

Superintendent Report

February 24, 2025



The purpose of the Superintendent Report is to give the Board a high-level overview of the amazing things going on across the district.

Celebrating Black History Month



February is Black History Month and there have been a variety of celebrations taking place throughout our schools. Just a few examples include special displays, student-led announcements, a scavenger hunts, trivia, and student news stories.

You can also check out the front page of our OSD website to learn more about Black History Month.

Crossing Guard Week



🛑 THANK YOU CROSSING GUARDS! 🛑

The cold weather didn't stop us from celebrating WI Adult Crossing Guard Week.....OR our crossing guards from braving the elements! We appreciate these wonderful professionals who help our students walk safely to and from school each day. Thank you for being there for our kids no matter the weather!

Every day is a great day to thank a Crossing Guard!

NKE Artists Selected for Regional & State Exhibits



Congratulations to our Netherwood Knoll Elementary student artists who have been chosen to represent OSD for the Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month South West Regional Exhibit:

- 🎨 Anna
- 🎨 Harper
- 🎨 Maddy
- 🎨 Mason
- 🎨 Maya

The show was on display this past week and there was a closing reception yesterday. Maya, Maddy and Mason were further chosen to have their work displayed at the State Art Show for National Youth Art Month and will be eligible for awards and prizes. The State YAM Exhibit will run from March 3-March 28th at East Towne Mall during mall hours.

We're so proud of our creative artists! 🧑🎨🧑🎨 Thanks to Mrs. Prah! for offering this opportunity to our students!

OSD Regional Spelling Bee Participants

Congratulations



Grayson



Bo



Finley

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Congratulations to our OSD students who participated in the Regional Spelling Bee!



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 We are so proud of you! 

NKE Physical Education Fun



Students in Mr. Steinmetz's class at Netherwood Knoll Elementary are participating in a real live "Mario Kart" obstacle course!

What better way to get out the wiggles, practice large motor skills, work as a team, and get some exercise.

Thanks for providing this fun and engaging learning experience for our kids!

BKE Dinner and Book



Brooklyn Elementary hosted their "Dinner and Book" event for families. ✨📖 Guest readers from different careers came in and shared their favorite books and answered questions about their professions. Each student received a book of their choice.

A huge thank you to our guest readers for inspiring our students!

FES International Peace Crane Exchange



☀ Forest Edge Elementary School (FES) has been engaged in a very special project with the International Peace Crane Exchange. Through this project, we partnered with a dual international school in Blumenau - SC - Brazil to exchange origami creations and handwritten letters. Together, our FES students, staff and families folded over 1,000 origami hearts and cranes!

After sending off the creations for the exchange, students and volunteers strung together the additional hearts and cranes to be displayed in the art gallery at FES this fall--but the fun didn't stop there!

In February, a smaller collection of the origami was put on display at the Fitchburg Public Library along with a basket of origami creations to share with community members. Make sure to check out their display in the youth area, and be sure to snag an original artwork from a FES student.

Thanks to Ms. Dall'Osto for offering this fun, important, and impactful learning opportunity to our school community. ❤️🎉

RCI Chemists Explore Properties of Oobleck



Ms. Kramer's class at Rome Corners Intermediate wrapped up their chemistry unit on mixtures and solutions with a hands-on experiment—making slime and oobleck! 🧪💡

Did you know oobleck is a non-Newtonian fluid? 🤔 This cool mixture of cornstarch and water can behave like both a solid and a liquid, depending on the pressure applied. When at rest, it flows like a liquid, but when you press on it, it firms up like a solid!

Our young scientists had a blast exploring these fascinating properties firsthand. Way to go, 5th graders! 🎉👏

OMS Team Visits Upham Woods



Our 7th grade students on our 7M team recently had a fantastic day at Upham Woods, where they engaged in impactful team building and learning activities. Examples of activities included archery, indoor / outdoor games, dog sled races, and building a campfire.

It was a great day to learn more about our friends, ourselves, and to have a little fun. Thanks to our 7M educators who go the extra mile to make this learning experience happen.

Learning on the Slopes



Solving for X-treme fun! 🏂 ÷ 🏂

Pre-calculus students recently had a math day at Tyrol Basin for a tubing experience connected to real math challenges. Students used tools to measure and determine slope, draw mathematical representations of acceleration, find and graph velocity, and more. The students loved this experience and the math challenged them to apply their learning to a real context.

Thanks to our instructors for this great experience!

OHS German Club



Students in our OHS German Club recently engaged in a service project of making cards for residents of BeeHive Homes with the hope of spreading joy. ❤️✂️✎️

Our German Club is led by students who meet monthly to create opportunities for any student to learn about the cultures of German-speaking countries. Thanks to Frau Wochenske, who serves as advisor to this great group.

Future Business Leaders of America



Congratulations to our OHS students who recently competed in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Leadership Conference! Participants competed in various categories such as Economics, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Graphic Design. The conference also featured workshops and talks on financial literacy and networking skills.

Our 15 Oregon students excelled in the competition, with six scoring in the top 5:

- 🏆 Kai Lynch: 1st Place - Economics
- 🏆 Brynn Niemeyer: 2nd Place - Human Resource Management
- 🏆 Hayden Paneitz: 5th Place - Entrepreneurship
- 🏆 Abby Christiansen, Claire Johnson & Sarah Waterworth: 5th Place - Graphic Design

Students scoring in the top three positions within each category advance to the State Leadership Conference this spring.

You are developing amazing skills and we are so proud of you!

FFA District Leadership Development Events



Congratulations to our Oregon High School FFA students on their recent success at the District Leadership Development Events, which are designed to showcase student communication and leadership in agriculture:

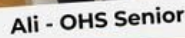
- 🏆 Reya - Creed (1st place)
- 🏆 Connor - Prepared Speaking (1st place)
- 🏆 Mackenzie - Discussion Meet (1st place)
- 🏆 Ashlee, Connor, Pyper, Mackenzie, Joey & Ben - Parliamentary Pcedure (3rd place)
- 🏆 Ashlee - Employment Skills (3rd place)
- 🏆 Caden - Employment Skills (4th place)
- 🏆 Ava - Creed (4th place)

Other competitors included Pyper and Sawyer in Extemporaneous Speaking and Joey in Discussion Meet.

Connor, Makenzie, and Reya will advance to Sectional Competition on Tuesday, March 4, at Oregon High School.

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP

Spotlight



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Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Biotech, Biology, Medical Terminology, Chemistry.

Youth Apprentice Spotlight

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP *Spotlight*



Will - OHS Senior

Will is exploring the **Architecture and Construction** career pathway and gaining hands-on skills working as a **Laborer/Carpenter** at Iconica!

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The next spotlight is on Will, who is working as a Laborer/Carpenter at Iconica.

Courses that have led up to this capstone experience include: Wood Manufacturing, Advanced Wood Manufacturing, Construction Exploration. Will also has certifications in OSHA 10, WCA Core, and WCA Saw Blade.

Now is the time for sophomores or juniors who are interested to start thinking about these options. Students should contact their school counselor and Ms. D'Amelio, our School to Career Coordinator to discuss and learn more.

There is also information about this program and others on our website:

▶ OHS Career Based Experiences:

<https://ohs.oregonsd.org/academics/school-to-career>

▶ OSD Portrait of a Graduate:

<https://www.oregonsd.org/district/vision-and-strategic-plan>

Congrats to Hockey on a Great Season



Now we're going to do a little Winter Sports wrap-up, as we've either ended or are nearing the end of the winter season.

Both boys and girls have finished up and we want to congratulate both teams on their seasons (as a reminder our girls play on the Icebergs, which is a co-op team, which is why they are not wearing orange).

OHS Dance
Team
Competed in
First State
Regionals!



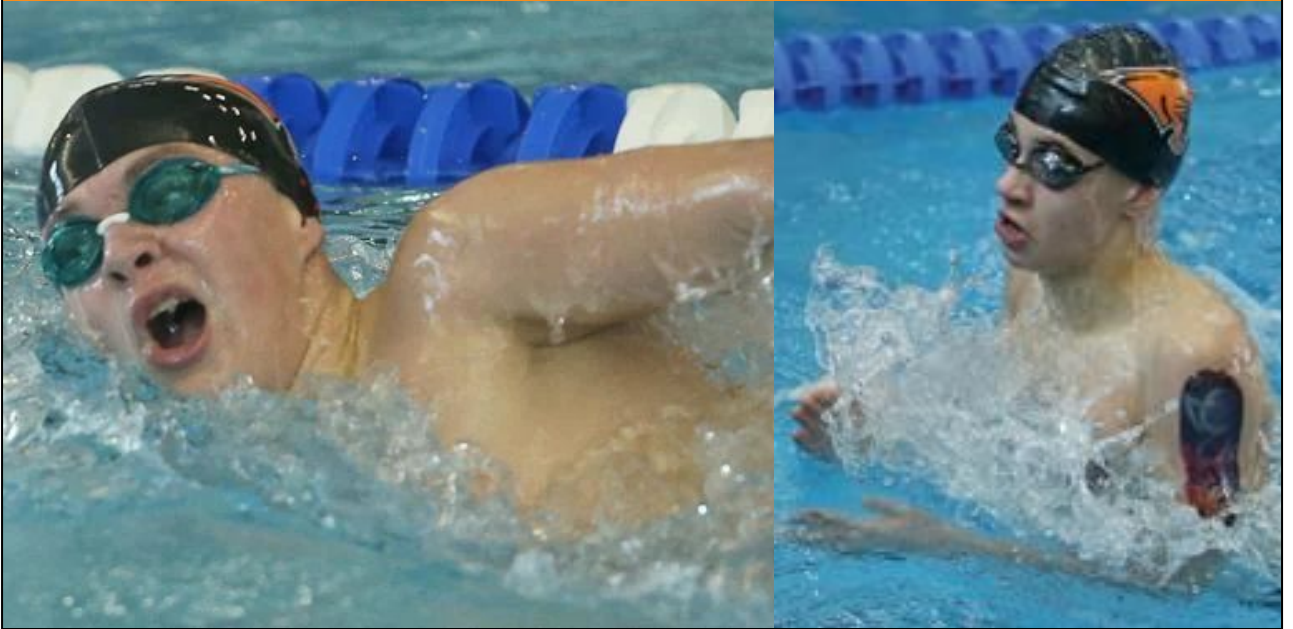
Our dance team competed in their first competition at state regionals. We are so proud of them!

Cheer Team Places 2nd at State Competition



Congratulations to our OHS Cheer Team, who placed 2nd in the Cheer Dance-Small division this past Saturday at the Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches STATE finals competition at Deforest High School. We love watching you perform!

Swim Team Freshmen Competed at State



Two freshmen from the OHS Swim Team competed in the State tournament. Congratulations to Brandon Tereba and Teo Figueroa! This is a great achievement and we love watching you swim.

Wrestling Sends Four to State



Four OHS wrestlers will be heading to the State Tournament starting this Thursday afternoon:

- Girls: Teagan Simpson
- Boys: Evan Fahey, Caden Schwartz and Cade Aaberg

Congratulations and good luck!

Post Season Begins Friday!



The Post season begins at home **THIS** Friday for Girls (with the 3 seed) and **NEXT** Friday for Boys at home (with the 6 seed).

The Little Mermaid Musical



Congratulations to our OHS students who were part of the amazing musical production of Disney's The Little Mermaid this past weekend. From the creative set designs, costumes, musical numbers, pit orchestra, lighting, and choreography, the audience was truly taken under the sea!

One thing I'm very proud of is the many opportunities for students to get involved in our theater program. There are places for those who want to sing, those who want to help with stage set, costumes, pit orchestra, lighting, and more.

Thank you to Ms. Heuer, Mr. Ducett, Ms. Yancey, Ms. Kaebisch, and Mr. Mendl for offering this experience to our students.

Remember to Tune In to the OSD Podcast!



Make sure to check out our podcast: Inside the OSD! You can find all episodes at OregonSD.org/podcast, and anywhere you get your podcasts. Our most recent episode was with some cast members from this past weekend's production of Disney's The Little Mermaid.

Make sure to like and subscribe to Inside the OSD wherever you get your podcasts to get the most recent episodes delivered directly to you - we have some great podcasts coming up.

