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Ottawa Hills Local Schools

District Newsletter - Friday, Oct. 30, 2026



Halloween Parade

For the 20th year in a row the Ottawa Hills High School Marching kicked off the annual elementary school Halloween Parade. Led by Instrumental Music Director Michael Leeds, our youngest Green Bears paraded through part of the Village, showing off their dreadful and delightful costumes. **Watch clips of the parade on the District Instagram here**.



Please Join Us

The Ottawa Hills Schools Foundation invites the community to a Ribbon Cutting celebrating Charley's Playground and the Shelley Jamison Butterfly Garden.

Join in the celebration at the new all-inclusive elementary playground on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 5:30 p.m. for the ribbon-cutting followed by light refreshments at the butterfly garden. Read more about these projects **here**



Reminders for Next Week

- **Sunday, Nov. 1:** Daylight Savings and our **clocks fall back** as we enter the cooler months.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 3:Election Day and schools are closed**. Reminder the mulipurpose room in the JHHS is a local polling location for Village residents.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 4: Late start with school beginning at 10 a.m.** to allow staff time for professional development.



September Financial Reports

At this week's Board meeting Tresurer/CFO Tom Siloy presented the September financial reports.

View the Report here
View the Presentation here

In case you missed it, exciting news: For the third year in a row Ottawa Hills Local School District has been ranked #1 by the State of Ohio in effective per pupil spending compared to similar districts. We spend 78% of our budget directly on student instruction.



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 Dec. 5 for orders over $75 (only available for Ottawa Hills residents).

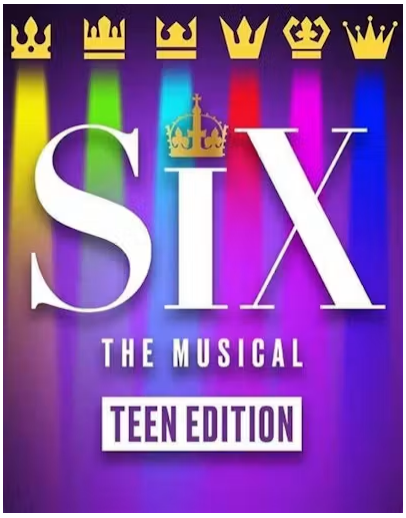
Order here



The Bear Cave is OPEN Nov. 2-16

The Bear Cave is bringing back popular items just in time for the gift-giving season. Online ordering is open Nov. 2-16 and orders will be delivered early December.

Visit the Bear Cave or buy a Boosters pass here



"Six, The Musical," Teen Edition coming to Ottawa Hills Theatre this December

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 can be purchased here: **ohschools.org/tickets**.

View the fullcast list on Instagram **@ohhs.theatre**.

OHSPA News

Hot lunch orders are due on the 24th of each month. Hot lunch is OHSPA's largest fundraiser and you can **order lunches here**. At the Jr./Sr. High School, OHSPA also runs a cash sale window with extra items from each hot lunch vendor, plus other items for purchase.

OHSPA's annual Holiday Staff and Faculty Luncheon will be held Dec. 14 at both buildings. Watch for opportunities to get involved and help make it a special way to thank our staff.

Stay connected by subscribing to the **OHSPA newsletter** for updates on ways to get involved and upcoming events, and follow OHSPA on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

Calling Band Alum

The Ottawa Hills Band Boosters Organization had a new webpage just to connect with former band members. Send your band photos and updates to the **OHBBO Alumni page here.**

Important Resources:

- **2026-27 School Year Calendar** link to view pdf
- **OH Connections** link to view elementary and jr./sr. high school news
- **PowerSchool** link to register, pay fees and view schedules & grades
- **SchoolMessenger** link to update your emergency and district notification info
- **District Calendar** link to view school events
- **Athletic Calendar** link to view (and subscribe) to all Green Bear sports

Important Dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 3: No School. Election Day.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4: Late Start. School begins at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 5:30 p.m., OHES playground
- Wednesday, Nov. 4: OHBBO meeting, 7 p.m., OHES community room
- Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veteran's Day
- Wednesday, Nov. 11: Board of Education meeting and retreat, 8:30 a.m., district conference room
- Thursday, Nov. 12: OHSPA meeting, 8:15 a.m., OHES community room
- Monday, Nov. 16 - Friday, Nov. 20: Agora week for JHHS
- Wednesday, Nov. 18: Board of Education meeting, 4 p.m., district conference room
- Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Friday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving break. No School.

Follow and connect with the district on our Facebook, Instagram and Green Bear Athletics X social media accounts at the links below.

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In partnership with our community, Ottawa Hills Local Schools will inspire, challenge, and support each student to realize their unique and full potential; to embrace the joy of learning as a lifelong process; and to become an empathetic, responsible citizen.

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