
Ottawa Hills
Jr./Sr. High School
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OTTAWA HILLS LOCAL SCHOOLS

AGORA 2026 • GOING ALL IN

Agora Programming Fee Schedule

Fees Due: Friday, November 6, 2026

We are pleased to announce that **every student has been placed in either their 1st or 2nd choice** for Agora programming! We are excited to see our students **"Go All In!"** as they explore new experiences, embrace new challenges, and make lasting memories during this special week.

Payment Information

Checks may be dropped off at the **High School Main Office**. Please make checks payable to: **Ottawa Hills Local Schools**

Important: Please write your student's **first and last name** in the memo line of the check. If paying with **cash**, please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled with your student's **first and last name**.

Student Programming & Fees

The assigned student programming and associated fees are listed below.

Student Programming & Fees	
I.	Elegance & Beauty $**160**
II.	Compassion & Medicine $**50**
III.	Excellence & Sports $**140**
IV.	Discovery & Animals $**140**

V.	Innovation & Science $**50**
VI.	Creativity & Arts (Canceled due to lack of response)
VII.	Endurance & Outdoors **$135**
VIII.	Courage & Adventure $**185**
IX.	Mastery & Culinary $**100**
X.	Service & Volunteerism (No Fee)



Reminder

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, Oct. 22, and Friday, Oct. 23. There will be no school for students on those days.

Click the link to sign up for conferences: https://ptcfast.com/schools/OHLS



Junior High Dance

We are excited to invite students to another fun Junior High Halloween Dance! Join us this **Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite costume and come ready to dance! Admission is $5 per student payable with cash at the door.

Please keep the following Spooktacular reminders in mind:

- Students are expected to remain for the full duration of the dance, except in cases of medical necessity.
- To maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone, please leave toy weapons and related accessory props at home.



Calling all Varsity Letter Winners

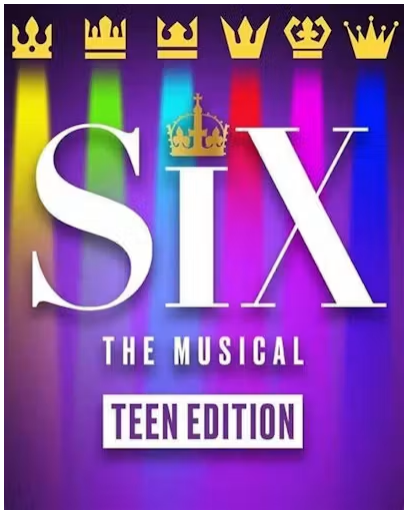
Our Jostens jacket representative will be on campus Thursday, Oct. 29, for sizing and order day from 11:10 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. outside the main gym during lunch.

Please fill out the Google form linked below before the fitting day to make the process as smooth as possible. Once you submit the form, a Jostens representative will contact you within 24 to 48 hours to collect payment and go over the details.

If you have questions before fitting day, please contact the representative directly at currey.dearmit@jostens.com or 810-300-4610.

If you are receiving your letter at the end of this fall sports season, you can still order a jacket before receiving your letter. Talk with the representative while he is on campus for details.

Google order form



OHMTA presents "Six," Teen Edition

Six queens of King Henry VIII take the stage in this fast-paced musical that gives history a pop concert twist. Each queen steps forward to tell her story and argue that she suffered the most, but as the competition heats up, they discover they have more in common than they thought.

Three shows only: Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Monday, Oct. 19, and can be purchased here: **ohschools.org/tickets**.

View the full **cast list** on Instagram **@ohhs.theatre**.



Auditions Begin Monday

For students in grades 4-8 interested in participating in the February 2027 Acting Out! Productions' musical, "Alice in Wonderland, Jr.," **auditions begin Monday, Oct. 26** in the Jr./Sr. High School auditorium. Registration takes place 3 to 3:30 p.m. with auditions starting at 3:30 p.m.

Be sure to have your audition checklist completed!

Contact Darrin Broadway with any questions: dbroadway@ohschools.org



OHMTA poinsettia sale

All proceeds benefit the Ottawa Hills Music & Theatre Association. Order before Nov. 15, with pick up Dec. 5 from noon to 2 p.m. at the JHHS main office. Free delivery within the Village only Dec. 5 for orders over $75.

Order here



New this year! Our page is interactive. Click icons, QR codes, and images to visit the linked webpages!

5 Things You Need to Know:

1

October 8, 2026 Membership Meeting recap is available here

meeting recap

Save the date for OHSPA's next membership meeting.
Thursday, November 12
8:15 a.m.
OHES Community Room

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Hot Lunch Updates!

November orders are due October 24.

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Save the Date!

October 30 @ 5:30 p.m.
Trunk or Treat
Drive-In Movie, DJ, and prizes
$20 per vehicle
Order tickets here

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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Drive-In Movie Night Tickets on Sale Now!

Show up. Enjoy the movie. OHSPA does the rest.
OH clubs and teams will host the Trunk-or-Treat portion of the event.

1. Buy a ticket
2. Arrive at 5:30
3. Trunk-or-treat & enjoy the movie

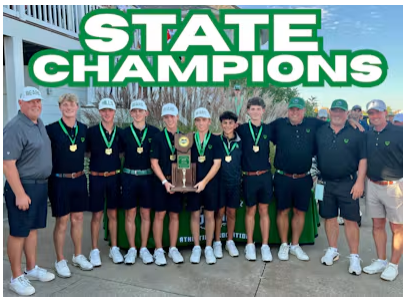
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OHSPA is looking to hire a bookkeeper.

Interested or have a recommendation? Email ohspaparents@gmail.com.

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Green Bear News



Golf Team Wins State Championship

The boys varsity golf team delivered a remarkable performance to claim the fourth OHSAA Golf State Championship in school history with a dominant 42-shot victory at Northstar Golf Course in Sunbury, Ohio. This year's varsity roster included Yale Feniger, Cooper Friedman, Graham Hill, Will Kielczewski, Greyson O'Neill, Walker Peterson, and Charlie Swigart. The Green Bears were led by individual state runner-up Charlie Swigart, and four players finished in the top 12. Cooper Friedman earned first-team All-State honors, and Yale Feniger earned second-team All-State honors.

A special thank you goes to Head Coach Justin Kruse, the rest of the coaching staff, the OH Boosters, the Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation, and Ryan Wronkowicz for their support during a truly remarkable season. Additionally, thank you to the Ottawa Hills Police Department for leading a celebratory parade through the Village after the team returned to Ottawa Hills. Arrangements are being made for an all-school assembly to formally acknowledge the team and unveil the state championship banner.





High School Girls and Junior High Boys Win SBC Championship

In their first year competing in the Sandusky Bay Conference, the Ottawa Hills Cross Country teams had a historic weekend at the league championship at Lakota High School. The High School Girls claimed the program's first-ever SBC title, led by Natalie Nixon, who won with a time of 17:38.2.

The Junior High Boys also won their division, with Henry McKennan finishing second and Abdullah Elfuturi third. The High School Boys finished second overall, led by William Connelly in third.



AP English Students Take Research to the Next Level

Our senior English and Advanced Placement (AP) English students recently extended their learning beyond the classroom with an immersive research trip to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (TLCPL) main branch in downtown Toledo.

During the visit, students heard from Melissa Jeter, adult services librarian, who highlighted the library's wide range of resources and explained how to conduct research using its extensive collections. The trip gave seniors a valuable chance to explore collegiate-level materials not available at Ottawa Hills. Students were tasked with discovering and analyzing sources to develop a central theme, tracing its connections across both classic literature and real-world contexts.

Throughout the first quarter, instruction has focused on the writing process as seniors work on their college essays. Mrs. Eisenbaum helps students find their voice, craft compelling writing that highlights their interests, skills, and passions, and master the technical components of narrative composition. In the second quarter, classes will more fully integrate literary analysis, the writing process, and advanced critical thinking skills. Working with a comprehensive public research collection provides a strong stepping stone for these collegiate-level expectations.

A special thank you goes to chaperone Lauren Tracy and bus driver Eric Swisher for making the trip possible, along with the helpful TLCPL staff for their warm welcome, presentation, guidance, and ongoing support of our students.



Ottawa Hills Celebrates Instrumental and Vocal Excellence at Fall Collage Concert

The annual Fall Collage Concert on Sunday brought remarkable student talent to the stage in the Ottawa Hills Jr./Sr. High School gym. More than 200 junior

high and high school students participated in the showcase, celebrating the hard work and dedication of our performers and music directors, Hayley Hoss and Michael Leeds. Presented as a seamless, hour-long program that alternated between vocal and instrumental music, the evening brought both programs together for an unforgettable celebration of the arts, a hallmark of the Green Bear community.

Under the leadership of Instrumental Music Director Michael Leeds, the instrumental ensembles delivered a dynamic series of performances. The Marching Band brought high energy to the gym with spirited arrangements of “Funkytown,” “Paperback Writer,” and “9 to 5.” The Concert Band offered thoughtful, polished renditions of “Hymn of Thanksgiving,” “Beale Street Strut,” “Beauty and the Beast,” and “The Olympic Spirit.” The Drumline also demonstrated impressive rhythm, precision, and technique with its “2026 Cadence Series.”

Vocal Music Director Hayley Hoss curated a rich, varied selection of music ranging from classical masterworks to contemporary hits, all unified by themes of inspiration and the changing season. The Choraliers wowed the audience with “Hymn of Thanksgiving,” “Beale Street Strut,” “Measure Me Sky,” and “Light of a Clear Blue Morning,” which featured soloist Jasmine Hajjar alongside Xavier Smith on flute. The High School Concert Choir delivered moving performances of “Riversong,” Brahms’s “In Stiller Nacht” (arranged by Ms. Hoss), and “Touch the Sky,” featuring soloist Smith McDonough with Sam Abbott on fiddle. The Junior High Choir delighted the crowd with lively performances of “TaReKiTa,” “The Owl, The Wind, and the Moon,” and “Stodola Pumpa.” To round out the vocal performances, the Jr. Chorale added a touch of elegance with Greg Gilpin’s “Lightning!,” Schubert’s “An die Musik,” and “Dream a Little Dream of Me,” highlighting soloists Lauren DeMaio and Annie Lim, with accompaniment by Clara Hart.

This event was a resounding success and a wonderful kickoff to the performance season. Sincere congratulations go to all student performers for their passion and commitment to excellence. Special

thanks are also due to the outstanding staff whose guidance made the evening possible: Vocal Music Director Hayley Hoss, Instrumental Music Director Michael Leeds, and dedicated accompanist Bob Duris. The Fall Collage Concert continues to be a highlight of our school year, and we look forward to seeing the continued growth and success of our talented musicians. Go Green Bears!



Grounded in Compassion: Green Bears Lend a Hand at Tiny Hooves Farm

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Ottawa Hills Jr./Sr. High School students stepped out of the classroom and onto the farm for a day of community service. Members of Stacy Richards's health class joined forces with Volunteer Focus for a visit to Tiny Hooves Farm, rolling up their sleeves to give back to a meaningful local cause.

Throughout the day, the group worked side by side with the Bauer family, assisting with several essential maintenance projects around the property. Students pitched in on mulching and landscaping projects that help keep the farm's grounds beautifully maintained and welcoming.

Tiny Hooves Farm is a nonprofit that provides a compassionate space for community healing, particularly through its specialized grief support programs.

"Understanding grief as a health issue is an essential part of total well-being. It affects us emotionally, mentally, and physically," said Richards, health teacher and Volunteer Focus advisor. "Seeing Tiny Hooves Farm firsthand showed our students how vital community resources are in providing a safe, restorative space for healing and support."

Thanks to the effort and team spirit of our students, the farm received valuable support to sustain its comforting environment for visitors and residents alike.

A special thank you goes to Richards, bus driver Eric Swisher for providing safe transportation, and the Bauer family for guiding our students through such a rewarding, hands-on experience. To learn more about the farm's resident animals or ways to support its mission, visit tinyhoovesfarm.org.



Students Make a Difference: Volunteering with Food for Thought

On Oct. 15, students from Stacy Richards's health classes and Volunteer Focus participated in a meaningful community service experience. The group volunteered with the local nonprofit Food for Thought, working alongside employees from Lott Industries.

Health teacher Stacy Richards organized the trip to give students a hands-on understanding of crucial community issues. The experience applied the health curriculum and highlighted the real-world impact of food insecurity in the Toledo area.

Richards underscores the importance of helping students recognize these challenges and see how organizations like Food for Thought work to create systemic solutions for a healthier community. "When our students work alongside local organizations, they gain a powerful perspective on the everyday challenges facing so many families in the Toledo area. It cultivates genuine compassion and empathy, showing them that even small acts of service can create a ripple effect of good across our entire community," said Richards after the event.

A heartfelt thank you to Richards for chaperoning this essential trip and connecting academic learning to civic responsibility. Special thanks also go to bus driver Eric Swisher for making this meaningful community service experience possible.

Save the Date

Wednesday, October 21: Junior High Halloween Dance, 6:30 p.m., multi room

Thursday & Friday, October 22 & 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 3: No School/Voting Day
Wednesday, November 4: Late Start. School begins at 10 a.m.



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