

# Superintendent Report

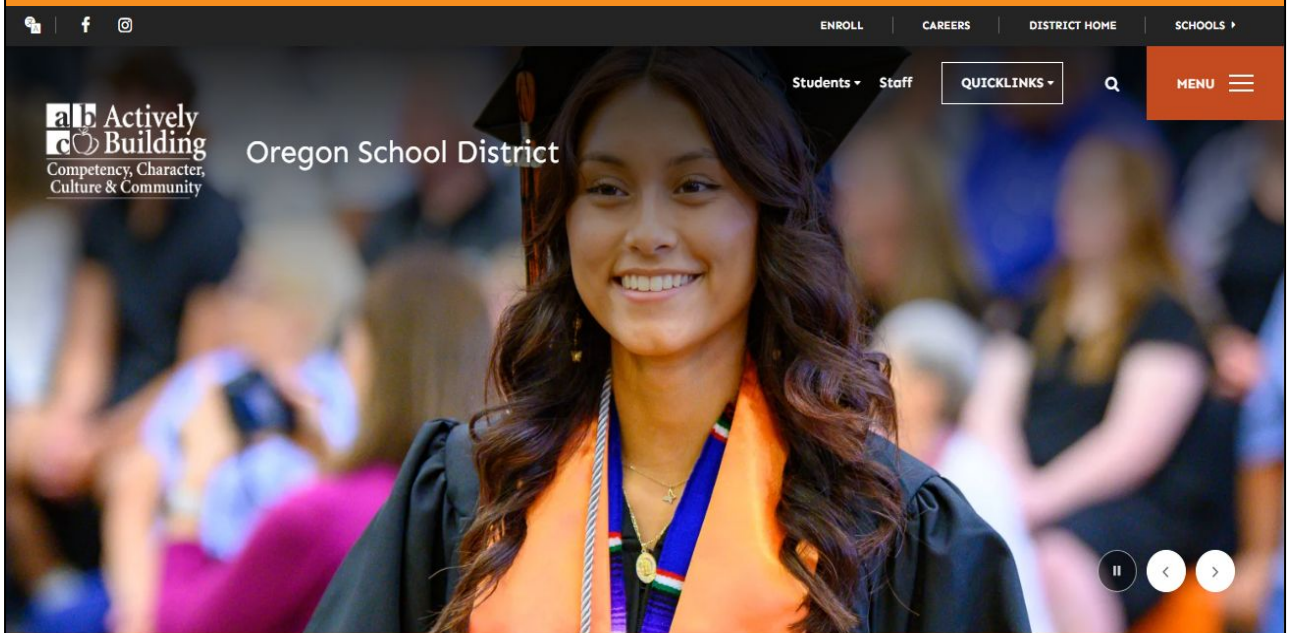
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The purpose of the Superintendent Report is to give the Board a high-level overview of what is going on across the district.

As always, we are going to begin with staff recognition - and that is specifically something I want to call out this evening because there are quite a few things to highlight in addition to last week being Educator Appreciation Week!

# New Website Coming Friday!



Before jumping into the showcase of student and staff activities, I want to share a special announcement. We've been working on migrating our website to a new platform and the new website will go live this Friday. You'll see a fresh design and some new functionality that we are implementing based on what the analytics and data of viewership on our current site has told us. A few key things:

- It is optimized for mobile devices, with the expandable menu located on the upper right of the page
- It has been designed specifically for accessibility
- It has the ability to translate content into a myriad of languages
- Quick links and menus selected based on what users most frequently use

We are looking forward to sharing this with our families and community.

We've referenced this in our end of year messages to staff and families. There will be a feedback mechanism when the site launches.

# Congratulations & Thank You OSD Retirees!



CONGRATULATIONS to all 2024 Oregon School District retirees!

We recently held a special reception to honor our amazing educators who have dedicated their careers to serving students and families in the Oregon School District. We are so grateful to you for your service. You embody our collective value of Caring and Professional Educators, and we wish you all the best in your retirement!

## FES Student Receives Citizen Award



Forest Edge Elementary student, Matthew Viviani, received a Citizen Award from the Dane County Sheriff's Office this afternoon. Matthew received this award for heroic efforts of calling 911 and performing CPR during an emergency situation. We are so proud of Matthew!

Read Matthew's story here: [Oregon Observer Story](#)



# NKE End of Year Picnic & Game Day



Netherwood Knoll held a picnic and game day event to celebrate the end of the school year.

The event was made extra special when one of our students surprised the school by bringing his own sound system - a homemade speaker, playlist and light show! This definitely added to the end of year festivities. We love your creativity!

## BKE Circus



The circus came to Brooklyn Elementary!

Our Brooklyn kindergarteners wowed their audience with their singing, acting, and dancing talents. What an incredible show from our young stars.

We love seeing you perform.



## PVE Celebration



Prairie View Elementary worked together to earn a lunch outside! This was a school wide celebration and a fun way to spend a beautiful afternoon outside. Throughout this school year, students focused on a word each month (such as, "helpful" for the letter, "H") in an effort to spell the word PANTHERS. Congrats on a great year!!

# NKE Chickens



Netherwood Knoll first graders think having chickens at school is an EGG-cellent idea!

To bring the first-grade literacy unit, *Birds' Amazing Bodies*, up close and personal, our teachers, parents, and administrators worked together to bring chickens to Netherwood Knoll. In April, students eagerly awaited the eggs hatching and since then have been excited to watch them grow from newborn chicks to full-grown chickens. They named the chickens:

- Pancake
- Blueberry
- Chick A Dee Dee Dee
- Spot
- Chipie

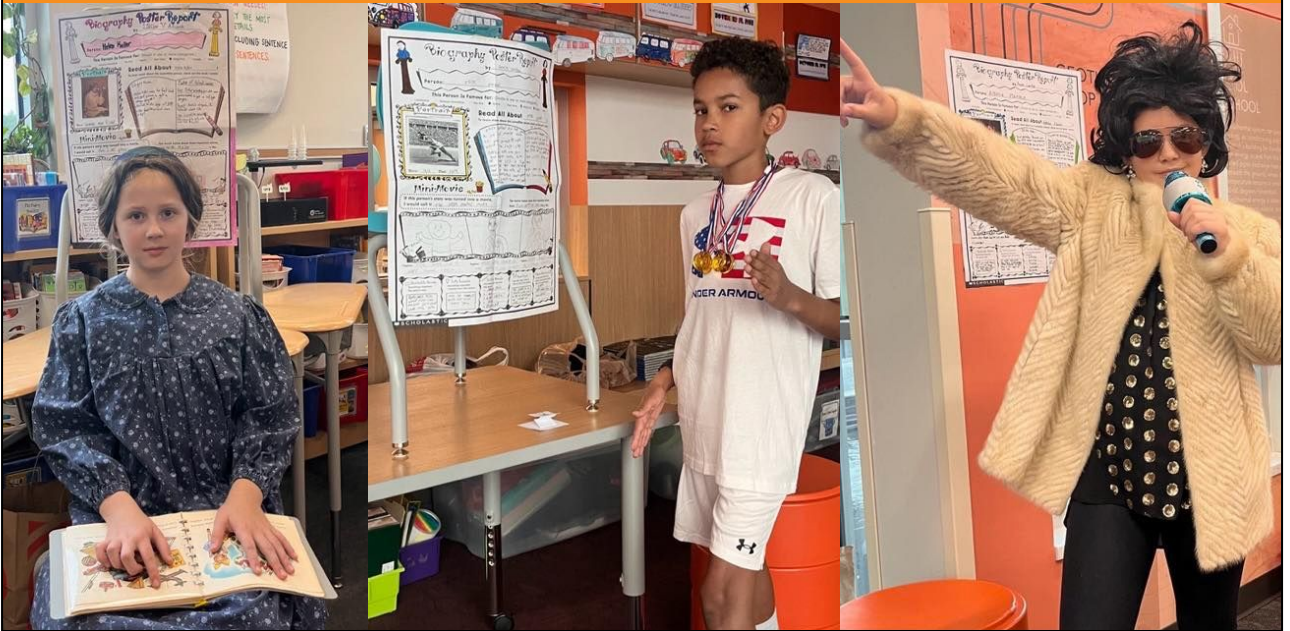
The five chickens are now living in the school arboretum in a coop that Mr. Mark and first-grade students built together. In addition to the chickens, a duck family has also made their home in the arboretum. Students enjoy seeing the mama duck with her 14 ducklings swimming in the pond and waddling about, and often visiting the chickens in their coop!

Thanks to our first-grade teachers for designing this amazing experience. We love



this amazing learning!

# FES Wax Museum



Where can you find the likeness of Jennifer Aniston, Abe Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Amelia Earhart, George Washington and many others under one roof? The Forest Edge Elementary fifth grade Wax Museum, that's where!

Students worked hard researching different people, their life events and factors of success. The unit ended with the Wax Museum on Friday, May 24. Caregivers, friends and family came and were able to see these "wax" figures. Museum goers could also press each wax figure's button to hear a bit more about them.

We are so proud of all of their hard work!

## RCI Band Clinician Visits

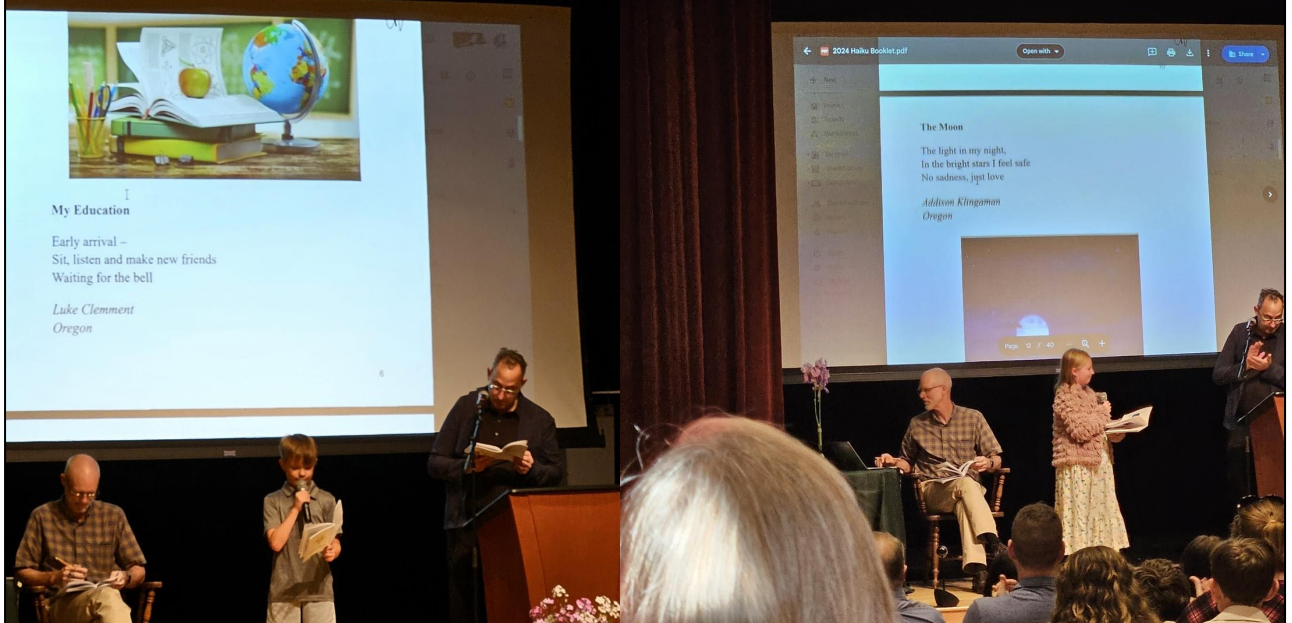


Rome Corners Intermediate School band students recently had the privilege to work and learn from 11 local professional musicians and educators. Students came up with great questions to ask their music clinicians. All band students got to listen to them perform and share their expertise!

Clinicians included: Kate Lowery (flute), Maddie Leischner (clarinet), Bryan Husk (saxophone), Kristen Diederichs (oboe), John Aley (trumpet), Anne Aley (horn), Kevin Frierhood (baritone/euphonium), Maliq Veal (trombone), Chris Fiol (tuba), Jeanne Hammes (percussion), and Janice Stone (bassoon).

We are so grateful to these performers and educators for sharing their wealth of knowledge and time with our students!

# FES Students Participate in Haiku Competition



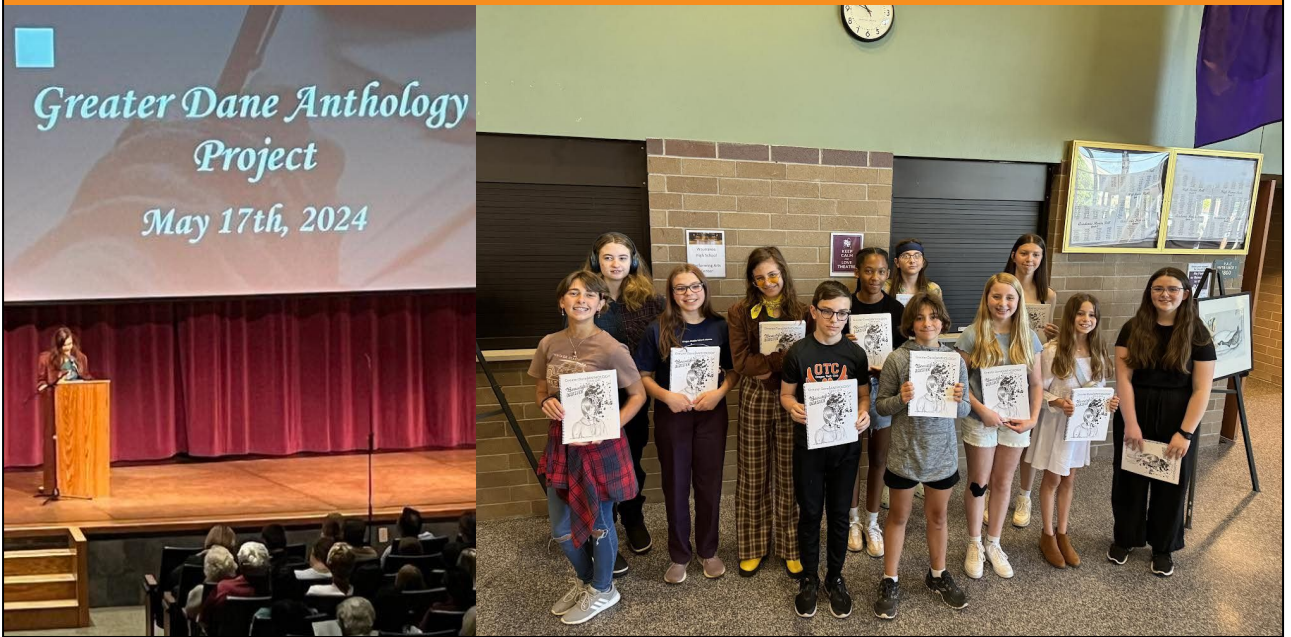
Congratulations to our three of Forest Edge Elementary 4th grade students - Addison, Luke, and Octavia - who were winners of the GDCALN Haiku competition. A celebration was recently held to honor this year's winners. The Emcee for the event was Dr. Adam Kern, UW Madison Professor of Japanese Literature & Visual Culture.

All students in attendance read their poem and received feedback and possibly a question or two about their haiku.

There were over 2000 submissions by almost 900 students this year!! We are so proud of you!



# Greater Dane Anthology Project Publishing Ceremony



Congrats to students in grades 5-8 who were recently recognized and honored during the Greater Dane Anthology Project Publishing Ceremony at Waunakee High School. There were many categories, including art, poetry, cartoons, creative writing and persuasive writing - in both English and Spanish.

Over 500 entries were entered and judged, so being picked to be a published author was quite the honor. Each author was given a copy of their book, and one of our learners was even chosen to read her piece during the ceremony.

## Middle Level State Honors Project



Congratulations to our 18 Oregon Middle School students who were selected to perform, selected as a prioritized alternate or selected as an alternate for the 2024 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Project.

In April, students auditioned for an adjudicator and students who were selected will perform in October as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference.

We love hearing you play!

## 8th Grade German Field Trip



Eighth grade German students recently took their annual trip to New Glarus where they learned about Swiss immigration to the US and life for the settlers, enjoyed a traditional Swiss lunch, and explored the town to discover more history.



## 8th Grade Lerner Park Community Project



Oregon Middle School eighth grade students recently partnered with the Rotary Club for the annual Lerner Park workday. Throughout the day, students worked to remove invasive species, plant native grasses, and maintain walking trails.

We love it when our students put learning into action while also providing a service to our local community. This is a great example of one of our Five Values: Strong Family & Community Partnerships.



# Duck Stamp Conservation & Design Contest



Congrats to our OHS student artists who participated in the Wisconsin Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest! Our students had a fantastic showing and took five of the top nine positions, The group of local high school artist managed to take five of the top nine positions! Here was the lineup:

- 1st place - Calvin Anderson
- 2nd place - Sarah Waterworth & Abby Christiansen
- 3rd place - Amber Norland & Mars Hammersley
- Honorable Mentions - Madelynn Oppliger, Poppy McCauley, Moss Erdmann, Lillian Karns, Alice Rehen, Nicholas Walthers, Theo Smith, Ella Carlson, Sydney Shaw, Madelynn Outhouse, Anna Schwantes.

The competition drew 395 entries from students across the state. The top 36 winning entries from the state of Wisconsin are showcased in two traveling displays across the state. Thanks to all of our art educators and students for contributing to this meaningful experience.

We love seeing your art and creativity!

# Badger Conference Art Show & Challenge



Congratulations to our amazing student artists who represented OHS in this year's Badger Conference Art Show & Challenge, which was recently hosted in our own OHS Art Gallery:

- Abby Christiansen
- Lydia MuBrenden Simmons
- Daniela Rodas
- Maisie Patterson
- Brenden Simmons
- Liz Sorbet
- Theo Smith
- Savannah Walker

This annual event is a fun and rewarding experience where high school art students get the opportunity to show and have their work juried by professional artists. Many of our students received top honors, which led to Oregon being crowned Badger Conference Art Champions (large division)! OHS art teachers Michael Derrick and Heidi Coutre' are proud to announce that this was Oregon's third straight conference title!

Congratulations, artists! We love seeing your work and creativity!

# Home Construction Project



Students from Mr. Prah's Home Construction class recently showed off their meticulous work during an open house event.

Each year, students work with local contractors to learn all the various trades in residential construction.

Congratulations on a great job - we are so proud of you!



# AVID Senior Showcase



Senior students in our AVID program recently showcased their learning and student portfolios for staff and students. What an amazing accomplishment. Congratulations!



# OHS Ceramics Collaboration with Kindergarten



Ms. Coutre's OHS Ceramics students recently did a collaborative project with Netherwood Knoll kindergarten students from Ms. Smith's and Ms. Beirne's classes.

Kindergarten friends drew self portraits and then the Ceramics students translated the flat imagery into beautiful 3D sculptures to give back to them. Students on both ends were happy with the results!

We love this amazing collaborative project!

## Student GSA Event: Pride in the Park



The Oregon High School GSA student organization recently hosted "Pride in the Park," a community event held at Waterman Triangle Park. The celebration was beautifully organized and included face painting, stations for creating buttons and bracelets, and some amazing student speeches.

Thanks to the Oregon Public Library for offering book selections and onsite check-out area, and to everyone who supported this event.

We are so proud of this amazing group who works so hard to create a safe and inclusive environment for each and every student. It was a fantastic way to kick off Pride Month, and this event will be featured in an upcoming podcast discussion with some of our GSA student leaders, so watch for that.

# 2024 WSMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival



Congrats to our Oregon School District musicians who received an Exemplary Performance Nomination at the 2024 WSMA State Solo and Ensemble Festival this spring:

- 🎵 Olive Andersen - Alto Solo
- 🎵 June Berquist - Bb Clarinet Solo\*
- 🎵 Caroline Canney - Violin Solo
- 🎵 Aaron Dieter - Marimba / Xylophone Solo\*
- 🎵 Lorenz Fradkin-Annen - Violin Solo\*
- 🎵 Jack Khalil - Viola Solo
- 🎵 Simon Niemcek - Marimba / Xylophone Solo\*
- 🎵 Augustus Sampson - Bb Clarinet Solo
- 🎵 Aaron Dieter & Simon Niemcek - Keyboard Mallet Duet\*
- 🎵 OHS Concert Chorale - Misc. Vocal Ensemble\*
- 🎵 OHS Percussion - Misc. Percussion Ensemble\*
- 🎵 OHS Saxophone Choir - Saxophone Choir

In addition, events signified with a \* received an Exemplary Performance Award.



# Be A Champion Mentor Celebration



We recently held a special end of year celebration for Be A Champion Mentor Program mentors and mentees. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and a great way to celebrate a wonderful year.

The Be A Champion Mentor Program is a collaboration between Friends of Oregon School District (FOSD) and the Oregon School District (OSD). The program pairs 4th - 8th grade students with a caring adult who becomes the student's "champion."

Mentors and mentees meet for an hour each week to engage in activities, such as games, crafts, and going for walks. While the specific activity is unique to each mentor/mentee pair, the ultimate goal is to develop a positive relationship and connection with an adult committed to the student's well-being. We have over 70 community members who volunteer their time each week to mentor a student in our district.

We are always in need of mentors for this program. To volunteer, go to [FriendsofOSD.com/mentor](https://www.friendsofOSD.com/mentor)

## District Art Show



It was a beautiful evening for the recent Oregon School District Art Show. Selected students and their families were invited to the Oregon High School Art Gallery to receive a special certificate and view the art pieces that are showcased in this special event.

Thanks to our amazing group of district art educators who helped to make this event a great experience for students and families!

# Congratulations Henry Kreckman

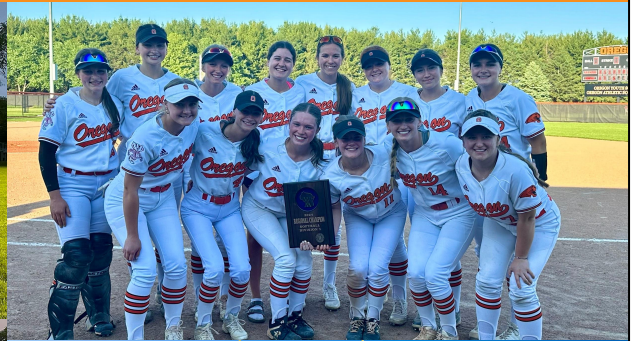
NIAAA Scholarship  
Wisconsin's Nominee



Congratulations to Henry Kreckman who was selected as Wisconsin's nominee for the NIAAA Scholarship. He now is in the running at the Section level, where he is up against nominees from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Michigan.

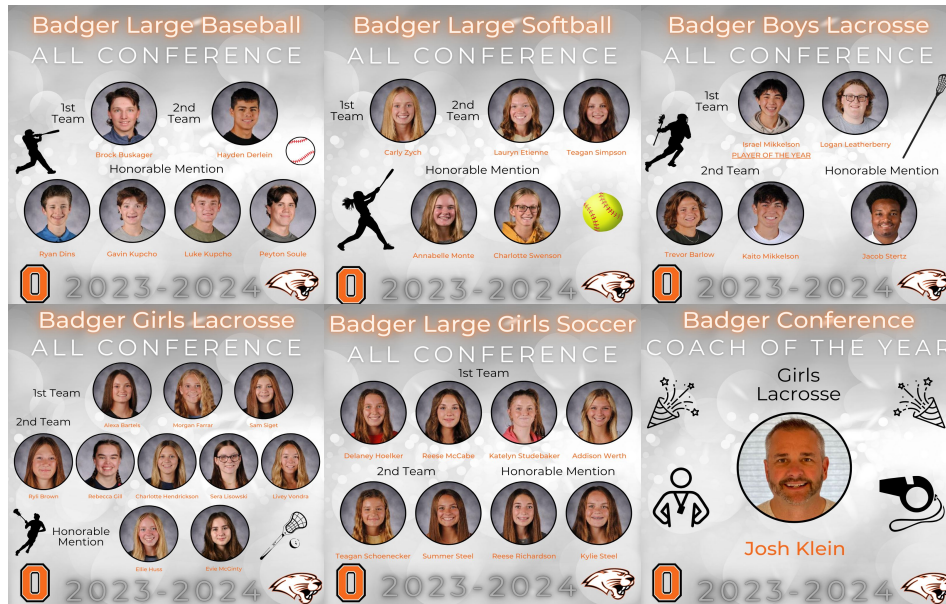


## Regional and Sectional Champions



We had 3 Regional Champions this spring season - girls soccer, softball and boys lacrosse. We also had 1 Sectional Champion in our girls soccer team. They now head to the WIAA State Tournament this upcoming Friday morning for a game at 11:00.

# Badger Conference - All Conference Recipients



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Competency, Character,  
Culture & Community

Congratulations to our spring All-Conference recipients as voted on by the Badger Conference coaches within each sport.

## Baseball

- Brock Buskager (1)
- Hayden Derlein (2)
- Luke Kupcho (HM)
- Peyton Soule (HM)
- Gavin Kupcho (HM)
- Ryan Dins (HM)

## Softball

- Carly Zych (1)
- Lauryn Etienne (2)
- Teagan Simpson (2)
- Annabelle Monte (HM)
- Charlotte Swenson (HM)

## Girls Lacrosse

- Morgan Farrar (1)
- Alexa Bartels (1)
- Sam Siget (1)
- Charlotte Hendrickson (2)

- Ryli Brown (2)
- Livey Vondra (2)
- Sera Lisowski (2)
- Ellie Huss (HM)
- Evie McGinty (HM)
- Josh Klein (Coach of the Year)

#### Boys Lacrosse

- Israel Mikkelson (1 & Player of the Year)
- Logan Leatherberry (1)
- Kaito Mikkelson (2)
- Trevor Barlow (2)
- Jacob Stertz (HM)

#### Girls Soccer

- Addison Werth (1)
- Katelyn Studebaker (1)
- Delaney Hoelker (1)
- Reese McCabe (1)
- Teagan Schoenecker (2)
- Summer Steel (2)
- Kylie Steel (HM)
- Reese Richardson (HM)



# Boys Tennis State Tournament



We've had two rounds of sports send participants off to their WIAA state tournaments already.

First, our three members of our boys tennis players who competed at Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison.

The state qualifiers include Jerry Zheng, Braeden Bakken and Hayden Lohrentz.

# Track & Field State Tournament



In addition to tennis, our Track & Field team sent 2 boys and 12 girls to their state meet in La Crosse.

Those state qualifiers include: Hans Kiesau, Jacob Yoerger, Emma Schell, Anna Johnson, Sophie Herweijer, Reese Evans, Rory Dexter, Delaney Nyenhuis, Annabelle Schwarz, Belah Fry, Lilah Davis, Kailyn Winterberg, Addie Peters and Jaclyn Schelitzche.

# Last Day of School



It was a great last day of the 2023-2024 school year filled with celebrating accomplishments, friendships, and looking forward to the future. We want to thank all of our amazing students, families, staff, and our community for working together to make this year a success!



# Graduate Walks at Elementary Schools



And we also recently sent off the Class of 2024. It has been a great last few weeks with this group. They walked through their elementary schools in the last weeks of school. This has become a favorite tradition, as it gives our graduates a time to look back and reflect on their time here, AND gives our elementary students a glimpse of inspiration for what is to come.

It is also a very special time for many teachers who have former students in the graduating class, and many created banners and posters of their students from the time they were in their homeroom classes.

# Class of 2024 Commencement



And finally, yesterday we celebrated at the Class of 2024 Commencement ceremony - and as those of you who were there know - the OHS Main Gym was full of joy.....



# Class of 2024 Commencement



Many come together to make this event possible, including our staff, families, community.....



## Class of 2024 Commencement



and of course our amazing students.....this is just a small snapshot of our wonderful graduates and there are many more coming on our social media soon.

This class truly embodies the essence of our OSD Portrait of a Graduate. Their futures are very bright and we can't wait to see where they go. I have a feeling we'll be hearing many, many stories about their wonderful adventures to come.

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

# 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](https://OregonSD.org/podcast), and anywhere you get your podcasts. Our most recent episode features the three students speakers from our Class of 2024 Commencement ceremony. If you haven't already listened, I encourage you to make a little time to do so, because these graduates are very impressive and really exemplify our OSD Portrait of a Graduate.

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