



OLD TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

School Board Report - December 2020
Scott Gordon, Principal

Hybrid Learning

Steady as she goes.... Again, not a lot of new information to report on hybrid learning at Old Town High School over the course of the last month. We made a slight adjustment to our Wednesday schedule, as we recognized that students were not taking advantage of the large office hour block in the afternoon. We adjusted all of our start times for Wednesday to match the already established start times on the other four days of the week. In hindsight, it looks like a move that we should have recognized from the start, but - we have never been faced with this before! :) We already have teachers who have reported that the shift has shown benefits, as they can simply ask any students who need assistance to remain on the Google meet and not ask them to log back in later.

Math remains our biggest challenge/concern. We will maintain the Math Lab help session opportunity for students, even though not many students have logged in. We do believe that number will increase in the spring. We intend to institute an in-person math lab help session on Wednesdays after the holiday break.
(in mask & across a plexiglass barrier - of course).

On the Bright Side

While we do spend a great deal of time talking about the struggles of virtual learning and the struggles of our hybrid set-up for students, there have been some bright spots. One example, we had 363 students earn honor roll status for the previous ranking period. So, while there are students struggling, there are also plenty of students who are attending each day and doing all that is being asked of them academically.

Winter Sports Update

Our winter sports season started on Monday, December 14th. All practices are podded in the same manner that students are podded for their in-person school days. Monday/Tuesday students are practicing together, while Thursday/Friday/All Virtual students are practicing together. We have asked parents to be extra vigilant in getting students to practice on time and picking them up after practice on time. We are hopeful that Penobscot county remains yellow, which will allow us to carefully expand what we can do with this very unique winter season.

Mr. Bousquet will be available at Wednesday's meeting to discuss the winter sports season in more detail and to answer any questions.

COVID Council

Our OTHS "COVID Council" did not meet in early December. Our next meeting will be in early January.

By the Numbers

Total Enrollment	542	
Grade 9	133	
Grade 10	138	
Grade 11	129	
Grade 12	142	
Monday/Tuesday Cohort	195	
Thursday/Friday Cohort	167	
All Remote	135	(24.9%) [+3%]
Always In (Self-Contained)	16	
UTC Students (Monday/Friday)	33	

As always, if you have any questions or concerns - please feel free to drop me an email.

Sincerely,



Principal