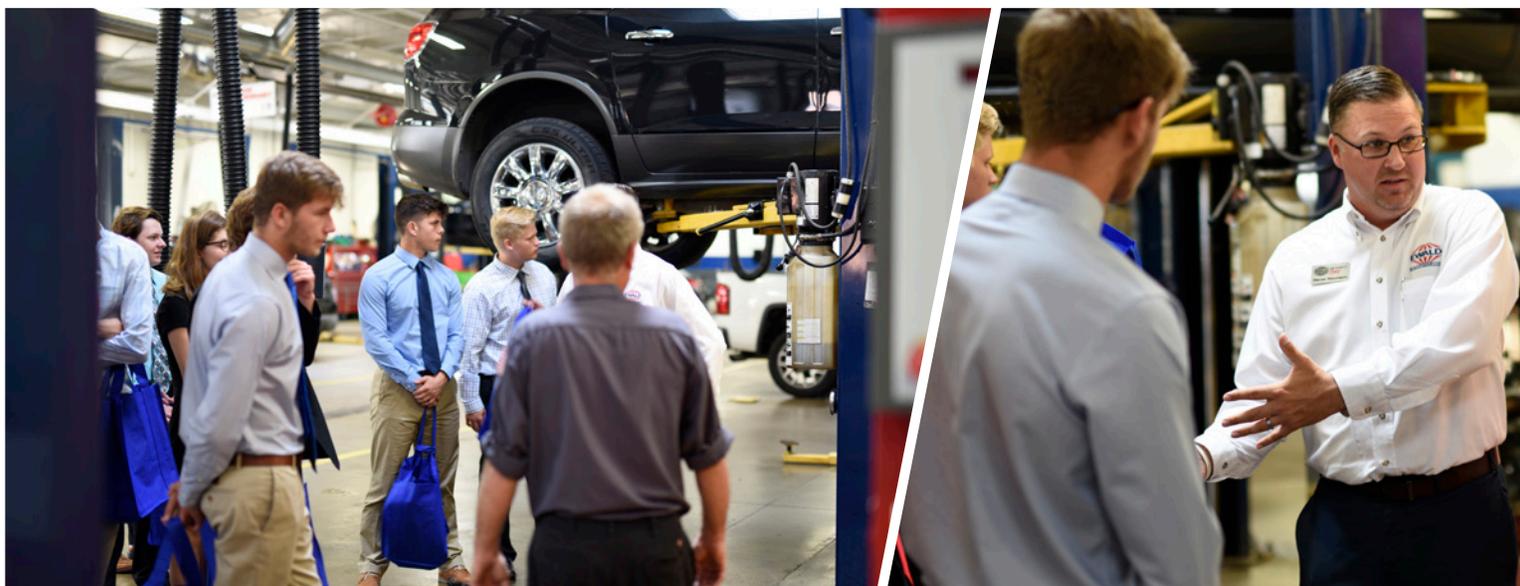


Learners & Leaders

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BECOMING AN UNRIVALED LEARNING COMMUNITY



INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

Capstone AP Programs Launch at OHS during the 2017-18 School Year

New learning opportunities for students are ramping up at Oconomowoc High School (OHS) this fall. Programs in Project Lead the Way, High School of Business, and the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) are offering students a chance to explore career pathways in the areas of Health Services, Business, and Arts A/V Communication Technologies.

Project Lead the Way has been developing a new curriculum pathway called Biomedical Science for several years. The first two of four classes are being offered this fall (Principles of Biomedical Science and Human Body Systems) allowing students an opportunity to explore biological concepts through the “death” of a fictional character, forensic anthropology and the interactions of the human body’s systems.

The OHS business and marketing departments are implementing High School of Business courses starting this semester. Two classes (of six total) will be running during the 2017-18 school year. Principles of Business offers students a chance to see what it takes to run a business. Students will develop a biography of a local business during the first project of this course.

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“Finding skilled and ready-to-work employees is a growing need for our local businesses. As an advocate for a strong business community, the Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation are pleased and excited to partner with our school district and lend voice to the needs of local employers. By working together we can help ensure that we’re preparing our students in the best way possible for the world of work.”

Katie Miller, Executive Director,
Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK BUILDING AN UNRIVALED LEARNING COMMUNITY

This September we welcomed 5,280 students back for the start of the 2017-18 school year. Joining us to welcome our students back were 34 new teachers across the district. There is nothing like the excitement and optimism that a new year brings, and we are thrilled to have these talented new faculty and staff as part of the OASD.

Many new and exciting things are in place for 2017-18. The renovation projects at Greenland and Park Lawn Elementary were completed over the summer. These projects, which replaced the heating, ventilation, and mechanical systems and added cooling systems, were funded as a part of the successful referendum last November.

At the elementary level this year we are implementing Bridges in Mathematics, our new comprehensive K-5 Math program. Nearly 50 elementary teachers worked last year to review possible new materials and overwhelmingly selected Bridges. Elementary faculty spent sixteen hours this summer training to implement these new materials in preparation for the start of the school year, and we look forward to evaluating the learning impact of this new program.

Also new this year is Personal Finance as a high school graduation requirement. Students will learn about budgeting, banking, credit, insurance, taxes, saving and investing, and the financial decisions that they will face as they move into life past high school. Students will leave this course with relevant strategies to make sound financial decisions in the future. We are excited and happy to be partnering with area businesses as a part of this new course.

Throughout the K-8 level, Fundamentals of Grammar has been added as a component of Readers and Writers Workshop. This addition to our comprehensive literacy program addresses a need, based on gaps in student performance in English over time. The focus is on the conventions of English grammar, usage, and mechanics within the context of reading and writing.

Finally, our first capstone course at OHS kicks off this fall. Taught through an interdisciplinary approach, Advanced Placement Seminar Digital Communication will help students understand the connections between course content and their practical applications in the workforce. Throughout the year, students will be engaged in authentic, professional tasks created in partnership with local businesses. We are looking forward to seeing some of the work our students produce for our business partners.

This District is a special place, with a faculty, staff, and administration committed to helping every child succeed. At the same time, we recognize that schools alone cannot prepare children to be future leaders. That is a partnership shared with the community, and we are fortunate in Oconomowoc to have a community that takes that partnership so seriously. We are grateful for that continued support and look forward to an excellent year of learning and growth in 2017-18.



OCONOMOWOC PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (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.

OPEF has given over \$370,000 for classroom grants since 2007, including the 2017-2018 grant, Flexible Piano Lab at Nature Hill Intermediate School. Tracy Garon, Music Educator at NHI, noted, "We are so grateful to the Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation for funding our Flexible Piano Lab Grant, which will impact over 500 students throughout our music department and allow non-music students another opportunity to join the pack through a Keyboard Club."



Welcome New Staff



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

The 2017 summer months were busy for OASD facility projects!



MEADOW VIEW ELEMENTARY

The OASD School Board approved initial schematic designs for the new Meadow View Elementary School at their June 20, 2017, meeting, then reviewed these initial exterior schematic designs at their July 18, 2017, meeting. The City of Oconomowoc also received its Notice of Intent permit from the DNR in July, allowing the site work that began in August. Initial site paving is set to be completed in early November, 2017, while the design development and construction document phase of the project continues through the spring of 2018, prior to the public bidding and construction phases.

OHS: EAST & MAIN CAMPUS

The OASD School Board approved initial schematic designs for the OHS Main and East Campus projects at their July 18, 2017, meeting. The presentation included designs like these, for the café/gathering space at OHS East Campus. The design development and construction document phase will continue through the fall before public bidding and construction begins in December 2017/January 2018.



GREENLAND/ PARK LAWN ELEMENTARY

The Greenland and Park Lawn Elementary projects are complete and both included:

- Replacement of the heating, ventilation and mechanical systems
- Adding cooling systems
- Partial roof replacement and repair



IXONIA ELEMENTARY

Ixonia Elementary looks much different than it did in June. Exterior excavation is complete, the footings and poured walls for the new addition are complete, and structural steel installation has begun. The interior of Ixonia Elementary underwent asbestos abatement this summer and a new temporary main entrance and ramp were added to the building for student, staff and family use during construction.

A time-lapse camera was installed, to view still photos of the construction progress at Ixonia Elementary.

You can view images by visiting this page: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/nicholasassoc/ixonia>.

IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION DATES



OASD IN THE NEWS!

▶ HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



District Wide Sustainability Challenge Adds Up to Real and Valuable Savings

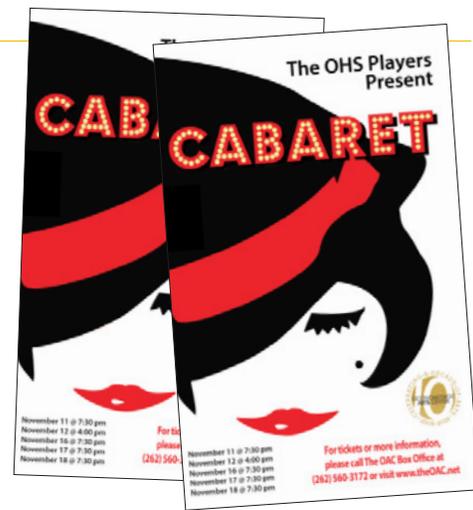
Green and Healthy Schools in Wisconsin recognized Mrs. Kelly Holtzman’s Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental class for outstanding participation in an 8-week sustainability challenge called “Cool Choices” during the 2016-17 school year. The OHS AP Environmental class is once again participating in an 8-week challenge during the 2017-18 school year.

Due to the AP Environmental classes success, the Oconomowoc Area School District will also be participating in the Waukesha County Cool Choices program this fall. The challenge uses an online platform to inspire sustainable action from district employees at both work and at home from October 2 -November 10. These actions add up to real and valuable savings for the district by reducing waste and energy costs.



Oconomowoc AFS

Oconomowoc AFS would like to introduce you to this year’s exchange students at Oconomowoc High School (from left to right, bottom row to top row): Jessie from China, hosted by the Schifano family, Shiori from Japan, hosted by the Kuber family, Fredrik from Norway, hosted by the Hannan family, Joao Pedro from Brazil, hosted by the Mekonnen and Sackmann family, Kaity from Lebanon, hosted by the Van Leirsburg family, Gonzalo from Spain, hosted by the Wakefield family, Joel from Finland, hosted by the Mulder family.



OHS “Tommy Award-Winning” Theater Program presents Cabaret the Musical, November 11, 12, 16–18

Welcome to the infamous Kit Kat Klub, where the Emcee, Sally Bowles and a raucous ensemble take the stage nightly. Come hear some of the most memorable songs in theatre history, including “Cabaret,” “Willkommen” and “Maybe This Time.” The final show performed in the old Middle School theatre, Cabaret is the perfect choice to begin our next 10 years in the beautiful new Oconomowoc Arts Center!

Please note that Cabaret contains mature content appropriate for a Middle School audience and older. Tickets available at the OAC box office.



OHS Building Trades III Groundbreaking

The Oconomowoc High School Building Trades III Class kicked off the new school year with a ceremonial ground breaking for the new home they’ll be building, in partnership with Tim O’Brien Homes. They got straight to work, learning about job site rules and safety guidelines.

ELEMENTARY NEWS



OASD Elementary Schools Introduce Seesaw District-Wide

This year, OASD 4K- grade 4 classrooms will be using an interactive digital tool called Seesaw to support the district's dedication to providing families with timely and relevant feedback on individual student learning. After a successful initial pilot program last year in various classrooms, Seesaw was chosen as a tool to increase classroom communication with families and develop individual student learning portfolios at each elementary site.

Michele Koper, Coordinator of Continuous Improvement and Innovation explained, "Seesaw is a tool that enables families to connect with the classroom and their child in a meaningful way. Individual students will use this platform to document their learning and progress over time. We are excited about the opportunities it will give students to take ownership of their learning, demonstrate growth, and involve families along the way."

There has been a lot of excitement and activity in schools this fall around the capabilities of Seesaw. The ease of use for students, families, and teachers elevates the level of communication by providing a window into classroom daily activities. Families can utilize the Seesaw App, or the website to stay up to date on classroom announcements. The communication features



are interactive, giving families and teachers a seamless way to connect. Students can use any type of device to show their work in the form of pictures, videos, and text. Families are able to easily view and respond to their child's learning artifacts. This allows them to engage in the learning process and be informed about their child's academic growth.

INTERMEDIATE NEWS



Nature Hill and Silver Lake Intermediate Students Travel Globally to Serve Others

A group of Oconomowoc Area School District intermediate students and staff had a life changing experience, traveling to the Dominican Republic in June, 2017. The trip was part of the Service Learning Program, open to all intermediate students in the district. The group worked with local residents from a rural town to plant 5,000 mahogany seeds, move over 7,000 pounds of dirt, harvest potato-like roots from the rain forest, and plant a sustainable garden. Working together on meaningful projects inspired students to become a family with a mission of helping others. When they weren't working, they visited Paradise Island, snorkeled in the Atlantic Ocean, braved whitewater rapids, and experienced Dominican style dancing.

They were touched by the kindness and caring of the Dominican people, and everyone returned with gratitude for fresh water, electricity, and many blessings experienced on a daily basis in the United States.



Student travelers presented their experiences to the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and Nature Hill Intermediate teaching staff. One audience member remarked, "What a bright and articulate group of students. They were well prepared, well spoken, self-confident, and great ambassadors for the school district and our community. This is such important and meaningful work with our kids."

Students and parents interested in additional information regarding the 2018 June trip to the Dominican Republic should contact Shelly Grothaus (Grothaus@oasd.org) at Nature Hill Intermediate or Staci Neidert (NeidertS@oasd.org) at Silver Lake Intermediate.



FALL SPORTS RACCOON PRIDE

CONGRATS!

The Raccoon Fall Sports Season is in full swing and our teams are doing very well as they transition to the Classic 8 conference. We hope you come and cheer our teams on, and we're hoping to make some deep runs in the postseason this fall!

Go Raccoons! #oconpride

OHS Sports Booster Club Thanks OHS Athletes & Coaches!

The Oconomowoc Sports Booster Club would like to thank all of the student-athletes and coaches for their participation in the Cooney Card Blitz. The event raised almost \$25,000 which help support our high school and intermediate school athletic programs. A big thank you to the community for supporting this great fundraiser!



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the OHS Athletics page
for the most current
sport schedules



HOMECOMING

IN THE OASD-SEPT. 29, 2017



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The OHS AP Seminar Digital Communications class started off the fall semester with business mentor training. That training left our gracious business partners eager to begin working with students on relevant projects related to their industry specific needs. Students are currently working their way through Camp IMPACT before they begin the work of developing projects with their community business mentors.

This new OHS programming could not happen without the assistance of our local businesses and industry partners, or the local volunteers who will be offering students feedback

on their business biographies. A special thank you to OHS School Resource Officer Adam Parkhurst and Waukesha Fire Department Lieutenant Dan Berghoefer. They met with our Biomedical Science class to discuss what it takes to be a police officer and firefighter/EMT/Paramedic, and how their jobs relate to the class's fictional character exercise. Finally, an enormous thank you to the Oconomowoc Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation for the \$1,500 donation to assist the AP Seminar Digital Communications class and CAPS program.

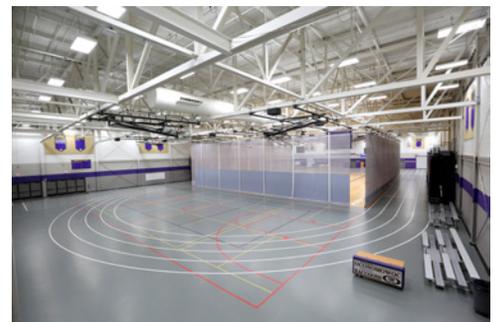
WELCOME Coach Benish



The Oconomowoc Area School District announced this past July that Mr. Jay Benish was named the new Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Oconomowoc High School. Benish, who replaces Kurt Melton in that role, has joined Nature Hill Intermediate as a 6th grade teacher.

Coach Benish comes to Oconomowoc after serving the last ten years as head basketball coach at Jefferson High School. Prior to his time in Jefferson, Benish served as an assistant basketball coach at Viterbo University from 2003-2007. In addition to his teaching degree from Viterbo University, where he also was a basketball standout, he holds a Master's degree in Sports Administration from UW-Lacrosse.

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

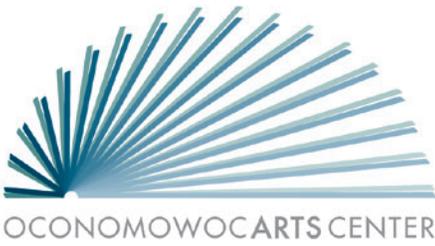


Winter Indoor Running/Walking Times at OHS Fieldhouse

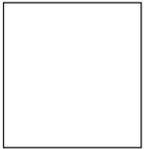
Enjoy a warm and safe place to run/walk this winter in the OHS Field House. The high school track will be open for all OASD residents age 18 and older beginning November 28, 2017.

TRACK HOURS AND INFORMATION:

- Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Please wear indoor running/walking shoes.
- This program will only be available when school is in session.



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CELEBRATING THE OAC'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Look how far we've come! Today, the OAC averages 150 events per year from district and community, to several professional series. A special thank you to the greater Oconomowoc community for keeping the arts a priority.

OCONOMOWOC ARTS CENTER - BOX OFFICE HOURS

- 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.- Mondays
- Noon to 5 p.m.- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- 4 to 7 p.m.- Thursdays
- 90 minutes before show times

Be sure to check the OAC calendar for intermediate and high school production and concert dates! www.theoac.net

Thank You



“Stuff the Bus”

Special thanks to our local Lions Club for collecting school supplies for OASD families this August.

OASD School Board

School Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Oconomowoc High School Little Theater and are open to the public.

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2017 Homecoming Court



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 5 Oconomowoc Winter Farmer's Market Begins at OHS Cafeteria
- 10. Parent/Teacher Conferences, OASD K-8 students half day
- 11-12, 16-18 OHS Musical "Cabaret" Performances at OAC
- 14. OASD School Board Meeting at OHS Little Theater
- 22-26 . . . OASD No School, Thanksgiving Break
- 27 OASD No School, Teacher Development Day

DECEMBER

- 12. OASD School Board Meeting
- 23-31. . . . OASD Winter Break- No School

JANUARY

- 1 OASD Winter Break- No School
- 16. OASD School Board Meeting
- 19. OASD No School, Teacher Development