

# Learners & Leaders

BECOMING AN UNRIVALED LEARNING COMMUNITY

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**#2 STRATEGIC DIRECTION**



## OHS Students Gain Career-Ready Experience in Manufacturing

Students who enjoy using their hands to create, imagine or build things, have new opportunities in the Manufacturing Programs at Oconomowoc High School (OHS). OHS offers courses in skilled trades to provide a rigorous high school experience but also connect students with networking and job opportunities. Students can learn about construction, manufacturing, engineering, product design, electronics, fabrication, architecture, computer science, and transportation.



OHS also provides pathways from classroom and lab work to college credit, professional experience, or industry certifications in these fields. One of these opportunities is the Youth Apprenticeship Program, offered through the Department of Workforce Development. In this program, students gain paid work experience in a field related to their career interests and take the corresponding

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*“The students in our skilled trades courses walk away with hands-on experience in the field and a stronger understanding of future careers in this industry. They also have connections within the local community to continue their work either at the technical level or on-the-job.”*

Kyla Stefan,  
School to Career Coordinator

*“The manufacturing industry is booming right now, with lots of opportunities for skilled workers. The manufacturing classes at OHS are a significant first step. You will learn how to read plans, precision measuring, and product design while working with welding equipment, sheet metal tools, a plasma cutter, lathes, milling machines, CNC mills, robotics, and even a forge.”*

Caleb Kasper,  
OHS Manufacturing Teacher



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK BUILDING AN UNRIVALED LEARNING COMMUNITY

On behalf of all of us in the OASD, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! There are so many good things happening in our schools as we move into the second half of the school year. Our new and renovated spaces at Ixonia Elementary, Oconomowoc High School Main Campus, and OHS East Campus are full of students. Our final project from the 2016 referendum, the construction of the new Meadow View Elementary School, continues to be on track for completion this summer. The building is coming together beautifully and will be ready for students and staff in August. We continue to be grateful for the generous support of our community and our new and improved facilities.

We will be working during the winter and spring months to refresh the District's strategic plan fully. Through a continuous improvement approach, we have used our strategic plan to set a clear direction for the District and to identify performance measures in key areas. We are proud of the advancements we have made within our current plan, but we are far from complacent, and it is time for us to build strategies to take our performance to the next level.

We will once again chart our future course, working to ensure that we are committed to a clear mission, a compelling vision for the future, and clear strategic directions to focus our work. During our refresh work we will also be developing a Portrait of an OASD Graduate, and updating the measures we will use to monitor our progress and our performance in comparison to others in our region.

Later this spring, parents and community members will be invited to a community presentation that will include a panel presentation from local and regional employers on workforce and career readiness, as well as a panel presentation from recent OHS graduates on their experiences with both college and career preparation. You will also have the opportunity to review a draft of our Portrait of an OASD Graduate and provide feedback to help us identify any missing components. Our goal is for the school board to review the Portrait of a Graduate and the refreshed strategic plan and consider both for formal approval by the end of the school year.

This is such an exciting time for the Oconomowoc Area School District! Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to build an unrivaled learning community.



### #5 STRATEGIC DIRECTION

## OHS DECA STUDENTS "ADOPT A SCHOOL"

In 2006, OHS DECA students were looking for a way to give back to others during the holidays. After talking with students and parents, they decided to donate school supplies to a nearby school and call the program "Adopt a School". Twelve years later, the "Adopt a School" program is still going strong and brought necessities, gifts, and holiday cheer to Pershing Elementary in West Milwaukee.

DECA adopts a different school each year but looks for a school that has 95% or more of its students on the free and reduced lunch program. This year, 241 students received gifts and necessities like winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, underwear, and socks. Silver Lake Intermediate joined in giving hygiene items to Pershing students, and Nature Hill Intermediate contributed additional cold weather clothing.



#1 Continuous Improvement in Academic Performance

#2 Innovative Instructional Programs

#3 Creating a Great Workplace with Highly Engaged Employees

#4 High Quality Facilities with 21st Century Learning Environments

#5 Respecting the Diversity Among People and Cultures

**FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**



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**MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY**

It is starting to get exciting at the new Meadow View Elementary School. Much of the heating, ventilation, electrical, and mechanical infrastructure is in place. The 4K-5K wing framing is fully complete and drywall is being hung in that area. Metal framing and interior masonry work in the grade 1-4 wing is nearing completion. Drywall will follow framing completion in that wing, as well as in the cafeteria/commons. Nearly all exterior windows are in place, and face brick around the exterior of the building continues. Overall, project development continues to be on target. By mid-Spring, interior finishes in the building will be underway.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Meadow View Elementary  
Community Closing Celebration  
June 1, 2019

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**NEW** Meadow View Elementary  
Dedication Celebration  
September 2019



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER**

**OASD District Offices Moved Locations in October of 2018**

The District offices are now located at OHS East Campus: 915 E. Summit Avenue Oconomowoc, WI 53066



**VISIT  
HERE**

View live photos of the Meadow View construction progress and find project updates at [www.oasd.org/BuildingOurFuture](http://www.oasd.org/BuildingOurFuture).

# OASD IN THE NEWS!

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



### Students Earning College Credit in Seminar Digital Communications

Beginning the 2019-20 school year, OHS students enrolled in Seminar Digital Communications will have the opportunity to earn 3 credits through the UW-System as a Communications 133 course. This AP level course allows students to work with local businesses and mentors, to create and present multimedia projects for these businesses. Students learn skills like communication, time management, workplace responsibility, professional etiquette, and prioritizing goals, all while receiving AP credit and earning college credit. OHS teachers, Danielle Bukal and Michael Krill modeled this course after college-level communications courses, in order to challenge students and give them experiences that set them ahead of their peers. See a video project by OHS Seminar Digital Communications students Austyn M. and Grayson B. at [www.shorehavenliving.org/catered-living](http://www.shorehavenliving.org/catered-living). Interested in offering a professional mentorship opportunity to students? Contact Michael Krill at [KrillM@oasd.org](mailto:KrillM@oasd.org) or Danielle Bukal at [BukalD@oasd.org](mailto:BukalD@oasd.org)



### Tim O'Brien Homes Mentors OHS Civil Engineering & Architecture Students

The design team from Tim O'Brien Homes visited the Oconomowoc High School Civil Engineering & Architecture class, to work with our students on the homes they designed.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Country Film Festival – April 15, 2019



The Lake Country Film Festival launched in Spring 2016 and encourages future filmmakers to create films and production pieces that inspire audiences through the power of visual artistry, sound design, and storytelling. Now in its fourth season, the festival seeks to break a few records established last year. In the third season of the festival, students from 16 schools, 9 school districts, and 3 states submitted films for the competition. This year, OHS students and staff hope to reach even more students throughout Wisconsin and the region.

All student films must be submitted by February 28, 2019. The festival's review committee will announce their film selections in mid-March. Visit [www.lakecountryfilmfestival.org](http://www.lakecountryfilmfestival.org) for more information.



### ProHealth Care Anesthesiologist Speaks to OHS Medical Intervention Students

Students in Dan Starr's Medical Interventions class had a unique opportunity to learn about anesthesiology and intubation from Dr. David Mei, an Anesthesiologist at ProHealth Care.



### Footloose Jerry Nominations

The OASD is pleased to announce that the OHS Players production of *Footloose* was nominated for 17 Jerry Awards! The Jerry Awards recognizes and honors excellence in high school musical theater. Winners will be announced in May 2019.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

# OASD Elementary Library Curriculum Redesign Incorporates STEM

During the 2018-19 school year, the Oconomowoc Area School District enhanced the Elementary Library curriculum to include a broader focus on engineering and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Teachers and Administrators recognized an opportunity to incorporate lessons on the engineering design process and to challenge Elementary students in a problem-based, design-learning environment.

These enhancements complement the new science curriculum, *Carolina Building Blocks of Science*, that the District began to implement in Fall. Students spend an additional 30 minutes in the library, every-other-week, to learn about engineering and design. That's in addition to their instructional units on digital citizenship, coding, technology basics, and library/research skills, which occur in the library and computer lab.

“*Students collaborating, building, creating, and sharing with one another has allowed me to see how important the inquiry and design thinking process is for our students now and in the future*”

Rebecca Mankins-Gadwood,  
STEM Teacher



Fourth-graders work on their energy science unit by extending their learning with motors, switches, and propellers.

Students particularly love their ability to choose between coding, design process, and Makerspace creations. STEM teacher Lisa Middleton said, “Our library media centers are the highlight of many students’ days. The hum of students working on projects of choice, and their deep engagement in their learning, propels them to say often, “Library is the best part of my week! I wish I never had to leave.”

The blending of the STEM and Library curriculum is one of the ways the OASD is helping students learn skills like problem-solving, communication, time management, perseverance, and creativity. This enhancement allows teachers to foster students’ natural curiosity and challenge them to think in different ways, a skill that will help throughout their education.

## INTERMEDIATE NEWS

# Robotics Clubs at Nature Hill and Silver Lake Intermediates Continue to Expand

Every fall since 2010, Nature Hill Intermediate (NHI) and Silver Lake Intermediate (SLI) Schools gear up for robotics season. NHI and SLI each run their robotics clubs for students in grades 5-8, and usually achieve 40-60 participants in each club. Both clubs create teams of 4-5 students, and those teams work together to build a robot for competition in two tournaments. Throughout the tournament process, students learn to collaborate as a team, learn strategies to increase the number of points they score each round, and learn to observe and evaluate the other team’s robot. SLI Robotics Club Advisor Corinne Herreid said, “Every year I look forward to seeing the creativity and ingenuity as students work together to accomplish great tasks during the tournament competition.”

The OHS CooneyTech Robotics team members also get involved in Intermediate robotics, acting as mentors at each school. The OHS mentors help to build a prototype robot that will be successful in tournaments. Beginner students can copy



Photo Credit: Rebecca Seymour

the prototype while more experienced students can deviate from the original prototype and make enhancements.

Club Advisors and Teachers Kris Chadwick, Eric Darnell, Corinne Herreid, and Patty Logan-Ott work behind-the-scenes, to help both teams have a successful and fun season. They oversee each team’s work, order parts for the robots, and even organize a concession stand at each tournament to provide additional funds for the clubs. Both clubs would not be complete without the support they receive from community members and local business who offer mentorship and donate funds for both programs.



# WINTER SPORTS

## #OCONPRIDE

Come cheer on our OHS athletes at one of our Winter sports!

### Go Raccoons!

#### Classic 8 Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to the OHS fall sports and coaches who were awarded Classic Eight Sportsmanship Awards.

- Football - Head Coach Greg Malling
- Girls Golf - Head Coach Jason Dahl
- Girls Volleyball - Head Coach Michelle Bruss

#### OHS Boys Cross Country Coach 2018 Fall Coach of the Year

OHS Boys CC Coach Joel Heroux was named WCCCA District 6 Coach of the Year Fall 2018!

#### Oconomowoc High School Athletic Hall of Fame

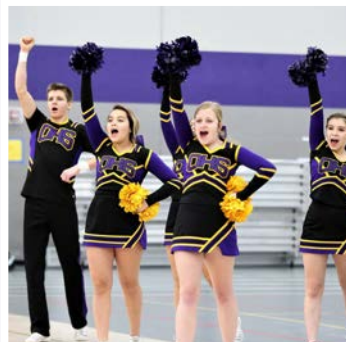
OHS will hold its inaugural induction ceremony for the new Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Oconomowoc Community Center. Visit [www.oasd.org/HallOfFame](http://www.oasd.org/HallOfFame) for more information.

#### OHS Fieldhouse Dedication

The Oconomowoc High School Fieldhouse was formally dedicated to retired OHS Wrestling Coach, Gale Douglas on December 6. OHS alumni, families, coaches, staff, students, and athletes gathered to honor Mr. Douglas for his coaching accomplishments and contributions to OHS athletics.

Athletic Photo Credit: Stoneberg Sports Photography

GALE DOUGLAS  
FIELDHOUSE



VISIT [www.oasd.org/Athletics](http://www.oasd.org/Athletics) for the most current sport schedules



The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEF) is excited to begin the grant review process for the 2019-2020 school year. The public presentation of the grants will be made at the April 2019 OASD Board of Education Meeting.

OPEF has given over \$419,000 for classroom grants since 2007, including the 2018-2019 grant, “Storytelling and STEAM - Engaging our Girls” at Summit Elementary School. Educators Wendy Harrop, Emily Goranson, and Jodie Jens created this program, integrating STEAM and storytelling, providing positive and engaging experiences for girls. The program consists of three components: a global storybook engineers club which partners participants with a school somewhere else in the world to collaborate on STEAM projects about tales from different cultures; “Lunch and Learn time” with female positive role models in STEAM careers; and “Be a STEM storyteller” kits and books to provide options for all types of learners and thinkers. All students at Summit love this program so far!

OPEF is dedicated to encouraging leadership, fostering excellence, and nurturing community in the Oconomowoc public schools. OPEF raises and provides funds for innovative educational opportunities and experiences not funded in the core school district budget. OPEF is led by a volunteer Board of Directors that consults with but operates independently from, the OASD Board of Education and staff.

*For more information about OPEF, volunteer opportunities or how to donate, please visit [www.opef.info](http://www.opef.info).*



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courses at OHS. Students must complete a career-field specific skills checklist and work a minimum of 450 hours in that career setting. Once those benchmarks are met, students receive a state industry certification that can set them apart from others and demonstrate their skills and commitment to future employers.

A driving factor for the success of the Manufacturing Program is the support and commitment from the industry partners in our community. OHS has been fortunate to develop strong ties with local businesses, rooted in the skills our students are learning within the classroom. Some of these experiences include guest speakers from a variety of manufacturing fields, site visits to local industries, and authentic project assignments that students complete for business partners. The interaction between students, teachers, and industry professionals is invaluable in helping students understand these career fields and decide if they would like to pursue one of them. It also helps students build positive relationships with local professionals, that may lead to career opportunities after graduation.

Whether students use the manufacturing classes to explore and discover their passion or to extend their learning experiences beyond the classroom, there is no doubt they'll leave OHS with a better understanding of that industry. Whatever path students take beyond high school, OHS has programs to prepare them for college, career, and life.



### **CONGRATS OHS FALL ATHLETES WHO COMPETED AT STATE**

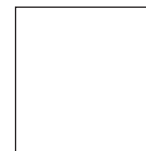
The Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club (OSBC) congratulates the 28 OHS athletes in girls volleyball, boys cross country, girls tennis, girls swimming, and girls golf who competed at State this fall!

### **JOIN TODAY!**

The OSBC is a volunteer organization that supports the OHS Athletic Program. OSBC works to provide additional coaches, programs and equipment to teams that might not otherwise be available. In the last six years, OSBC raised and donated almost \$600,000 back to OHS. We encourage all Oconomowoc area families to help with our volunteer efforts. Become a member today for \$25 per school year, per family.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/OconSportsBoosterClub/>

**OSBC Website:** <https://oconomowocsportsboosterclub.org/>



## OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD: FEBRUARY 4- APRIL 30, 2019

The Open Enrollment period is February 4, through April 30, 2019. Parents can access online application forms through the WI Department of Public Instruction website. For more information, please call our District Student Services Department at 262-560-2155.

## SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for 5K - Grade 12: April 8, 2019, at 6:00 a.m. to April 17, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. Course brochures, registration instructions, and payment information will be available at [www.oasd.org/SummerSchool](http://www.oasd.org/SummerSchool) on March 21, 2019.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Meadow View Elementary  
Community Closing Celebration  
June 1, 2019

### OASD School Board

School Board meetings are open to the public and held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oconomowoc High School East Campus, Wilkinson Board Room.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 14. . . . . Ixonia Elementary Celebration of Learning, 3:50-5:50 p.m.
- 19. . . . . OASD School Board Meeting, OHS East Campus Board Room, 7 p.m.
- 21. . . . . Greenland Elementary Celebration of Learning, 4-8 p.m.
- 23-31. . . . **OASD Spring Break, No School**

### APRIL

- 10. . . . . OASD Realtor Breakfast, OHS East Campus Board Room, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 11. . . . . Silver Lake Intermediate Celebration of Learning, 3-7 p.m.
- 16. . . . . OASD School Board Meeting, OHS East Campus Board Room, 7 p.m.  
Meadow View Elementary Celebration of Learning, 4-8 p.m.
- 19-22. . . . **OASD Easter Break, No School**
- 26. . . . . Park Lawn Elementary Celebration of Learning, 4-6 p.m.
- 30. . . . . Park Lawn Elementary 5K Round Up, 4-5 p.m.

### MAY

- 1. . . . . Meadow View Elementary 5K Round Up, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 2. . . . . Greenland Elementary 5K Round Up, 5:30-6 p.m.  
Summit Elementary 5K Round Up, 5-6 p.m.
- 10. . . . . OHS Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Oconomowoc Community Center, 5 p.m.  
Summit Elementary Celebration of Learning, 4-7 p.m.
- 15. . . . . Ixonia Elementary 5K Round Up, 4:15-5 p.m. or 5:15-6 p.m.
- 21. . . . . OASD School Board Meeting, OHS East Campus Board Room, 7 p.m.
- 24. . . . . **OASD No School Students, Staff Professional Development Day**
- 27. . . . . **Memorial Day, No School**