

# Newsletter



## All That Jazz

In October, OHS saw a school-record seven students named to the Oklahoma All-State Jazz Choir! This choir is made up of students from all classifications (not just 6A) and the honor is only given to 24 students total, meaning Owasso students made up nearly 30% of the All-State selections.

Honorees included Michael Fleming, Teagan Miller, Ashton Mobley, Paige Purifoy, Darci Roberts, Clara Smith and Ella Powell.

Powell also is the first OHS student ever to earn an All-State medal, awarded only to students who achieve All-State honors three consecutive years.

Great job, Rams!



Michael Fleming



Teagan Miller



Ashton Mobley



Ella Powell



Paige Purifoy



Darci Roberts



Clara Smith

## Looking Ahead

**November 24-28**

Thanksgiving Break - No School

**December 8**

OPS Board of Education Meeting

**December 19**

End of First Semester

**December 22-January 2**

Winter Break - No School

**January 5**

District Collaboration Day - No School

**January 6**

Second Semester Begins

**January 12**

OPS Board of Education Meeting

**January 19**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

**January 20**

Professional Development Day - No School

## We Matter Week

In September, OPS once again partnered with the Magalassi Foundation to observe We Matter Week, an initiative dedicated to promoting suicide prevention and awareness. Throughout the week, students and staff engaged in a variety of activities designed to encourage meaningful conversations about mental health and the importance of supporting one another.

The message of the week was clear: I Matter. You Matter. We Matter. And together, we are stronger when we stay connected.



## Student Investment Plan Update

Since the passage of the 2025 OPS Student Investment Plan on Sept. 9, you may be wondering about the status of various projects and initiatives in the plan.

The District anticipates receiving bond fund deposits as early as December 2025 and January 2026. For many of the larger capital projects such as the 5th Grade Elementary Center, it will take one year to design and one year to build.

We are still anticipating the opening of the 5th Grade Elementary Center and beginning of Full-Day Pre-K at the other nine elementary sites in August 2028.

At this time, we are planning to implement Elementary Art for the 2026-27 school year and will spend the summer of 2026 working on projects such as window safety film installation, a Ram Academy science lab, Ag fencing and more. Stay tuned for more updates!



## Elementary Fine Dining with Sodexo

Sodexo and the Owasso Child Nutrition team are bringing a Fine Dining Etiquette Luncheon to all nine elementary schools this year!

District Executive Chef Doug Zimpel transforms an area at each school into a fine dining experience, complete with table settings and multiple courses. While students enjoy the meal, OPS and Sodexo staff guide them through dining etiquette in a fun and interactive way.

Students learn everything from which fork to use to how to carry themselves confidently in a restaurant setting.

This initiative goes beyond serving a delicious meal — it's about giving students the chance to step outside their normal routine, build lifelong skills, and share a memorable experience with their friends.

Thank you to Sodexo and the Owasso Child Nutrition team for bringing this special experience back to Owasso students!

## Ram Spotlight: Brooks Thesenvitz

Part of the Ram Rally on Oct. 3 at Bailey Elementary was spent honoring 3rd grader Brooks Thesenvitz for the courage that he displayed while helping to save his family following a car accident in Colorado.



Brooks was the only member of his family who was uninjured and able to escape the vehicle following the accident and he acted quickly to get help. In a remote area of Colorado, Brooks ran a mile and crossed a ravine in order to find another motorist who could help alert first responders.

His quick thinking and bravery remind us all what it means to Be Your Best.

To hear more of Brooks' story, check out the District's YouTube page at [youtube.com/@owassops](https://youtube.com/@owassops)

## Shoutouts!

» OHS seniors Ty Elias, Sean Gunter, Mallory Sepulveda, Addison Welborn and Austin Yowell were named National Merit Semifinalists in September.

» Owasso Varsity Cheer won its 7th straight performance state title, taking the 6A Large Co-Ed Championship on Sept. 27.

» Seven Ram Academy students walked across the stage as graduates during a ceremony on Oct. 10.

» Stone Canyon Elementary students donated about 1,500 items of food in September and October as part of the Coach's Kids Food Drive.