



OLD TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

School Board Report - April 2021

Scott Gordon, Principal

Students Returning

We are currently making plans to have more students return to Old Town High School's hallways (4) days per week beginning in May. On Monday, May 3rd, we will have a group of students that we have identified who have struggled with online learning returning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for in-person learning. On Monday, May 10th, we will have all 9th grade students who wish to return (4) days per week joining us. We sent a survey to all 9th grade families and currently, there are 91 students who have decided to return. Any family who did not complete the survey received a phone call and we still have a handful that we have not reached.

We will maintain Wednesdays as a remote day for students, as we feel as though there are still some challenges for our teachers as they will still have an in-person cohort as well as an online cohort. We are very excited about the prospects of seeing more students in our hallways and we sincerely hope this is a sign of things to come.

Grade 8 Transition

Our typical transition routine has been altered this year. We "visited" with area middle school students through the wonderful world of "Zoom" earlier this spring and we have had one session with students/parents to have them register for classes. We have a second session scheduled for late April. We are also going to offer small group tours of the school in May - led by current OTHS students, as we have learned over the years that students listen to their peers in different ways than they listen to adults. We will use that to our advantage and have some of our amazing Key Club, Student Council and JROTC students leading the tours.

Science Fair

Celebrating its 75th year, the Maine State Science Fair (MSSF), organized by The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) and Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance (MMSA), took place virtually on April 3, 2021. 157 students representing 23 schools in 8 Maine counties tuned in to present virtual research or engineering projects to a panel of judges and attend events. High school students from across the state competed for prestigious state titles and over \$1 million in scholarships and awards.

The winners were announced during a virtual award ceremony on April 3 at 3 pm ET. The event was headlined by keynote speaker Dr. Nirav Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control.

As you can see from the results below, OT students more than held their own. :) A big Thank You to Rad Mayfield for pushing these students along in this really amazing endeavor.

DATA SCIENCE

1st place

Madyson Redding

Old Town High School



2nd place

Maia Pietraho

Brunswick High School



3rd place

Jack Nussbaum

Brunswick High School

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - WATER

1st place

Miranda LeClair

Old Town High School



2nd place

Ginny Hunt

Bangor High School

3rd place

Quinn D'Alessio

Bangor High School



PHYSICS & ENERGY

1st place
Mia Smith
Old Town High School



2nd place
Nuthi Ganesh
Bangor High School



3rd place
Will Caron
Bangor High School

NOAA TAKING THE PULSE OF THE PLANET AWARD

Eliza McPhee
Old Town High School



ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN GEOLOGISTS

Miranda LeClair
Old Town High School

STOCKHOLM JR. WATER PRIZE

Miranda LeClair
Old Town High School



Ginny Hunt
Bangor High School



Quinn D'Alessio
Bangor High School

Proud of our OT Alumni

Sage Phillips (OTHS, Class of 2018), a sophomore at the University of Connecticut was recently named a Truman Scholar. The Truman Scholarship is a very prestigious and competitive award for students seeking to pursue graduate studies in the public service field. She was one of 62 students from 845 applicants.

The University of Maine also had one of their students selected, it was their first in nearly a decade.

For more information about the Truman Scholarship:

<https://www.truman.gov/our-history>

By the Numbers

Total Enrollment 533

Grade 9 133

Grade 10 135

Grade 11 127

Grade 12 138

Monday/Tuesday Cohort * 190

Thursday/Friday Cohort * 174

All Remote * 129 [exact same as last month]

* - numbers can fluctuate daily

Always In (Self-Contained) 15

UTC Students (Monday/Friday) 28

As always, if you have any questions or concerns - please feel free to drop me an email.
Thanks so much for your on-going support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'J. Smith' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Principal, OTHS