



OLD TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

School Board Report - June 2021

Scott Gordon, Principal

Scholarships & Graduation & Prom..... Oh My!

On Saturday, June 12th under a bright clear sky on Victory Field, we completed the senior-activities-end-of-year trifecta as we held a very successful prom. Nearly 200 very energetic students attended, danced right up to the finish line and seemed to have a great time. We had a large open-sided tent that is the property of the music DJ's company which served as a covering, but the weather cooperated with us and no real cover was needed. Many thanks to Amy Ketch, Carrie Madden and Heather Richards who served as the coordinators of the event and brought students and parents into the mix to help with planning, set-up and take down on Sunday morning.

The prom served as a cherry on top to a series of events that began on Thursday evening with our annual Scholarship & Awards night. Our students were in cap and gown and were honored for their hard work and academic successes. We gave out honor roll cords and stoles, National Honor Society stoles and stoles for completion of Honors & STEM diplomas. Following that portion of the ceremony, we moved into scholarship announcements, which took us past the 9:00 hour due to the sheer number of scholarships that our students earned. Old Town High School's Class of 2021 earned in excess of \$2.1 million dollars in scholarship money. This number does include money awarded from the schools that students are choosing to attend. This speaks volumes to the quality of education students can access in RSU 34 and also clearly demonstrates that colleges and universities are impressed with the product. We should all be very proud. I have seen the total number hover between \$1.4 and \$1.8 million, but I have never seen it get above \$2 million. Impressive.

On Friday evening, we awarded 115 diplomas to students who chose to march and be recognized in the ceremony. We did have a handful of students who earned diplomas, but chose not to march. This event also went flawlessly.

There are a lot of people who work many hours behind the scenes to make sure that Thursday and Friday go off without a hitch. A Huge Thank You to Barbara Shorey, Sue St. Louis, Carrie Madden, Amy Ketch, Jeremy Bousquet, Kim Ketch, Jami Martell, Doug Shorey, David Mahan, Aaron Fowler & Keith Jennings. I am very fortunate to have an amazing team of people to work with and when big events go off like this - almost

flawlessly - year after year - you really come to appreciate what everyone does to make it happen. I can't thank all of them enough.

There's no crying in baseball!

While the Old Town baseball team is not crying now, they certainly had several fans at Victory Field beginning to remove handkerchiefs from their pockets when the Coyotes entered the bottom of the 7th inning trailing 6-5 to an MDI that they beat relatively easily twice during the regular season. They did manage to rally and secure the 2 runs needed to overtake the Trojans in what I would call a Harry Houdini-type escape in order to advance to Wednesday night's Class B Northern Regional Baseball Championship. While I jest, they did show a tremendous level of persistence and did not succumb to an MDI team that obviously came ready to play. I wish the boys the best of luck on Wednesday and perhaps, beyond.... One step at a time...

Thank You.

One final big "Thank You" to our staff who endured a very difficult and challenging school year, yet rose up to meet every challenge that we put in front of them. They were amazing. I would include a special Thank You to our school nurse, Jana Caron who fielded questions all year long, championed vaccinations and was our go-to for correct and accurate information as we made our way through this year. We could not have done it as successfully without her.

OTHS Schedule of Events

- Monday, June 14
 - Final Student Day
- Tuesday, June 15
 - Final Staff Day
- Wednesday, June 16
 - OT Baseball vs. Ellsworth - 6:30pm
 - (Class B North Regional Final)
- Saturday, June 19
 - Baseball - Class B State Championship.....??

Thanks so much for all of your on-going support throughout this very strange school year! :)



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