

Update from the Superintendent
Dr. Kristine Flesher

May 26, 2026

Hello, parents and guardians.

I hope you had a meaningful and relaxing Memorial Day weekend.

We are currently in year two of implementing our Strategic Plan. Maintaining a strong feedback loop with our families is critically important to this work. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we are launching **two parent/guardian feedback surveys**.

The **first survey** focuses on gathering feedback about your family's experience in Orono Schools. The **second survey** is designed to help us better understand how you may wish to engage with our schools through volunteering, committee participation, mentorship, event support, etc.

Both surveys include open-ended questions because we value your voice and want to provide space for thoughtful reflections and ideas. The insights we gather will help us evaluate our progress, identify areas for growth, and ensure we remain aligned with the needs and expectations of our community.

I urge you to take a few minutes to complete the surveys (links below) and share your thoughts. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us build the best possible experience for every student.

Sincerely,
Kristine Flesher, Ed.D.
Superintendent

2026 Parent Survey

Your partnership helps make Orono Schools strong! We invite all parents/guardians to take a few minutes to anonymously share feedback on our strategic goals and offer thoughts for the future.

COMPLETE THE 2026 PARENT SURVEY



Parent Engagement Survey

If you would like to volunteer, join a committee, or explore other ways to get involved, please complete our Parent Engagement survey. A staff member will follow up with you in the future.

COMPLETE THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Thank you for your time!

ATHLETICS

Our spring athletic teams continue to shine! Here are just a few updates and upcoming competitions:

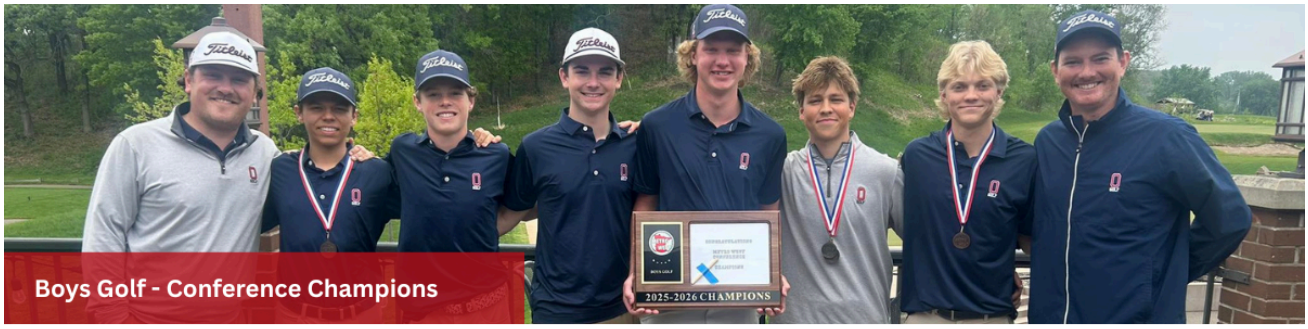
- **Softball** -- The girls continue their postseason play today as they host Robbinsdale Cooper at 4:30 p.m. This is the third round game of the Section 6AAA Tournament. The team defeated #7 Blake and #3 Westonka to advance. Good luck!
- **Boys Tennis** -- The Orono Boys Tennis team ended their season as the 5AA Section runner-up. Congrats on a successful season! Anthony Perrill and Max Skanse qualified for the Boys Tennis State Tournament in doubles competition. They take the court at Baseline Tennis Center in Minneapolis on June 4.
- **Baseball** -- Baseball finished an impressive regular season with a record of 17-5. The team received the No. 1 seed in the Section 6AAA Tournament! Spartans will host an opening round game tonight (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. against Camden. Come out and support the Spartans at Timpe Field in Maple Plain.







- **Boys Golf** - Congratulations to Boys Golf for capturing the first conference championship in program history! Special congratulations to Ayden Frenz on earning individual medalist honors with a five-under round of 67 on the day. Boys Golf is also at Ridges at Sand Creek today competing in Section 2AAA.
- **Girls Lacrosse** -- Girls Lacrosse closed the regular season on a 12-game winning streak to finish 12-1 overall. The Spartans also captured the Metro West Conference Championship for the second consecutive season. Section play begins this week!

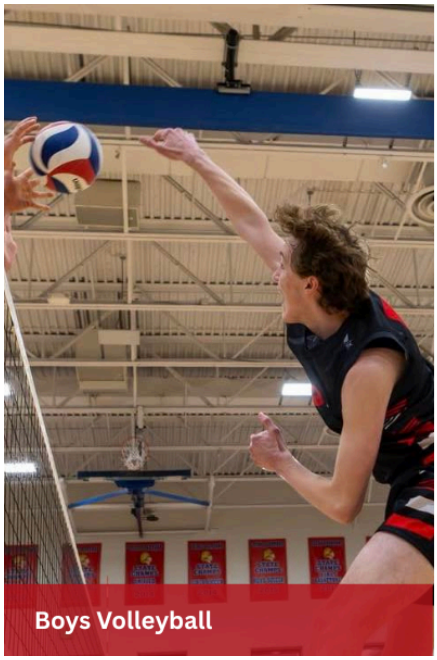


Boys Golf - Conference Champions


Girls Lacrosse - Conference Champions

- **Boys Volleyball** -- Boys Volleyball (our MSHSL co-op team as the White Hawks) received the No. 8 seed in the Section 2A Tournament. They will host United Christian Academy in the opening round at Orono High School tonight at 7 p.m. here at home. Good luck, boys!

- **Girls Golf** -- Girls Golf competed at Braemar Golf Course on May 18, finishing second overall at the Metro West Conference Championship Meet. The team took the course at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan earlier today in the preliminary round of the Section 2AAA tournament. Good luck, girls!


Boys Volleyball


Girls Golf

- **Boys Lacrosse** -- Boys Lacrosse has wrapped up the regular season and is looking toward the Section 2A Tournament. The team received the No. 4 seed and will host a quarterfinal game this Thursday at 8 p.m. against Holy Family. Let's fill Pesonen Stadium!



Boys Lacrosse

- **Track & Field** -- Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Track & Field teams for placing 2nd at the Class AA True Team State Meet on May 16. Amazing teamwork by all! The teams

began day one of section competition today at Delano.





CALENDAR

- May 28 - 5th Grade and OMS Choir Concerts, 5th grade, 6:00 p.m.; 6th-8th grade, 6:30 p.m., OHS Fenholt Auditorium
- June 1 and 2 - Kindergarten Graduation
- June 2 - Senior Showcase (Senior Spartan Experience, AP Research), 2-3 p.m., OHS Media Center
- June 4 - Commencement, 7 p.m., Pesonen Stadium

For sports competitions, please visit our Athletics and Activities calendar.

Please see the Calendars webpage for more information including the 2025-26 and 2026-27* academic calendars. **Note that school begins before Labor Day in fall 2026.*

Orono School Board

The next meeting of the Orono School Board is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the District Office Assembly Room. A Public Comment session precedes the Board meeting.



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