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“*AP Seminar Digital Communications will provide students authentic learning experiences with opportunities to connect directly to the real world. OHS students will get a firsthand look into their futures by stepping in the real world now*”

Mr. Michael Krill, OHS Game Design, Special Effects, Film & Lit Instructor

## CAPSTONE AP SEMINAR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION Education in a Real-World Environment

Coming to Oconomowoc High School (OHS) during the 2017-2018 school year is a new AP Capstone course titled AP Seminar & Digital Communications. This course is designed to immerse students in an environment that provides a professional work culture, mentorship from local professionals and real world problem solving, in the career fields of the Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications.

The course encourages research, argumentation, and communication skills that are at the core of college and life readiness, such as planning and conducting a study or investigation, proposing solutions to a real-world problem, producing communication in various forms, and collaborating to solve a problem. AP Seminar & Digital Communications will blend digital technology and literature to create research-based multimedia expeditions. Students will learn to synthesize information from different sources, develop their own lines of reasoning in research-based essays, and deliver oral and visual multimedia presentations.

This is the first course at OHS to utilize innovative Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) programming,

a professional-based learning curriculum. OHS teachers Mr. Michael Krill and Ms. Danielle Bukal have been working to build relationships with local businesses for partnership in curriculum design, project sponsorship, site hosting, mentorship, and guest teaching to give students an authentic professional learning experience.

The CAPS model, stemming out of the Center for Advanced Professional Studies in Blue Valley Kansas City, blends industry and academics for a true college and career readiness program. Programs like this help students better prepare for the expectations and demands of college or a career, further our district goal of being an unrivalled learning community and empower our staff and students as learners and leaders.

In addition to the professional-based learning, students will have the opportunity to earn AP credit as the Digital Communications class is paired with the AP class called AP Seminar. Last summer OHS was accepted into the AP Capstone program, and this summer OHS will be recognized as one of only fourteen schools in the state of Wisconsin to offer this new AP program opportunity.



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## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

# Class of 2017

What a busy and successful school year we just completed! The end of the year is a time when students in all of our schools receive recognition for all of their hard work and accomplishments. Nowhere were those celebrations in greater abundance over the last few weeks than at Oconomowoc High School, where members of the class of 2017 were honored for their successes over the past four years. This group of 391 graduates have distinguished themselves well in the classroom, in the Arts, and on the athletic fields, and have set a high bar for future graduates.

Earlier this month, the class of 2017 brought home approximately \$4 million in scholarships at the Senior Honors Awards Program in recognition of their efforts and achievements. Thank you to all of our local donors, the Oconomowoc Area Foundation, and the Oconomowoc Scholarship Fund for their continued generous support of our students. Congratulations to Jessica Steckling who was named Valedictorian, and Tanner Hallett, who was named Salutatorian. State of Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarships were awarded to Alexander Carter, Sarah Foyer, Tanner Hallett, and Jessica Steckling. Wisconsin Technical Excellence Awards recipients were Dylan Andrzejewski, Daniel Kingston, Jack Kraemer, and Alexia Reals.

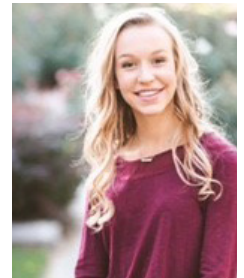
The Class of 2017 took a total of 225 Advanced Placement Exams during their senior year. In addition, these seniors also took 114 International Baccalaureate Exams this spring. Combined these are the highest number of exams taken by any graduating class at Oconomowoc High School. This year 7 graduates were full IB diploma candidates which will award them with significant college credit, potentially up to one full year, depending on the college or university they attend. In addition, 7 students were awarded an IB Career Programme certificate for their successful completion of a rigorous combination of IB and Project Lead the Way pre-engineering coursework.

90% of the class of 2017 plans to attend a two-year or four-year college. We will have graduates attending colleges across the country with an emphasis on business, the sciences, engineering, education, and the visual and performing arts. Seven graduates have made the brave and honorable commitment to serve our country in the military. Six students from the class of 2017 received athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

This is a group of young men and women who has, without question, left quite a legacy at Oconomowoc High School and I am confident they will continue to grow as learners and leaders. Congratulations and best wishes to the class of 2017!

## CONGRATULATIONS, Jessica Steckling, OHS Class of 2017 Valedictorian

Jessica will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study computer science, and looks forward to exploring sustainability and political organizations on campus.



"My favorite thing about OHS has been participating in the robotics team and getting to spend part of my summer in Germany through the GAPP trip," said Jessica. When thinking about how Oconomowoc High School has prepared her for the start of her next journey, Jessica stated, "OHS has taught me that what you get out of any experience does truly depend on how many challenges you take and how much you devote yourself to them."

Jessica would like to give a huge thank you to her family! "They have constantly gone out of their way to support me and let me know that they are there for me whenever I need them! I will definitely miss all of my mom's amazing cooking," said Jessica. "I would also like to thank my teachers who give their all every day in a career that often goes underappreciated. I am so happy they have pushed me to be a better student and member of the community."



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

# Summer Projects Moving Forward



## IXONIA ELEMENTARY

The Ixonia Elementary School Ground Breaking event took place on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Ixonia Elementary. OASD staff, parents and community members joined in the festivities, acknowledgements and student participation. Bids for the project came in slightly under budget, and the OASD School Board approved an overall guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$8,166,172. Construction began on June 9, 2017, and the estimated project completion date has been set for August 2018.



### The project will include:

- Relocating three classrooms from the basement to the main level
- Renovation of existing classroom spaces
- Replacing heating, ventilation and mechanical systems
- Replacing portions of the roof
- Building a visible and secure main entrance
- Building a dedicated cafeteria
- Adding a cooling system

## PARK LAWN / GREENLAND

Construction documents were completed for both projects and bids were solicited in early April. Bids came in \$600,000 under the pre-referendum budget and the OASD School Board approved a GMP of \$3,147,662 for Park Lawn Elementary School, and \$3,278,389 for Greenland Elementary School. Work at both schools began at the conclusion of the school year and projects will be completed in mid-August 2017.

### The project will include:

- Replacement of the heating, ventilation, and mechanical systems in both schools
- Adding a cooling system

## IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

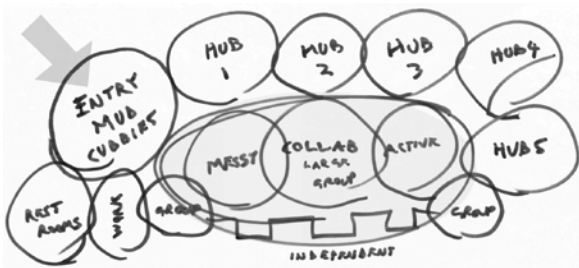
Bi-weekly updates of the progress on these projects can be found under **Building our Future Project Updates** on the OASD website at [www.oasd.org](http://www.oasd.org).

**IXONIA GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY**  
May 19, 2017

**IXONIA, GREENLAND & PARK LAWN CONSTRUCTION BEGINS**  
June 9, 2017

**GREENLAND & PARK LAWN CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE**  
August 21, 2017

**GREENLAND & PARK LAWN CELEBRATION OF COMPLETION**  
September 2017



## MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY

Schematic design for the new Meadow View Elementary School began in mid-February. This design phase will result in a floor plan and building exterior designs that will be completed for School Board approval in June. At its March 8th meeting, the school board approved the purchase of 2.18 acres of land from St. Matthews Church, which completes the new school site off of Hwy P/Brown Street.



## OHS: EAST & MAIN CAMPUS

Visioning for improvements and renovations to OHS Main Campus as well as the East Campus (known formerly as the Wilkinson building) began in early April. Design will continue through the summer and fall at both schools with public bidding in the winter of 2017, and construction immediately following. Projects will be completed in mid-August 2018 in time for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

# OASD IN THE NEWS!

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures with AFS Students

Seven exchange students spent the year at OHS through AFS Intercultural Programs. Prosper from Nigeria (hosted by Kunz family), Mercy from Kenya (Watermolen family), Jab from Thailand (Grosspietsch family), Yumi from Brazil (Van Leirsburg family), Daniela from Chile (Hannan family), Martí from Spain (Thiel & LeTourneau-Holtz families) and Chiara from Germany (Beers family) are wrapping up their year here with a mixture of appreciation and fondness for their adopted home.



### OHS Student Is AFS Scholarship Recipient

Mackenna Balsewicz is spending two weeks in China this summer on the Global Prep program of AFS Intercultural Programs USA. "I've studied Mandarin for several years, and this was a great way to learn more about the culture," she says. Mackenna received an AFS Global Leaders Scholarship, as well as a grant from Oconomowoc AFS, to study abroad.



### OHS Tommy Awards

For the seventh time in eight years, Oconomowoc High School has earned a Tommy Award for Outstanding Musical in the state of Wisconsin. The Tommy Awards program encourages, recognizes and honors excellence in high school musical theater. This year's production of **Billy Elliot** won 18 Tommy Awards at the Overture Center for the Arts ceremony on June 11. Congratulations!

### OHS GAPP Students Visit Schiller Gymnasium in Offenburg, Germany



This summer twenty-two OHS German American Partnership Program (GAPP) students will travel to Offenburg, Germany from June 16-July 3, 2017, visiting host families at Schiller Gymnasium. GAPP, Inc. is a non-profit organization that dedicates their work to the development of student exchange programs between the United States and Germany, helping to inspire intercultural understanding, German language instruction, and building friendships.

### PROFILE OF OUR 2017 GRADUATES:

# 391 GRADS

RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY \$4M IN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY, A NEW RECORD.

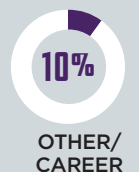
# 14 AP CLASSES OFFERED

# 225

Seniors took AP courses & exams in 2016-17

17 IB COURSES OFFERED  
114 SENIORS TOOK IB COURSES & EXAMS IN 2016-17

### 2017 POST GRADUATION



## ELEMENTARY NEWS



# Elementary Mathematical Instructional Practices Move to Bridges in Mathematics for Grades 4K- 5 Beginning Fall of 2017-18

As part of OASD's commitment to continuous improvement, the district elementary mathematics leadership committee spent the 2016-17 school year reviewing our mathematics instructional practices and curriculum resources. The committee is comprised of 45 teachers, representing all grade levels and buildings. While our district has much to celebrate when analyzing mathematics achievement data, our teacher-led committee continued to find content gaps related to procedural fluency and conceptual understanding within our current instructional resource: Everyday Mathematics. The committee reviewed multiple instructional resources through the lens of a rubric centered on best practices in mathematics (developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics).

Following multiple site visits to neighboring districts utilizing each of our prospective vendors, the mathematics committee



recommended the selection of Bridges in Mathematics as our core instructional resources for 4K-5 beginning fall of 2017-18. Bridges in Mathematics is currently utilized in many high performing districts, including local districts Elmbrook and Menomonee Falls.

"I'm proud of the process we followed to analyze our strengths and weaknesses as a system. Our teachers took ownership within this process and were determined to select core materials that would bring out the best in student learning.", said John Flannery, OASD Director of Curriculum & Instruction. "We look forward to a summer of learning, planning, and implementing best practices so that our students are experiencing an even more engaging and challenging math curriculum in the fall."

## INTERMEDIATE NEWS

### Nature Hill Intermediate

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Nature Hill Intermediate (NHI) eighth graders the school will have a new outdoor classroom at the start of the 2017-18 school year. The project team put together a survey to gather feedback from students and staff, developed a plan and presented to the OASD Superintendent Roger Rindo, NHI staff and students, the district's Director of Buildings and Grounds, NHI PTO, and area businesses. After nearly 6 months of planning, designing, and fundraising the school broke ground during spring break in April 2017. Nature Hill Intermediate's PTO donated \$14,000 to the project and Waukesha based company Outdoor Living Unlimited is creating the space at a greatly reduced cost. The student group was led by Ms. Brooke Holzbauer, Nature Hill Intermediate eighth-grade language arts and social studies teacher. Ribbon cutting on the space took place on June 1, 2017.



Nature Hill Intermediate seventh and eighth grade students have been meeting at the start of every school day since early November, 2016. Photo Credit: Rebecca Seymour



Students preparing to place flags in Wood National Cemetery.

### Silver Lake Intermediate

Silver Lake Intermediate National Junior Honor Society students honored veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center during the week leading up to Memorial Day. Students started the day by placing flags in Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee then performed a talent show for veterans at the medical center. They concluded the day with a tour of the National Soldiers Home Historic District. It was a moving experience for the students who really enjoyed the opportunity to personally thank veterans.



# SPRING SPORTS RACCOON PRIDE

## CONGRATS!

Oconomowoc High School will finish out the year with 12 conference championships. In addition, OHS has again claimed the All Sports Award for the 6th consecutive year.

**Go Raccoons! #oconpride**

### Spring Team Awards

#### BASEBALL

WLT Champs, Regional Champs

#### GOLF

WLT Champs

#### GIRLS SOCCER

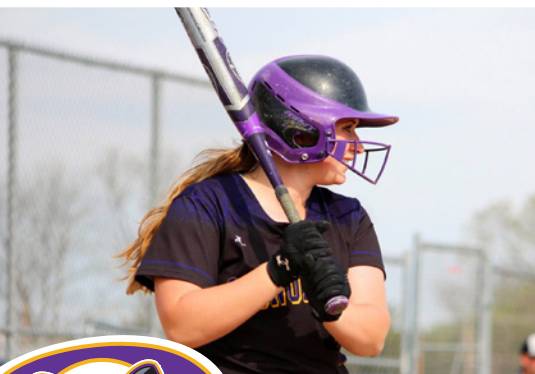
WLT Champs, Sectional Champs

#### BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

WLT Champs - Indoor, Relays and Outdoor

#### GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

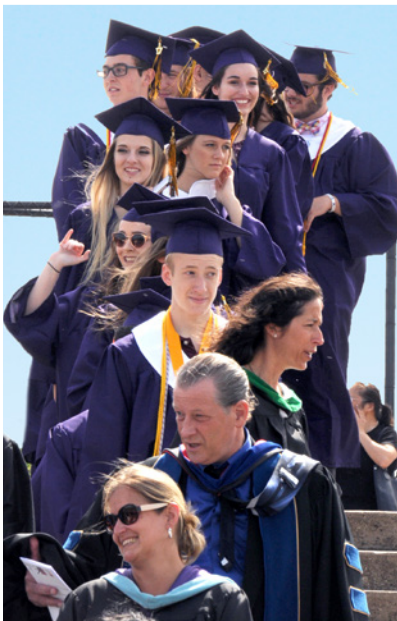
WLT Champs - Indoor



**VISIT**  
[www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org) under  
the OHS Athletics  
page for the most  
current sport schedule



# CONGRATS OHS GRADUATES



## OASD Welcomes Greg Malling as the new OHS Head Football Coach

The Oconomowoc Area School District would like to welcome Mr. Greg Malling as the new head football coach at Oconomowoc High School. Malling will be joining the faculty as an English teacher. Coach Malling brings incredible depth and experience to his new role as OHS transitions next year to the Classic Eight conference. His head coaching experience has included stops at Wootton High School in Maryland, Arrowhead High School, and most recently Coon Rapids High School in Minnesota.

*Welcome, Coach Malling! We are thrilled to have you join the OASD School Community!*

## Rux Stadium Track Access for the Public This Summer

### REFUNDABLE KEY FOB APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Community members age 18 and up can use the track facility at OHS Rux Stadium this summer.

### SUMMER HOURS:

Beginning June 12

Monday-Friday: 4:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

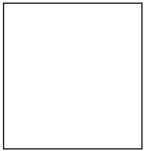
Weekends: 5:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

June and July Only: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Weekdays)

Not available July 17-19 from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Hours are subject to change depending on school district events.

*Forms are available to download from the district website at [www.oasd.org](http://www.oasd.org).*



# BOOKMOBILE

(Loving Oconomowoc Literacy)

The Bookmobile is open to ALL Oconomowoc families in 4K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Learn more at [www.oasd.org](http://www.oasd.org).

**DATES:** June 21, July 12, 26, and August 23

### SCHEDULED STOPS AND TIMES ON EACH DAY:

- Ixonia Fireman's Park: 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.
- Nature Hill Intermediate: 10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Roosevelt Park Imagination Station: 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
- Summit Elementary: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
- Fowler Park: 5:15 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.



## The OASD Wish Staff Retirees Farewell

The Oconomowoc Area School District hosted a retirement reception and open house for OASD staff who retired either during or at the end of the 2016-17 school year. The reception was held at the Golden Mast Inn on May 31.

*Thank you for your dedication to our students and families! We will miss you!*

### **OASD School Board**

School Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- 12 . . . . . 2017 OASD Summer Autism Institute, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- 19 . . . . . Summer School begins
- 30 . . . . . 29th Annual Jack Bub Memorial Golf Outing, La Belle Golf Club, 12:00 p.m.

### JULY

- 3 . . . . . OASD Online Registration Begins
- 4 . . . . . Holiday
- 15 . . . . . 8th Annual OAC Open House, OAC, 6 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.
- 28 . . . . . Summer School ends
- 29 . . . . . Kids from Wisconsin " Head Out on the Highway", OAC, 7:30 p.m.

### AUGUST

- 1-3 . . . . . Summer 2017 @OASD, UDL Academy, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily
- 9 . . . . . OHS Registration, OHS, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 15 . . . . . Kids Fest, Roosevelt Park, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 15 . . . . . OASD School Board Annual Meeting 6 p.m., Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
- 19-20. . . . . Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts, Fowler Park, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- 29 . . . . . School Open Houses- OHS 2-5 p.m., Intermediate 3-6 p.m., Elementary 4-7 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 . . . . . First Day of School