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RESPECTING DIVERSITY AMONG PEOPLE AND CULTURES: SERVICE LEARNING

Becoming a Global Learner

Respecting the diversity among people and cultures is one of the district's five strategic directions. Our new Service Learning program for 7-12th grade students, as well as the Department of Public Instruction Global Education Achievement Certificate (GEAC) for 9-12th grade students are two of many opportunities that align with this strategic direction.

Through the Service Learning Program, the district has made a commitment to expose students to different cultures and customs. In a global environment, it's critical to build a sense of understanding, respect and appreciation of people and cultures beyond our own. The Service Learning Program creates a safe, structured environment for students to be

introduced to many facets of diversity, both locally and internationally. Students will have the ability to immerse themselves in experiences which will instill values of commitment, service and compassion.

This summer, eight intermediate students will travel to the Dominican Republic with club advisor Staci Neidert for an environmental education service learning project. In addition, eighteen high school students will travel to Ecuador for service learning opportunities with advisors Jennifer Piorkowski, Emily Merritt and Danielle Chaussee.

Service learning aligns well with the Global Education Achievement Certificate (GEAC) by providing opportunities

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Charting Our Course- Following the Strategic Plan

We have continued to focus on the District’s facility needs. The community-based Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) has been working since January 2015 to learn about the District’s capacity issues, capital maintenance needs, and the future of classroom learning environments.

FOCUS ON:

STRATEGIC DIRECTION #4 - HIGH QUALITY FACILITIES WITH 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

GROWTH TREND

Based on community growth projections by MDRoffers & Associates, OASD is expected to grow by an additional 544 students by 2025. This growth follows an upward enrollment trend that brought more than 1,000 students to the OASD from 2005 to 2015.

In addition to capacity issues, the district has capital maintenance needs in some of our aging buildings. We have prioritized those needs, and identified as the highest priority those systems which are at or beyond their useful life.

OHS EAST CAMPUS/ WILKINSON PROPERTY

Last December, the School Board purchased the former Wilkinson Clinic property on Summit Avenue with the intention of renovating this space as an extension of the high school campus. We believe this is a cost-effective way to address the need for additional high school classroom space, while at the same time developing innovative instructional programs for our students.

Plans for the “East Campus” at the Wilkinson site will include integrated academic and school-to-career program options. Engineering and architecture, graphic design, business and marketing, and health sciences are some of the

high-skill and high-wage career pathways we’re investigating. The district Teaching and Learning team began preliminary planning, working with faculty, and reaching out to potential community and business partners in anticipation of creating authentic, “real world” learning spaces at this new site.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

There is a summary of facilities needs and potential solutions in this newsletter. Look for a comprehensive District Facilities Survey to arrive in your mailbox this April. We encourage all residents to complete the survey! We will hold a community meeting in May to discuss survey results.

The FAC will evaluate survey results as it prepares a report and advisory recommendation for the School Board in June. The Board will then make a decision this summer regarding a potential facilities referendum as a part of the November 2016 general election.

These are your schools, and we have continued to work hard throughout the planning process to develop potential solutions that would not only meet our students’ needs, but also make our community proud, all the while taking steps to reduce potential costs. Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



5 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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



PLANNING FOR GROWTH

The school district began long-range planning discussions in the fall of 2014 to address three key challenges facing our community:

- ✓ Aging buildings with infrastructure needs
- ✓ School buildings that are over capacity at the Elementary and High School levels
- ✓ Enrollment growth - total enrollment is projected to increase by 544 students by 2025



MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY

- Building was opened in 1962 as a Columban seminary for 150 men
- OASD purchased in 1974; it served the district well but was never designed to be an elementary school
- Over functional capacity today by approximately 75 students
- Approximately \$12.4M in capital maintenance needs
- Structural challenges (low ceilings, narrow classrooms, column locations)
- Two temporary trailers



IXONIA ELEMENTARY

- Built in 1956
- Additions in 1980, 1996
- Over functional capacity today by approximately 68 students
- Approximately \$3.8M in capital maintenance needs
- 4K and 5K classrooms on basement level with no windows
- Two temporary trailers



OCONOMOWOC HIGH SCHOOL

- Building opened in 1965
- Over functional capacity today by approximately 58 students
- Current enrollment: 1,575
- Ten-Year Projected Enrollment: 1,823
- Approximately \$11.6M in capital maintenance needs (roof, boiler, electrical)
- Cafeteria undersized for student population

 Learn more! Facilities videos at www.oasd.org

Proposed Solution:

Construct a new 5-section, 4K-4th grade Meadow View Elementary

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$31.7M

Estimated Tax Impact:

Annual increase of \$22/\$100,000 of home value for 20 yrs.

Proposed Solution:

Renovate and expand Ixonia as a 2-section, 4K-4th school.

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$9.7M

Estimated Tax Impact:

Annual increase of \$7/\$100,000 of home value for 20 yrs.

Proposed Solution:

Renovate and expand the High School and the East Campus (formerly the Wilkinson Clinic)

Preliminary Cost Estimate: \$46.9M

Estimated Tax Impact:

Annual increase of \$32/\$100,000 of home value for 20 yrs.

What's Next?

APRIL 2016
Launch community-wide survey

MAY/JUNE 2016
Share survey results; school board decision

NOV. 8 2016
Potential Referendum

COMING IN APRIL
Watch your mailbox for the Community Survey!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Left Photo: Mr. Charles Herro, President of the School Board, served as master of ceremonies (Nov. 14, 1965).
 Right Photo: Lon Bencini and Paul Fobian found the cornerstone a little bit to heavy.

OHS Time Capsule Reveal April 22

OHS student Parker Ellis was looking through a 1965 yearbook and discovered a treasure. We have a time capsule at OHS! It was enclosed in the building’s cornerstone at the dedication ceremony Nov. 14, 1965, the year OHS opened.

According to the old yearbook, the time capsule contains an early issue of the “Cooney Crier,” an Elvis record, Beatles record, and a master plan of the building which called for an auditorium, swimming pool, and field house. Since 1965, OHS has grown by 600 students. In the next ten years, enrollment is expected to grow from 1,575 to 1,823 students.

A special event is planned for April 22 at 11:00 a.m. to open the 1965 time capsule, and replace the 50-year old artifacts with treasures from today. Perhaps an iPhone, or a Culver’s menu will find their way into the cornerstone! Stay tuned for more details as we get ready to celebrate 50 years at OHS.

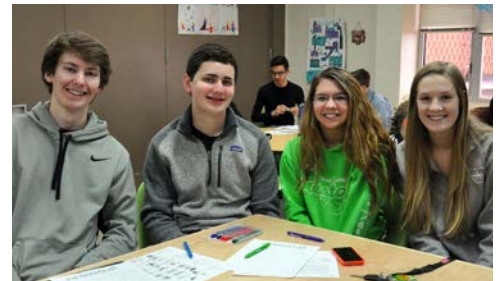


OHS Seniors Experience Reality Store

Seniors learned about the “real world” at the annual Reality Store event March 1. Reality Store is a financial simulation which mirrors real life. The goal is to help students understand what to expect in life after high school. Students chose an occupation with a corresponding salary, and were responsible for paying on student loan debt, taxes, housing and a vehicle. They kept a check register as they went through the stations to pay bills, buy insurance and shop for food. We are grateful to the Oconomowoc area businesses and professionals who helped us create a real life scenarios for students!

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for students to grow and learn as global citizens. Recently established by the Wisconsin DPI, the GEAC program focuses and validates the excellent global education learning opportunities already in place at OHS, encourages students to enroll in classes with global content in the arts, sciences, and humanities, and prepares globally competent students who are career ready. The program requires four components: curriculum, cultural literacy, co-curricular and school sponsored activities, and a service learning project, all of which must have a global focus.



L to R: Cameron Stluka, Spencer Pellmann, Abigail Chaput, Nicole Shanahan

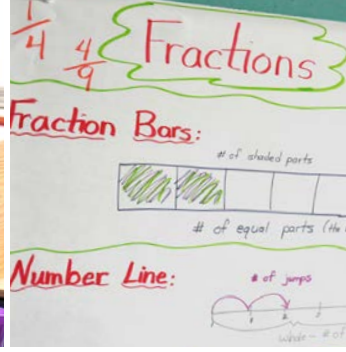
“It’s been awesome to see how students and staff have embraced the GEAC; I’ve had numerous conversations with students and teachers expressing excitement for this program. We have 26 students who signed up for it already,” said OHS Spanish teacher Danielle Chaussee.

The GEAC program has sparked conversations among teachers about how to globalize their curriculum, in order to become a GEAC course. Nineteen enthusiastic and extraordinary OHS teachers have volunteered to be on the GEAC committee and will serve as advisors to students.

“What’s so great about GEAC is that it’s all about preparing students to be global citizens and gain a global awareness,” said Chaussee.

LEARN MORE about both Service Learning and the GEAC at www.oasd.org, or contact Danielle Chaussee at chaussed@oasd.org.





Smart Thinking: Focus on Math

As a district, we are moving toward common teaching practices in math. The objective is to make sure all students receive a similar approach to learning math, across all grade levels and in all buildings.

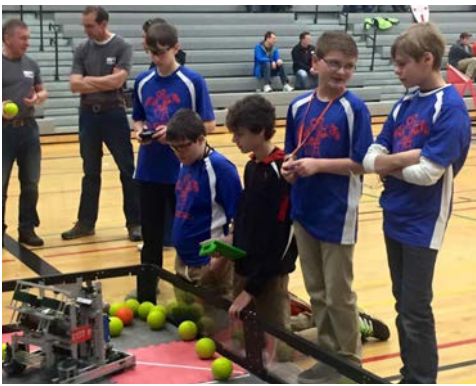
Last year, 7-12 math teachers received professional development in NCTM math teaching practices. This year, all 4K through 6th grade classroom teachers and learning strategists received professional development in NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) High Leverage Mathematics Teaching Practices.

Teachers worked with a staff developer to better understand these math teaching practices, including how to:

- Establish mathematics goals to focus learning
- Implement tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving

- Use and connect mathematical representations
- Facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse
- Pose purposeful questions
- Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding
- Support productive struggle in learning mathematics
- Elicit evidence of student thinking

What does this mean for elementary and middle school students? We want all students to be engaged in math, and feel confident in their ability to progress. “It’s exciting to see teachers working together to determine lessons, discuss student work, and capture classroom lessons on video to present during professional development days, all with the ultimate goal of improving student achievement in math!” said Sarah Lang, OASD Coordinator of Elementary Education.



Silver Lake Robotics

Team Brain Bots from Silver Lake Intermediate recently competed at the Nature Hill Intermediate Robotics meet. They lost in the Semi-Finals, but won the Design Award. Team Brain Bots qualified earlier in the year to compete at Nationals in Louisville, KY, Apr. 7-9.

Shrek The Musical, Jr.

April 14-16 at 7:00 p.m. at the OAC with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. on April 16 at Silver Lake Intermediate.

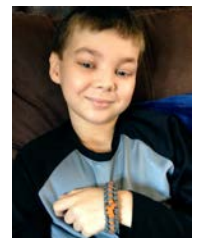


NHI Lion King

Nature Hill Intermediate students went deep into the Prideland of Africa to bring the story of Simba, Mufasa, Nala, Rafiki, Timon and Pumbaa to life as they performed Disney’s The Lion King Jr. in March at the OAC. Well done!

Hope for Steven

Staff and students at Silver Lake Intermediate School ‘banded’ together to help support one of their own with the creation and sale of a special bracelet. SLI fifth-grader Steven Seraphine is fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. His classmates are supporting him by selling Bracelets of Hope for \$5 each. Contact SLI to learn more! 262-560-4309.



Lake Country Publications via Mary Williams

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WINTER SPORTS RACCOON PRIDE

CONGRATS!

Our high school boys and girls athletes had a great winter season. Thank you to parents, fans and community members for supporting our students. Go Raccoons! #oconpride

Team Awards

BOYS BASKETBALL

13-1, WLT Conference Champs

WRESTLING

6-1, WLT Dual Champs

Individual Awards

Brett Sampson

State Wrestling 3rd Place

Claire Schlobohm

WLT Gymnast of the Year

All Conference Honors

1ST TEAM

- Christian Gurule, Wrestling
- Brandon Laughlin, Wrestling
- Brett Samson, Wrestling
- Zach Clayton, Basketball
- Spencer Treder, Basketball
- Claire Schlobohm, Gymnastics, All Around, Vault, Beam, Bars

2ND TEAM

- Luke Hyland, Wrestling
- Dan Kingston, Wrestling
- George Kneiser, Basketball
- Audrey Sobczak, Basketball

HONORABLE MENTION

- Tristen Mueller, Wrestling
- Chris Aschenbrenner, Wrestling
- Ethan Wegner, Basketball
- Erin Fagan, Gymnastics, Vault
- Claire Schlobohm, Gymnastics, Floor





2016 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE



HOME TRACK & FIELD MEETS, BOYS & GIRLS

3/17	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Multiple	OHS
3/22	JV: 4:30 PM	Multiple	OHS
4/7	V: 4:00 PM	Multiple	OHS
5/19	JV: 4:00 PM	Multiple	OHS

BOYS HOME EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
4/2	Baseball:	JV & V: 11:00-3:00 PM	Warren Township, Merrill	OHS & Roosevelt Field
4/5	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Beaver Union	OHS & Roosevelt Field
4/7	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Beaver Dam	OHS
4/9	Tennis	V: 9:00 AM	Multiple	OHS
4/12	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Slinger	OHS & Roosevelt Field
4/14	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Slinger	OHS
4/19	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Watertown	OHS
4/21	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Watertown	OHS & Roosevelt Field
4/22	Tennis	JV: 4:00 PM	Arrowhead	OHS
4/25	Golf:	V: 4:15 PM	Multiple	Oconomowoc Country Club
4/25	Baseball	JV & V: 5:00 PM	Stoughton	OHS & Roosevelt Field
4/28	Tennis	JV & V: 4:15 PM	West Bend West	OHS
4/28	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Arrowhead Blue	OHS
4/30	Tennis	JV: 9:00 AM	Multiple	OHS
4/30	Baseball	JV & V: 11:00 AM	Madison Memorial	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/2	Golf	JV: 4:15 PM	Multiple	Oconomowoc Country Club
5/3	Golf	JV2: 4:15 PM	Multiple	La Belle Golf Club
5/3	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS
5/5	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/7	Baseball	JV: 11:00 AM	Watertown Luther Prep	OHS
5/9	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Catholic Memorial	OHS
5/10	Tennis	JV & V: 4:15 PM	Beaver Dam	OHS
5/10	Golf	JV2: 4:15 PM	Multiple	La Belle Golf Club
5/10	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Catholic Memorial	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/14	Baseball	JV & V: 11:00 AM	Hartford Union	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/17	Tennis	JV & V: 4:15 PM	Hartford Union	OHS
5/17	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Milwaukee Lutheran	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/19	Baseball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Arrowhead Blue	OHS
5/20	Baseball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Arrowhead	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/23	Baseball	JV & V: 5:00 PM	Fort Atkinson	OHS & Roosevelt Field
5/25	Tennis	V: 9:00 AM	Multiple	OHS

GIRLS HOME EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
4/5	Softball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Beaver Dam	OHS/YMCA at Pabst Farms
4/7	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Racine Horlick	OHS
4/12	Softball	JV, JV2 & V: 4:30 PM	Slinger	OHS/YMCA at Pabst Farms
4/12	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Sun Prairie	OHS
4/21	Softball	V: 4:30 PM	West Bend East	OHS
4/21	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	West Allis Nathan Hale	OHS
4/21	Softball	JV: 4:30 PM	West Bend East	YMCA at Pabst Farms
4/26	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	West Bend West	OHS
4/26	Lacrosse	V: 5:00 PM	Arrowhead	NHI
4/28	Softball	JV, JV2 & V: 4:30 PM	Hartford Union	OHS & YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/3	Soccer	V: 5:30 PM	Wisconsin Lutheran	OHS
5/5	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Waukesha West	OHS
5/5	Softball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Watertown	OHS/YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/5	Lacrosse	JV & V: 5:00 PM	Brookfield Central	NHI
5/7	Softball	JV: 10:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:30PM	Whitnall, Palmyra-Eagle	OHS
5/10	Lacrosse	V: 5:00 PM	Franklin	NHI
5/11	Softball	JV, JV2 & V: 4:00 PM	West Bend West	OHS & YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/13	Softball	JV2: 4:30 PM	Waukesha North	OHS
5/14	Softball	V: TBD	Multiple	YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/16	Lacrosse	V: 6:00 PM	Lakeshore	NHI
5/17	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Beaver Dam	OHS
5/19	Softball	JV & V: 5:00 PM	Oakfield Junior/Senior	OHS & YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/20	Softball	JV & V: 4:30 PM	Westosha Central	OHS & YMCA at Pabst Farms
5/20	Lacrosse	V: 5:00 PM	Waukesha West	NHI
5/24	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Greendale	OHS
5/26	Soccer	JV & V: 4:30/6:30 PM	Hartford Union	OHS



OCON RESIDENTS WE NEED YOU TO TAKE OUR SURVEY!

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The Facilities Advisory Committee and the School Board are committed to finalizing a facilities plan that reflects the needs of our students and the priorities of our community. Your input on the upcoming survey is vital!

The survey will be mailed to homes the first week of April. It should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Each survey has a unique access number and all responses are confidential.

The survey code can be used only once online, and will be open until April 25, 2016. Or, you can fill out the paper copy and mail it back in the enclosed envelope. **Thank you for your input!**



UPCOMING EVENTS OASD Spring Break: March 25-April 3

April

- 13 Realtor Open House, Silver Lake Intermediate, 8:30 a.m.
- 14-16 SLI Spring Musical, Shrek, Jr., at the OAC
- 22 Time Capsule Reveal at OHS, 11:00 a.m.
- 30 OHS Prom Grand March, OAC, 3:30 p.m.
OAC Gala, Golden Mast Inn, 6 p.m.

May

- 5 Greenland /Summit/Ixonia 4K and 5K Roundups
(check website for times for all roundups)
- 9 Meadow View 5K Roundup, Park Lawn 5K Roundup
- 12 Park Lawn 4K Roundup, Meadow View 4K Roundup
- 12-15 OHS Drama, Streetcar Named Desire, OAC, 7:30 p.m.
(Thurs.-Sat.), 4 p.m. (Sun.)
- 18 Facilities Advisory Committee - Public Meeting,
OAC, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Grilling 2 Give, OHS, 10:15 a.m.
- 27 NO SCHOOL
- 30 Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL

June

- 8 OHS Drama Ivy Awards Banquet, OAC, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 OHS Graduation, Rux Stadium & OAC, 10 a.m.
- 20 OASD Summer School Begins (June 20-July 29)

Welcome New Staff



Kevin Flegner, High School Athletic Director

We are pleased to welcome Kevin Flegner as the new Athletic Director/AP at OHS beginning July 1, 2016. Flegner will replace Scott Raduka, who has served as the high school's Athletic Director/ Associate Principal for the past 12 years.

Scott Raduka is retiring after 29 years with OASD.

Kevin was Athletics/Activities Director at Arrowhead High School for the past eight years. He graduated from the University of Sioux Falls-South Dakota in 1995, and earned an M.A in Education from Marian College in Fond du Lac in 2004. Kevin's passion is basketball – he was a 4-year letter winner at Randolph High School, and participated in college basketball for four years. Kevin played on the USA Basketball team as well as semi-pro. He regularly coaches, plays and officiates basketball. Kevin along with his wife and three daughters live in Fort Atkinson.

OASD School Board

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

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