🎤

OHS Students Share Info with State Rep



We want to give a huge shout-out to OSD students, Tim and Gavin, who recently met with State Representative and Oregon resident, Jenna Jacobson.
During the meeting, they shared information about positive social norming (most students are not using AOD), risks of vape devices and nicotine pouches and the environmental dangers with improper disposal.

They represented the OSD very well with strong communication skills and enthusiasm for this important work! Tim and Gavin were accompanied by Cynthia DiCamelli and Amy Miller from the Oregon Area Cares Community Coalition, who are supporting these important efforts.

Youth Apprentice Spotlight



We have <u>three</u> Youth Apprenticeship Spotlights tonight - the first is Tanner, who is working as an Electrical Youth Apprentice at The Electrician.

Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Wood Manufacturing, Advanced Wood Manufacturing, and Employability Skills Work Experience. Tanner also has OSHA 10 and First Aid certifications.

Youth Apprentice Spotlight



The next spotlight is on Krish, who is working as an IT Youth Apprentice at One Community Bank.

To prepare for this opportunity, Krish has taken AP Computer Science Principles, Digital Technology I, Digital Technology 2, Web Design, Business, Economics, and Marketing, and Personal Finance. Krish also participates in Future Business Leaders of America.

Youth Apprentice Spotlight



Finally, Karthikeya is working as an IT Youth Apprentice at UW Health

Courses that have prepared Ian for this experience include: AP Computer Science Principles and Artificial Intelligence. Karthikeya also competes in coding events with Future Business Leaders of American, and is pursuing an Azure 104 Certification.

Sophomores or juniors who are interested youth apprentice options should contact their school counselor and Ms. D'Amelio, our School to Career Coordinator to learn more.

There is also information about this program and others on our website:

▶️ OHS Career Based Experiences:
https://ohs.oregonsd.org/academics/school-to-career
▶️ OSD Portrait of a Graduate:
https://www.oregonsd.org/district/vision-and-strategic-plan

Tennis Team at State



👏Congratulations to our Oregon boys tennis team who took second at a WIAA Division 1 sectional in Lake Geneva and sent our Senior Doubles team of Braeden Bakken and Hayden Lohrentz, to State. 🎾

Braeden and Hayden won their first match and lost their second

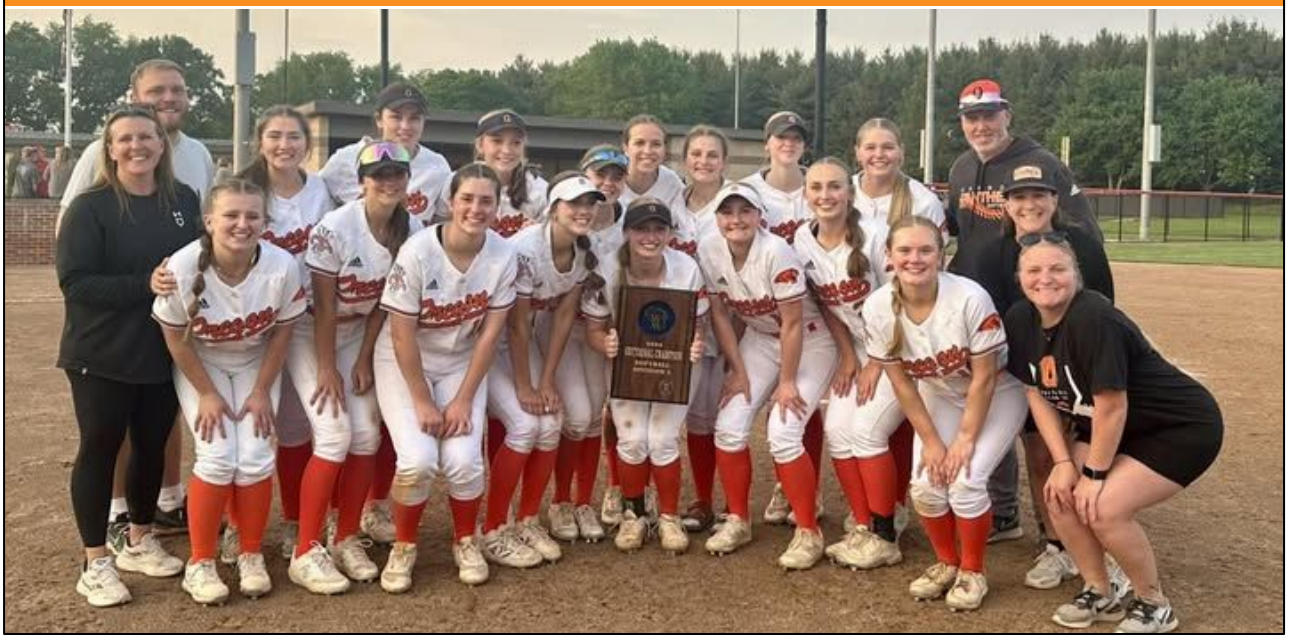
Track Team at State



Congrats to our OHS track team members who competed in the state tournament!!! 🌟👟

✨Rory Dexter: High Jump took 15th
✨Jaclyn Schelitzche: 200m took 8th
✨Annabelle Schwarz: 100m Hurdles took 12th and Triple Jump took 21st
✨Jacob Yoerger: Pole Vault took 2nd

Softball Goes to State



After winning the WIAA Division 1 sectional final 8-7 against Milton last night, our OHS softball team will be heading to the state tournament for the first time! The game is this Wednesday at 1:30 at Goodman Complex against Hamilton-Sussex

Girls soccer will play in their sectional game on Thursday night at 7 pm against Waunakee

Last Day Waves and Hugs



The final day of school is always filled mixed emotions. While there is excitement around summer, we'll also miss seeing teaches and friends. There were lots of high-fives, hugs, and waves as we say "see you later" on this last day of the 2024-25 school year.

Celebrating the Class of 2025

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Elementary School Walks



The end of the school year always marks an extra special time for our graduating seniors. One of our favorite traditions at the end of the school year is when seniors return their former elementary schools. They paraded through the familiar hallways, fondly reminisced with special teachers, and offered inspiration to our younger students.

Following the walk, there is time for photos with classmates, visiting with former teachers (who sometimes bring out photos of the seniors from years before), and returning to the playground.



The week before graduation, families were invited to participate in the “Class of 2025 Then & Now Challenge,” where they could share their photos. It was a tremendous success and our school community loved seeing the then and now photos, which offered an opportunity for reflection and to see how far our students have come.

Commencement Ceremony



And the culmination - our commencement ceremony. It takes many hands to put on an event of this caliber. These photos are just a small snippet of the community that goes into making this event a success. From preparation of programs, flowers, and diplomas - to the presentation of the flags - to the music - to the live streaming and more….this is a tremendous showcase of our value: Strong Family & Community Partnerships.

A Full House



And wow did we have a full house!

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And then there is the clear joy that our students have as they walk across the stage and get that diploma that they worked so hard to earn…..it is a display of our Portrait of a Graduate…..

Diploma Joy



Remember to Tune In to the OSD Podcast!



Make sure to check out our podcast: Inside the OSD! You can find all episodes at OregonSD.org/podcast, and anywhere you get your podcasts.

Our most recent episode welcomed guest host, Dr. Shannon Anderson, who spoke with the three graduation speakers who gave speeches at yesterday's commencement ceremony. Take a moment to listen - even if you already saw the speeches, because these are some pretty amazing young adults. Their insights on their time at OHS and their advice for younger students is inspiring.

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