

Old Town High School

"Where Students are Challenged to Learn and Supported to Succeed."

School Board Report –October 2017

ATHLETICS – UPDATE

It is so hard to believe, but the fall sports season is quickly winding to a close. For a quick recap,

* The OTHS field hockey team finished in 7th place in Class B, but lost in the preliminary round to Brewer this past Saturday morning by a score of 1-0.

* Our boys' soccer team is going to make the preliminary round of play-offs, but will be on the road. Our girls' soccer team, will miss the playoffs this year, but they have shown great improvement.

* Our Coyote football team has one game remaining at Medomak Valley next Saturday afternoon, but regardless of the outcome, they will fall outside of the playoff picture.

* Finally, our golf team made the state meet as a team, but did not have a great day on the links. Three individuals qualified in Class B, and they finished 2nd, 12th, and 14th. Not too bad....

For a complete game-by-game rundown of the season, you can check the schedules on our web-site at this link: <https://sites.google.com/a/rsu34.k12.me.us/old-town-high-school/athletics/schedules-2>

Our Athletic Awards Night will be held on Wednesday, November 8th at 6pm in MacKenzie Gymnasium. Winter Sports officially start on Monday, November 20th, and schedules will be on the web-site within the next week or so. They have been finalized.

UNIFIED SPORTS

The ball is being successfully advanced down the floor, as Mr. Bousquet and Mrs. Kenniston have been working together to make sure that our inaugural season of unified basketball is ready to go this winter.

Kimm Kenniston is/has applied for grant money, and scheduling begins in December.

More updates to come.

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

* Thanks to MELMAC grant money, we took a trip to the University of Southern Maine, with seven students who have expressed interest in applying to attend next year or the year after. We are taking students on a tour of the University of New England on October 26th.

* Last Wednesday, (October 11th) we administered the PSAT to grades 9, 10 & 11. This should be very beneficial for our younger students – who will get multiple opportunities to experience a practice leading up to the SAT in the spring of their junior year. This magnitude of testing in our building required a great deal of cooperation from our entire staff – things went really well, and we finished on time. We continued on with a “normal” school day after lunch. Data from that testing should be back at some point in December.

* We will be hosting an administration of the November SAT at OTHS on Saturday, November 4th.

* We have been encouraging seniors to complete the FAFSA again this year, and we have Meredith Lee (an OTHS parent and a Financial Aid Officer from U-Maine) available to help students and their families.

* Our MELMAC College & Career Committee will meet for the first time this year on Thursday, November 2nd, we would love to have board members join, if anyone is interested.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION – UPDATE

Our Alternative Education total is up to five students, with several more who are “on the doorstep.” We think we can comfortably accommodate 8-10 students and serve them well. Things are moving along well, and the students/families enrolled are very appreciative of the opportunity provided for them. I continue to meet weekly with Bryan Murphy and Matt Tardie to work through any issues that arise and continue to tweak the program in an effort to make it the best that it can be for our students. Perhaps we can have Bryan present at a meeting later in the school year to talk about the development of the program. Again, thanks for your support of this much-needed addition to our offerings at OTHS.

FALL SHOW

On Friday November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th, our OTHS Drama club will present “What I want to say, but never will” in MacKenzie Gymnasium, with shows at 7pm each evening.

PURPLE PINKY PROJECT

The week of October 23rd, OTHS will hold what has become an annual event here - the "Purple Pinky Project." Students are asked to donate \$1 to have their pinkies dyed purple to support the efforts of our local Rotary Club to eradicate polio. All proceeds will be put toward Rotary International's Polio Plus Program. Every \$1 will be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation turning your single \$1 into \$3 toward this effort. We are closer than ever to eradicating this deadly disease from the world for good.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 27	Halloween Dance – 7:30pm – 10:30pm
Friday, November 3	Quarter 1 Ends
Friday, November 3	Fall Show – 7pm
Saturday, November 4	SAT Administration
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Wednesday, November 8	Winter Sports Awards Night
Thursday, November 9	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
Tuesday, November 14	Lifetouch Pictures – Re-Takes
Tuesday, November 14	JMG Initiation & Installation Ceremony
Monday, November 20	Winter Sports Begin

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – ‘OCTOBER 2017’

Grade 9 – Taylor Sullivan

Grade 10 – Mikaela Kenny

Grade 11 – Danielle Baker

Grade 12 – Kyle Smith

Staff of the Month – Michael May

Enrollment (as of October 16, 2017)

Grade 12	132
Grade 11	119
Grade 10	129
Grade 9	138
TOTAL	518

UTC Enrollment 55

Respectfully Submitted,

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