



Community Update | Fall 2025

You're invited!



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DEAR ONALASKA

Thank you all so much for the warm welcome my family and I have received since joining this community over the summer. It's been wonderful experiencing what makes this place so special and seeing the pride people have in our schools.

Our construction projects at the middle and high schools are nearing completion. The new spaces are incredible and wouldn't have been possible without your support. Thank you for investing in our children and schools!

Looking ahead, we're focusing on refining our curriculum and systems to make our already strong district even stronger. Onalaska features high-achieving, high-functioning schools with engaged students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. We are proud of where we are, but we can never be satisfied. There's always more we can do to grow and improve. I'm excited to see the great things we'll continue doing together.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. Take care and Go Hilltoppers!

Superintendent Ben Barton, School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Meetings

Board meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 237 2nd Ave S.

Meetings are streamed, archived, and made available to the public. For more information and to view past broadcasts, visit: onalaskaschools.com/school-board

Reminder for Onalaska Sports Fans

All high school athletic event tickets are now cashless and can be purchased online through GoFan or in-person using a card. Save with an All-Sports Pass, which grants discounted access to every home regular season contest across all sports. Seniors (60+) enjoy free admission to regular season Mississippi Valley Conference events.



District Calendar

Looking to come to the next game? In need of a good musical performance? Use the QR code to view our calendar of events!

DISTRICT NEWS

District Construction Updates

Construction at Onalaska Middle School is nearly complete. All new classrooms and learning spaces are now in use. We hope you can see the beautiful new state-of-the-art facility and the difference your 2022 vote made at our upcoming open house!

Onalaska Middle School Open House

707 8th Ave N.

Saturday, November 15 | 9–11 a.m.

Renovations at Onalaska High School are also nearing completion. As work continues in the new music program area, the Tech Ed expansion and renovated dance studio are finished and buzzing with activity. Similar to OMS, we'll share an update when the OHS project is done. Thank you for supporting our schools!

Onalaska High School Among “Best High Schools” in U.S.

OHS has been recognized as one of the top public high schools in the country, according to the 2025–26 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. OHS placed in the top 10% of ranked U.S. high schools and is the 48th best high school in Wisconsin. Nearly 18,000 high schools nationwide - including 464 from Wisconsin - are ranked.

Other Hilltopper Headlines

- OHS seniors Krishna Ailiani, Elizabeth Matz, and Elyse Keister are named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists - a distinction only 1% of U.S. high school seniors earn.
- Beverly * Stuhr, OHS Class of 1943, is inducted into the Onalaska Wall of Excellence.
- **District leadership changes:** Over the summer, Northern Hills Elementary Principal **Lish Olson** transitioned to a new role in the district as Director of Instructional Services. **Kelly McMahon** was selected as the next principal of Northern Hills.

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