

Old Town High School

“Where Students are Challenged to Learn and Supported to Succeed.”

School Board Report –November 2017

ATHLETICS – UPDATE

If the speed by which the fall season sprinted past us is any indication, the winter season will not last long, and we will be looking at spring again very soon. ☺ Not so fast though, there is certainly some fun to be had for our students and some enjoyment for our fans coming this winter!

Our Fall Sports Awards Night was held on Wednesday, November 8th – to a REALLY PACKED house, we had an amazing turnout. Our Winter Sports Informational Night was held on Monday, November 13th.

For a complete rundown of all winter sports schedules, check our web-site at this link:
<https://sites.google.com/a/rsu34.k12.me.us/old-town-high-school/athletics/schedules-2>



safe sports school
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

SAFE SPORTS SCHOOL AWARD

We were informed last week that we have been named a 1st team “Safe Sports School.” This national recognition is awarded to secondary schools who achieve all of the following:

- Create a positive athletic health care administrative system
- Provide or coordinate pre-participation physical examinations
- Promote safe and appropriate practice and competition facilities
- Plan for selection, fit function and proper maintenance of athletic equipment
- Provide a permanent, appropriately equipped area to evaluate and treat injured athletes
- Develop injury and illness prevention strategies, including protocols for environmental conditions
- Provide or facilitate injury intervention
- Create and rehearse venue-specific Emergency Action Plan
- Provide or facilitate psychosocial consultation and nutritional counseling/education
- Be sure athletes and parents are educated of the potential benefits and risks in sports as well as their responsibilities

We will be receiving a banner to display in MacKenzie Gymnasium. Kudos to Scott Audet, our athletic trainer, all coaches and student-athletes.

OTHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Our 2017 OTHS Athletic Hall of Fame class will be inducted on Saturday, December 9th in the afternoon before our boys' basketball home opener vs. MDI. The ceremony will begin with a social hour at 4pm in the OTHS Cafeteria. Following the ceremony, the class will be re-introduced to the home crowd at halftime of the varsity game.

This year's class includes:

- Matt Arsenault
- Katie Bergeron
- Hilary Maxim
- Denise Treadwell Smith
- Moira Vereault

FALL SHOW

Due to our freak October storm, which caused us to lose two days of school, and therefore, two days of rehearsals, our fall show was pushed back by a week. That did not deter our students, and it also did not prevent us from having two really nice crowds for showings on Friday and Saturday nights of this past weekend.

Our students performed, "What I want to say but never Will" in MacKenzie Gymnasium. The show highlighted some up and coming young actors and actresses lurking the halls of Old Town High School. They did a really nice job, and I look forward to seeing some of them in the upcoming MPA One Act plays. A show selection and auditions for that competition will happen soon.

Kudos to our students and Rachel Peterson!

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION – UPDATE

Our alternative education program continues to grow and prosper. We now have (6) students enrolled and several more on the doorstep. With the closing of the first quarter, Mr. Murphy engaged each of them in an exercise comparing grades and attendance at the end of one quarter this year as opposed to this time last year... In every single case, grades and attendance have shown amazing improvements.

Just as important, I can attest for the demeanor, attitude and overall happiness of several of them. They are now in a smaller setting, and a place that sets them up for success.

While we still have a long way to go, and a lot of tweaking to do, we have created a program that will make a difference for several students for years to come. In addition, we have staff who are committed to student success and constant improvement. I am very pleased at what has developed in just a short period of time.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Thursday, November 9th, the OTHS chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 24 more members with a very nice ceremony in the OTHS Cafeteria. Many thanks to Kim Ketch, Brenda Gardner & Jennifer Stone! New members include:

- Olivia Albert
- Danielle Baker
- Gabriel Bartkiewicz
- Kyle Berube
- Caleb Braley
- Jacob Cormier
- Logan Doucette
- Kaitlyn Dunham
- Emily Dunlap
- Mackenzie Folsom
- Emma Hargreaves
- Meaghan Kelley
- Abigail Ketch
- Emily Ketch
- Brittany King
- Anabelle Muscatell
- Sage Phillips
- Adam Regan
- Gage Rosenow
- Abigail Slauenwhite
- Russel Sossong
- Melanie Soucy
- Hannah Talcove
- Olivia Westura

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 14

Thursday, November 16

Monday, November 20

Wednesday, November 29

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

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Monday, December 11

Saturday, December 16

Friday, December 22

Lifetouch Pictures – Re-Takes

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Winter Sports Begin

JMG Initiation & Installation Ceremony

Girls' Basketball Home Opener vs. MDI

Ice Hockey Home Opener vs. Messalonskee

Boys' Basketball Home Opener vs. MDI

OTHS Band Concert – Hauck Auditorium, UMaine

Indoor Track – Opening Meet

OTHS Swim – First Home Meet

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – ‘NOVEMBER 2017’

Grade 9 – Samantha Batson
Grade 10 – Bryce Richards
Grade 11 – Joseph Emerson
Grade 12 – Austin Soucy
Staff of the Month – Amy Ketch

Enrollment (as of November 13, 2017)

Grade 12	131
Grade 11	120
Grade 10	128
Grade 9	137
TOTAL	516

UTC Enrollment 54

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Gordon

**Scott Gordon
Principal**