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Homecoming Week is just around the corner and excitement is starting to build. The homecoming parade in Oconomowoc is a long-standing tradition. All of us at OHS look forward to another outstanding parade that showcases our school and community pride. We hope to see everyone there supporting all who are involved.

As always, safety and respecting our community's property is something we don't want to forget. Here are a couple reminders:

#### **Floats**

- No throwing candy from the floats or vehicles. It is recommended that the folks in the parade walk over to the crowd and lightly toss or hand the candy out so we don't have children running into the streets.
- Each float/group will need to provide 2 adults to walk in the front on both sides so that extreme safety is intact. Direct spectators to provide a wide area for floats.
- Each float/group will need to provide 1 adult to accompany children on the floats.

#### **Spectators**

- Parents, please encourage your child not to get too close to the parade folks as they are going by.
- Make sure that all garbage is picked up from your areas and deposited into the appropriate trash
  receptacles. We do not want to make more work for our custodians and city workers as it is an honor
  to be able to put this parade on for the community.

In closing, we thank you for your help, and look forward to seeing you at the parade and then at the football game cheering OHS onto victory!!

GO RACCOONS!!

Oconomowoc High School Athletic Department



# Homecoming 2024 Take Me Home, Ocon Roads!

TO: Participants for the 2024-2025 Homecoming Parade

FR: Student Council Officers

Plans for the 2024-25 Homecoming Parade are beginning to get underway. The date for the Homecoming Parade and game this year is Friday, September 27, 2024. The parade is scheduled to start at 5:15 p.m. and the football game is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. As in the past, we hope to involve the whole community!

Oconomowoc High School would like to invite you to participate in some way in this year's Homecoming Parade. Please look through the enclosed information and decide if you would like to help make Homecoming a success.



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### **VS**

# **Arrowhead**

(Colors: Red, Blue, & White) (Team Mascot: Warhawks)

# Sunday, September 22

Window Painting 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Roots

Wednesday, September 25

Powder Puff Game 6:30 p.m. Rux Stadium

Thursday, September 26

Boys Soccer 6:30 p.m. OHS Soccer Stadium

Friday, September 27

Parade line-up 4:00 p.m. Walnut St. and Pleasant St.

Parade begins 5:15 p.m.

Football Game 7:00 p.m. OHS Stadium

Saturday, September 28

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 9:30 a.m Cornerstone Sports Pub & Eatery

OHS Tours 12:00 p.m. Gale Douglas Field House Entrance
Dance 8:00-11:00 p.m. Upper Gym

**Spirit Dress up Days** 

Monday: Take Me Home- PJs

Tuesday: Denim Wednesday: USA

Thursday: Country vs. Country Club

Friday: Take Me Home, Ocon Roads- Purple & Gold

New this year! Parade Raccoon Rolling Pep Rally on Friday, September 27. Sign up here if you are interested.

Homecoming Parade application forms are due at the high school office, <a href="logpnowb@oasd.org">loppnowb@oasd.org</a> no later than Friday, September 20, 2024. Forms can be found on the OHS Website. Please Note: Due to overhead electric wires, floats may not exceed 16' in height.



# OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMECOMING PARADE SAFETY GUIDELINES

- PROVIDE 2 ADULTS to walk along parade route with float. A third adult should be on the float with
  the children. Direct spectators back to the edge of the road. Candy can be handed out along the
  sidewalks.
- DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM THE VEHICLE.
- All City, County & State ordinances must be followed during the event. Any participant who violates
  city, county or state ordinances or creates a public safety hazard will be referred to the appropriate
  authorities
- All parade vehicles/floats must be structurally sound and safely designed. The main platform must
  have no holes or hollow areas where someone could fall through. All standing persons must have
  something on which to hold (i.e. a railing, pole, handle, etc.) or they must be seated at all times.
- Two people need to be in the pulling vehicle with one being a full time spotter for the driver.
- No vehicle in the parade shall stop in route to load or unload passengers
- No one will be permitted to ride on the roof or hood of a moving vehicle
- Parade moves at a set pace, please follow accordingly to ensure that the parade begins and ends on time and that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time
- Parade entries must maintain appropriate distances (one car length) from the entry in front of them. Large gaps between entries can pose a safety hazard as can following an entry too closely.
- For the safety of parade attendees, throwing items such as candy, etc., from the float or vehicle will not be permitted. You may walk along the sidewalk and hand out candy. Entries identified as throwing items risk future parade participation.
- Persons riding on floats should have proper footing/seating and should not hang any appendage over the sides of the float.
- Parade participants should not jump from or onto a float or motorized vehicle
- Ensure that float decorations do not obscure the driver's view of the road and that drivers/operators can hear verbal instructions.
- Entry should easily travel the parade route, turn corners and fit under traffic signals.
- The height of the entry needs to fit under trees and traffic devices encountered on the parade route.
- Due to overhead electric wires, floats may not exceed 16' in height.
- Floats or participants which seek to present political or campaign messages may not state or imply that the School District or its schools support or endorse the messages.
- Equal time will be made available for all floats or participants which seek to present any political message or endorsement.
- The District reserves the right to exclude, at any time, any float or participant for failure to conform
  to the guidelines and to control the content of the float's or participant's presentation: Inappropriate
  or offensive float or participant messages, handouts, costumes or conduct will not be tolerated.

## HOMECOMING PARADE LINE-UP POSITIONS



## HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE

