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The mission of the School District of Oostburg is to prepare students to be productive and positive contributors to our society and the world.

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Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2014

On Sunday, June 8th, 98 students graduated from Oostburg High School. They had many accomplishments throughout their years of school. Below is a listing of the scholarships, totaling over \$1.1 million, awarded to the CLASS OF 2014.

Erin Bartenstein

Jamie Veldboom Memorial
Bruce Krier Foundation
Kohler Co. College
Sauk Trail Conservation Club
Lester Ludens
Community Optimization
Elks Lodge Local
Elks Lodge State VIP

Ellyn Basky

Lester Ludens

Jordan Blok

H.J. Roerdink Memorial

Shannon Boldt

Oostburg State Bank - Collegiate
Oostburg Women's Volleyball
H.J. Roerdink Memorial
Oostburg Endowment Fund

Derek Brill

Oostburg Football Booster

Tyler Brusse

Oostburg Boys Soccer
Concordia University - Regents

Tyler Chaloupka

Oostburg Football Booster
Concordia University - Regents

Adam Daane

Dordt College - Activity Scholarship
in Men's Cross country
Dordt College - Activity Scholarship
in Men's Track

"There is no
substitute for
excellence."



Some of the Graduation Choir Members

Hollie DenBoer

Jennifer & Janelle Schreurs Memorial

Jacob Dulmes

Lester Ludens
Oostburg Boys Soccer
H.J. Roerdink Memorial
Youth Apprenticeship Program
UW - Platteville - Academic Merit
UW - Platteville - STEM

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**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**
Jim Swart
Terry Lemkuil
Wendy DenBoer
Rick Hartman
Jack Stodyk
Deb Harmeling
Mari Kretz

SUPERINTENDENT
Mr. Kevin Bruggink

**HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**
Mr. Scott Greupink

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**
Mr. Steve Harder

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SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL**
Mr. Kevin Bruggink
Mrs. Ann Steenwyk

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BUDGET**
Mrs. Kris DeBruine

**DIRECTOR OF
BUILDINGS /
GROUNDS**
Mr. Peter
Schepmann



Scholarships continued...



Aaron DuMez

Lester Ludens
Kettle Lakes Co-op
UW - Platteville
- Mid-State Equipment
Tri-County Pork Producers
Sheboygan Farm Progress Days
Oostburg Football Booster
Wisconsin Rural Opportunities
Foundation

Ian Ecclestone

Lester Ludens
UW - Platteville
- David and Judy French
UW - Platteville
- Chancellor Leadership

Andrea Eckwielen

UW - Platteville - Floy Kies Smythe
Paul & Joyce Dolfin Memorial

Parker Gabrielse

Oostburg Football Booster

Blaine Herro

Marquette University
- Ignatius/Magis

Alexander Huibregtse

Lester Ludens
Oostburg PTO
UW - Platteville - Academic Merit

Maranda Huibregtse

Cardinal Stritch University
- Flahive Athletic
Cardinal Stritch University
- Servant Scholars
Cardinal Stritch University
- Francisan Heritage
President's Level

Maria Huibregtse

Lester Ludens
Cardinal Stritch University
- Flahive Athletic
Cardinal Stritch University
- Servant Scholars
Cardinal Stritch University
- Francisan Heritage
President's Level

Jacob Hurlbutt

Oostburg State Bank – Collegiate
Bruce Krier Foundation
Oostburg PTO
Oostburg Football Booster

Kayla Joosse

Wisconsin Lutheran University
– Academic

Gary Klas

Lester Ludens
Gerald & Carol Grunski
Remembrance
Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Academic

Raymond Kolocek

Jimmy Lohr Memorial Golf
Project Grill
Calvin College - Faculty Honors
Calvin College
- First Ceneration Award
Calvin College - Coram Deo Award

Joseph Kretz

University of Kentucky - Patterson
Oostburg Football Booster

Bryan Lammers

Oostburg Football Booster
WTEA Foundation

Stephanie Lemkuil

Oostburg State Bank – Collegiate
Bruce Krier Foundation
Concordia University - Presidential

Zach Malueg

UW-Milwaukee - Talent

Austin Martin

University of DePaul - St. Vincent
DePaul Scholarship for Academic
Achievement

Natalie Meinen

Sheboygan Service Club
Bruce Krier Foundation
Lester Ludens
Oostburg PTO
Calvin College - Coram Deo Award
Calvin College - Dean's

Margaret O'Dell

Bruce Krier Foundation
Lester Ludens
Kohler Foundation - Incentive
UW - LaCrosse - Academic

Kaitlyn Prinsen

Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club

Alyssa Schinner

St. Norbert College
- Trustee Distinguished

Jerilyn Schreurs

Bruce Krier Foundation
Oostburg PTO

Joseph Smies

Lester Ludens
Oostburg Football Booster
Michigan Technical University
- National Excellence

Joshua Smies

Lester Ludens
Oostburg Football Booster
Michigan Technical University
- National Excellence

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From left: Shelby Lutz, Cole Wall, Jerod TenPas, Chou Xiong, and Alex Schnelle

Scholarships continued...

Matthew Stokdyk

UW- Madison Alumni Club
of Sheboygan County
Oostburg PTO
Lester Ludens
Gerald & Carol Grunski
Remembrance

Kyle Swart

Lester Ludens
OEA Scholarship
Oostburg Football Booster
Northwestern College - Peale

Jacob Swihart

Oostburg Boys Soccer
Concordia University - Regents

Andrew Telschow

Lester Ludens
Chris Schroeder Memorial
Oostburg State Bank – Collegiate
Workbound
Carthage College
- Academic Honors
Carthage College - Endowed

Jerod TenPas

Central College
- Central Music Award
Central College
- Cornerstone Award
Central College
- Central Heritage Award

*From left: Alyssa
Schinner, Elizabeth
Weavers, and
Elizabeth Theune*



Elizabeth Theune

Bruce Krier Foundation
Key Club

Krystle VanDeursen

Wisconsin Lutheran University
– Presidential

Carmen VerVelde

Bruce Krier Foundation
Key Club
Kuyper Community
Lambert and Cora DeVries Family
Christian Leadership
Kuyper College
- Every Square Inch Award

Jo-Leigh VerVelde

Western Carolina - Full Athletic

Cole Walli

Lester Ludens
Walter and June Vollrath
UW - Stevens Point
- Ruth O. Peterson

Kimberly Wilterdink

Networkers Funding
- Academic Excellence
Marian University
- Sr. Mary Mollison Legacy
Marian University
- Early Sabre Award
Marian University
- Sr. Mary Sheila Burns Award



Celebration of Academic Achievement

On March 3, our traditional banquet was held to celebrate the academic achievements of the highest-ranking seniors at OHS and to recognize their most influential teachers. We congratulate the following students and their chosen teacher!

Student

Erin Bartenstein
Kyle Swart
Jacob Dulmes
Margaret O'Dell
Ellyn Basky

Teacher

Mr. Keller
Mr. Hendrikse
Mr. Herzog
Ms. Szyman
Mrs. Hengst

Student

Ian Ecclestone
Cole Walli
Kaitlyn Prinsen
Joseph Smies
Andrew Telschow

Teacher

Mr. Hendrikse
Mr. Guy
Mr. LeClair
Mrs. Pribek
Mr. Bruggink

The banquet is made possible due to the following generous sponsors: Breaking Bread, Networkers Funding, The Oostburg State Bank, The School District of Oostburg and The Oostburg Education Association.

Thank you for your continued support!



This, That and the Other Thing....

This or that, odd or even, left or right.... our society can be quick to embrace a world view where things are mutually exclusive. If one thing is present, then something else is not. In the world of education, that reality plays out around stereotypes of schools. For example, a school may be viewed as *all about reading and math, so they don't value the arts.* Or *all about sports, so obviously they don't value academic rigor.* Or *so focused on high expectations around student responsibility and behavior they obviously don't focus on students enjoying school.*

These stereotypes exist in schools across the country and in our region as well. As the Oostburg basketball coach, I can attest to the perceptions about our school and the importance of an orange ball going through a hoop. However, our staff doesn't believe great schools are *either / or*. We are proud to be part of a district that provides a wide range of opportunities to students that are not mutually exclusive. We are proud that Oostburg students participate in top-notch music and theater programs while also enjoying high quality athletic programs. We are proud that our students receive exposure to state-of-the-art technology education and art facilities while also experiencing rigor in core academic areas. Oostburg is not a *this or that, odd or even, left or right* place for students. Instead, our students benefit from a wide variety of strong programs which contribute to their growth as well-rounded young people who are well-equipped to contribute to our society.

In fact, it is a lot like our Oostburg community. Oostburg is unique in the number and variety of successful small businesses it has. We are also unique in the strong artistic, musical, and athletic talents demonstrated through church and other social activities. We are thankful that our school mirrors the best qualities of a very special community.

You may have noticed recent efforts on our part to celebrate the great things happening across the Oostburg School District. Check out our district *Twitter* page @oostburgschools, our district *Facebook* page or the Lakeshore Weekly *Did You Know....* articles highlighting the neat things our students and staff are learning and doing as we grow together.

As we celebrate the Oostburg School District Class of 2014, we honor their strong example as a class which embraced the variety of experiences our school has to offer. Their leadership was grounded in their high level of involvement. It was not unusual to see students excelling in our elective and core academic offerings during their school day, participating in after school extra-curriculars, and finally performing in a concert or theatrical production that evening. The class of 2014 reflects the values of our community through their broad interests, talents, and abilities. We appreciate the contributions they have each made in making our school special and wish them all the best as they take this next step.

Kevin Bruggink, District Administrator

Oostburg NHS Adds Eight

The membership of Oostburg High School's chapter of the National Honor Society grew on April 21st as eight new members were inducted. The new members were selected for their leadership, scholarship, service and character. The group welcomed Juniors: Jordan Molter and Michael Meke; and Sophomores: Jacob Gross, Jenny Gross, Keri Hartmann, Miranda Markham, Justin Mentink, and Cole Nelson.

Congratulations to all the new members!

Registration Reminder

Registration materials for the 2014-2015 school year were sent with students in JK—5th grade the first week of June. Materials will be mailed to parents of middle school and high school students. Completed forms should be returned **by mail** prior to July 23, 2014.

OHS Faculty VIP Awards

The following is a list of students who received a Faculty VIP Award for the first and second semesters of the school year along with the names of the staff members that nominated them. Congratulations to the following students:

<u>Nominating Teacher</u>	<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>
Mrs. Amy Antes		Dayton Schreurs
Mr. Andrew Bauman	Cody Wallace	Roman Katzer
Mr. Josh Cole		Tyler Brusse
Mr. Tom Guy	Sam Loomans	Jared Urban
Ms. Rachel Harder	Leah Ebberts	Austin Martin
Mr. Terry Hendrikse	Alex Huibregtse	Matt Stokdyk
Mrs. Molly Hengst	Breanna Isken	Jayden Navis
Mrs. Meredith Herrera	Sierra Toeller	Crystal Scharenbroch
Mrs. Jenna Howell	Angel Razo	Chou Xiong
Ms. Lisa Immel	Megan Daane	Jacob Gross
Mr. Craig Keller	Andrew Telschow	Sammi Jentsch
Mr. Mike LeClair	Damian Scheppmann	Kayla DuMez
Mrs. Rebecca Mueller	Andrea Eckwielen	Morgan Dulmes
Mrs. Rachel Navis	Devin DeSmith	Janeese VerVelde
Mrs. Jill Nyenhuis	Travis Hendrikse	Alec Arndt
Mr. Ryan Ohlfs	Abby Blok	David Kuffel
Mr. Matt Poppe	Ray Kolocek	Aaron DuMez
Mrs. Gwen Pribek	Katie Prinsen	Gary Klas
Ms. Kelsey Prinsen	Jakob Brunner	Nick Guy
Mr. David Rudolph	Natalie Meinen	
Mrs. Judy Summerville	Paul Price	Christine Reyes
Ms. Tamala Szyman	Maria Pavon	Tony Brunner
Ms. Colette Veldhorst	Kaila Bloemers	Markie Buyze
Mr. Jordan Williams	Addison VanEss	Connor Gasbarro

One Joins OHS Guidance Dept.



Jessica Dekker

The new face in our High School guidance department is Oostburg graduate **Mrs. Jessica Dekker**. Mrs. Dekker joined our staff earlier this year as part of our efforts to address priorities brought out through the fall community survey. *"Supporting students in their transition from Oostburg High School"* came through as an area for focus, and we are excited that Mrs. Dekker will be assisting us in addressing that need. Mrs. Dekker works with student scheduling, scholarships, transcripts, student academic eligibility, and Career Cruising planning software. Mrs. Jessica Dekker, and high school guidance counselor Mr. Josh Cole, will be moving into a larger space one room east for the '14-'15 school year so we continue in our student support efforts.

OES & OMS Sneak Peek 2014-2015 School Year



Please mark your calendars for our fall sneak peek on **Wednesday, August 27, 2014**. The times for each Sneak Peek are listed below:

- * All a.m. Junior Kindergarten students and parents: 3:30-5:00.
- * All p.m. Junior Kindergarten students and parents: 5:30-7:00.
- * All students grade K-5: 3:30-6:30.
- * All students will have their photos taken: 3:00 - 7:00. Please see the schedule for times according to last name.

Sneak Peek for students in 6th-8th grades will also be held August 27 at the middle school. The school will be open to students and their families from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The Brat, Burger, Brownie Bash will be held at the high school, serving food from 3:30 to 6:30. All families are welcome. Please preorder your meals. See more information on the flier in the registration packets or on the district website.



Carol Steindl & Ben Koepsell

A **special thank you** to Carol Steindl and Ben Koepsell for heading up our OMS guidance program this year. Your commitment to OMS has touched many lives.

Wisconsin Math League

On February 25th, 2014, Oostburg Middle School 6th-8th grade students participated in the Wisconsin Math League Competition. The contest had questions relating to different mathematical concepts as well as promoting problem-solving skills. Each grade level score was based on the top-five student performances. The overall team score as well as the top five individual scores were submitted and the results are listed below. The top performers for 6th grader were Jacob Oppeneer, Monica Mentink, Braden Dirkse, Tyler Roerdink and Angelica Trekas. 7th grade top performers were Michael Bessler, Jacob Brill, Malaya Sperber, Noah Ecclestone, and Isabel Fuentes de Rehm and the top performing 8th graders were Wolfram Schwarz, Jacob Eernisse, Taylor Oonk, Brent Greupink, and Dawson Wilterdink.

The 6th grade ranked 1st overall for the region, with a team score of 110. They were also recognized as one of the top 28 schools out of 64 schools that participated. Jacob Oppeneer, Braden Dirkse, Monica Mentink, and Tyler Roerdink were recognized as some of the top performers out of 126 participating students. The 7th grade came in 3rd place for the region with an overall score of 116 and was recognized as one of the top 30 7th grade schools out of 44 participating. In addition, the 8th grade overall score of 118 put them as one of the top 30 schools in the Wisconsin Math League, out of 50 schools.

Congratulations to all of the individual winners as well as all of the OMS students that participated in this event!



From left: Monica Mentink, Braden Dirkse, Jacob Oppeneer, and Tyler Roerdink

Congratulations to Nick Vandavelde for being nominated to participate in the 74th annual Badger Boys State Convention. Badger Boys State is a youth leadership program sponsored by the Wisconsin American Legion designed to educate youth in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship.



Kiwanis and Optimist Awards Given



Brenna Rauwerdink



Jared Jarvis



Savannah Mondloch

Congratulations to **Brenna Rauwerdink** and **Jared Jarvis** on being recognized by the Kiwanis Club of Oostburg. Congratulations also to **Savannah Mondloch** on being recognized by the Oostburg Area Optimist Club. These students were recognized for their involvement, integrity and optimism both inside and outside the classroom.

Congratulations to all the eighth graders on their achievements and to these three students on their awards.

Thank You Volunteers

We want to extend a great big thank you to all of the volunteers that gave of their time to help in our schools this year. Thank you for all you have done for our children. Thanks for helping in the classrooms, at Market Day, on field trips, in the library, and in the art room. Thanks for listening to reading, being a tutor, a mentor or a lunch buddy. Thank you for helping at athletic events, at the Fun Fair, at Morning Mart, with JA and in many, many more activities. The Oostburg Schools are a better place because of your involvement.

One Leaving Oostburg Elementary School

We want to extend our best wishes to **Mrs. Beth Grosshuesch**, who will be retiring this year after serving our district for 20 years. Beth started her teaching career in the Sheboygan Falls School District teaching 2nd grade. She taught there for 7 years before taking a 7 year break to stay home with her children, David, Kim, and Paul. After providing for some long term subbing in the Hingham Elementary School to transition back into teaching, Mrs. Grosshuesch was hired at OES in 1993. She has taught 1st graders each year.

Mrs. Grosshuesch has been and will continue to be a strong presence in our community. She has expressed that she has come full circle in the community, having attended kindergarten in Oostburg Elementary and now retiring from the same school. Mrs. Grosshuesch has enjoyed being a part of the community and the district and has appreciated the strong moral and ethical support of the school board and school leadership.

In her retirement, Mrs. Grosshuesch plans on spending quality time with her children and grand-daughter Kensley. She will continue to serve on the Friends of Oostburg Library Board. Mrs. Grosshuesch also plans to spend more free time with her parents and husband, Jon. She is looking forward to finding out what other adventures might be waiting for her in retirement. Please join us in thanking Mrs. Beth Grosshuesch for her dedication to our district and our community over the years.



Mrs. Beth Grosshuesch

Surf's Up as Oostburg Students Apply Technical Knowledge

The students in Mr. Bauman's Composites and Polymers class are taking more than memories into the summer. Many of them will have a perfectly designed, custom-made, hand crafted surfboard or stand-up paddle board to enjoy for years to come. This is the first year the class has been offered. The students took the project from design modification to cutting a board template to completion by covering the board in epoxy, with many steps and hours of work in between. Check out the full article from the Sheboygan Press at the link below.

<http://www.sheboyganpress.com/article/20140524/SHE04/305240344/Surf-s-up-Oostburg-students-apply-technical-know-how-making-surf-boards>

2014 - 2015 Calendar

August 27 - Sneak Peek/Open House, Brat, Burger Brownie Bash	January 23 - End of 2 nd Quarter January 30 - No School
September 2 - First Day of School Sept. 15 - 19 - Homecoming September 26 - No School	February 27 - No School March 27 - End of 3rd Quarter March 30-April 3 - Spring Vacation
October 24 - No School	May 1 - No School May 25 - No School –Memorial Day
November 6 - End of 1st Quarter November 7 - No School Nov. 26 - 28 - Thanksgiving Break	June 7 - Graduation June TBD - 8th Grade Recognition June 12 – Last Day
December 5 - No School Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 - Christmas Break	



Early Release Dates

Please note that **Early Release** dates are on the 2nd Wednesday of most months, except November and December.

A current school calendar can be found on the Oostburg School District website.

No person may be denied admission to any public school in the district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, co-curricular, student services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, handicap or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in the educational programs or activities operated by the School District of Oostburg.

Two Retire From Oostburg School District



Mr. Steve Harder

Mr. Steve Harder began his career in education teaching Math and Social Studies at the MS level in Plymouth prior to coming to Oostburg in 2000. The day to day interactions with the students and staff are at the top of the list of things he enjoyed the most during his time here. Whether he was playing checkers in the Youth Center, shooting baskets at lunch/recess, or having short conversations in the hallways, Mr. Harder enjoyed the interactions he shared at OMS. Some of this highlights may be different than what may be expected, as he enjoyed working on the referendum and having input on last minute changes to the plans. Several of the design recommendations which came out of recent projects were the result of Mr. Harder's input and vision. Mr. Harder's "close second" highlight would likely be working side by side with Mr. TeGrotenhuis to create the widely used OMS Youth Center.

Some of the things he will miss the most are trying to support and help those he worked closely with and, including subbing for staff, assessing students during AIMS CBM, and keeping the student information system operating. Mr. Harder definitely is a "jack of all trades" and his many abilities will be missed by staff and students alike.

The first thing on his list for retirement is lots of golf during the summer and then starting a renovation project on his house in the fall. Mr. Harder and his wife, Kim, also plan to continue traveling. All of us at the Oostburg School District wish Mr. Harder the best in retirement. We will miss you!

Mr. Mike LeClair is retiring after 33 years of service at Oostburg High School where he taught sophomore English, Speech, and coached Drama and Forensics. In a lot of ways, Mr. LeClair will be leaving behind some very big shoes to fill.

This is especially true in terms of how he built the drama department to be a great extension of his teaching in the classroom. The drama department is certainly a considerable source of pride for our school because, under Mr. LeClair's direction, our students consistently put on outstanding performances and learned a tremendous amount in the process. Mr. LeClair had a talent for casting students in various roles and his ability to teach students to act and have a strong presence on stage produced uncommon results. It is also noteworthy that for the vast majority of the 60+ musicals and plays that he directed, Mr. LeClair unselfishly chose to schedule rehearsals later in the evening so students involved in other activities could also be involved in drama. This personal sacrifice of frequently practicing from 6-9 at night allowed all types of students to be involved in the drama productions. Many of us believe that the quality of Mr. LeClair's drama productions certainly did not take a back seat to any drama program, but the element that really set his program apart was how it involved such a diverse group of students. This, too, is a testament to how his work with students after school was directly tied to their learning in his classroom.

Congratulations on your retirement, Mr. LeClair, and thanks for the positive impact you have had on a couple of generations of students.



Mr. Mike LeClair

Staff Honored

Three staff members were recognized regionally by their professional organizations. OHS Math teacher **Mr. Jordan Williams** received recognition from WSCTE. OHS Physics Teacher **Mr. Terry Hendrikse** was recognized by LTC. Special Education Director and District Assessment Coordinator **Mrs. Sherri Stengel** was recognized by *The Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services*.

Each of these awards was a regional award where our staff members were nominated along

with similar education professionals from across our region of the state. We are very pleased to share in honoring their accomplishments and the impact they each have on the student achievements in the School District of Oostburg.



Jordan Williams



Terry Hendrikse



Sherri Stengel

Solo & Ensemble Participants

Congratulations to the following Oostburg students who participated in this year's District Solo & Ensemble Festival! An asterisk denotes state qualifier.

Middle School Participants: Samantha Baake, Michael Becker, Madeline Block, Darcy Bossler, Desiree Bossler, Breanna Breunig, Meghan Bridges, Maggie Brill, Paige Bruggink, Isabel Fuentes de Rehm, Jon Greupink, Peter Gross, Jared Jarvis, Kennedy Jepson, Maatilor Josiah, Makenna Ley, Savannah Mondloch, Amy O'Dell, Krysta Oelhafen, Jade Paswaters, Charlie Scherpereel, Ashley Schinner, Wolfram Schwarz, Adam Swart, Jacob Theune, Alexandria Wynveen

High School Participants: Tyler Anderson*, Samantha Beaudoin, Larissa Bichler*, Jamie Bloemers, Kayla Bloemers, Danielle Bossler*, Harrison Brill*, Baird Buck, Mikayla Burmesch, Charlie Castillo*, Jake Daane*, Samuel Daane*, Danny DeGroff, Ben DeVrou*, Morgan Dulmes*, Andrea Eckwielen*, Brandon Garofalo, Jarret Gasser, Jacob Gross*, Jennifer Gross*, Nick Guy*, Ashlea Haag, Sarah Hays, Lexi Hengst, Dulce Hernandez-Blanchard*, Marissa Herro, Emily Hocking*, Claire Hoffmann*, Erin Hoffmann*, Nathan Horne, Jaidyn Hranicka*, Breanna Isken, Sammi Jentsch*, Emma Kolste, Ben Kretz*, Emily Kretz*, Julia Kwiatkowski, Jordan Leaman*, Jeremy Lee*, Jon Leitzke*, Jordan Lensink, Ben Loomans*, Samuel Loomans*, Benjamin Ludens*, Shelby Lutz*, Brittany Maloney, Alex Malueg*, Zach Malueg*, Miranda Markham*, Austin Martin*, Isaiah McKay*, Joe Minneci, Justin Mentink*, Zachary Mentink*, Jordan Molter*, Jayden Navis, Katie Prinsen*, Angela Rauwerdink, Christine Reyes, Noah Rinartz*, Andrew Roerdink*, Jesse Rogers*, Evan Rood*, Mason Rood*, Austin Rose, Matt Rubsam, Crystal Scharenbroch, Hunter Scherpereel*, Alyssa Schinner*, Nick Schinner*, Greg Scholten*, Geneva Seal, Caitlin Smith*, Matthew Stokdyk*, Jacob Swanson, Kyle Swart, Jerod TenPas*, McKayla Teunissen*, Elizabeth Theune*, Ben Turner, Jared Urban, Kyle vanDeursen*, Mary VanWyk*, Rebekah Veldhorst, Carmen VerVelde*, Jessica Weber, Cali Weiley, Mitchel Weinert*, Angela Wieskamp*, Jenny Wieskamp, Emily Wensink, Alec Westerbeke, Tobias Wing*, Kyla Yeadon, Chou Xiong*



Notable Findings:

- The Band was represented with 8-1st ratings and 3-2nd ratings. The choir members received 6-1st ratings and 8-2nd ratings.
- All band large groups received 1st ratings at state, involving 35 different students.
- The Guys' Show Choir received a 1st rating at state, a great achievement. They choreographed their own dance routine including a "grand finale" kick-line. Very entertaining!
- Sammi Jentsch received an exemplary rating at state for her Eb Clarinet Solo. This is the highest award a student can receive.
- Jesse Rogers competed in 7 events at state. Some schools only competed in 7 events total and Jesse was in 7.
- Shelby Lutz received a 1st rating playing on two different instruments, making her one of only a few students in the state playing at that level on two instruments.

O₂C Science Fair

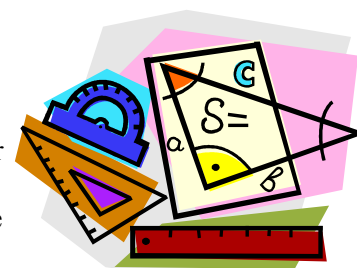
The fifth annual O₂C Science Fair was held at Oostburg Middle School, Thursday, May 29. Sixth and seventh graders from Oostburg Middle School, sixth graders from Oostburg Christian School, and sixth graders from Cedar Grove-Belgium School participated.

OMS had 32 projects entered in the fair. Students began work on their projects at the start of May. Each group worked together to develop a question which could then be answered using the scientific method.

The morning of the fair, each group was judged by 4 of the 48 volunteer community judges. Our students did an outstanding job sharing their question, hypothesis, experiment, variables, data, and conclusion with the judges. During the evening, students shared their projects with family members who came to see the hard work and the ratings awarded by the judges.

Our main focus of the Science Fair is that students are not just reading a text book and memorizing science terms but actually "doing" science. Every year it engages students and works on their problem solving abilities. We are very pleased with the progress of our science students this year. The Science Fair was able to show case that progress.

This event allows the community to come together and encouraged an excitement for the field of science. Thank you to all who made this year's Science Fair such a great success.



Two Leave Oostburg High School



Mr. David Rudolph

Mr. Rudolph came to us with a very diverse set of professional experiences in that he taught at the college level for several years in the 1990's and then for a decade owned and operated two separate business enterprises. Mr. Rudolph frequently comment about how much he enjoyed teaching students at OHS because of their openness and willingness to learn. Mr. Rudolph certainly enjoyed his time at OHS, but also is eager to start a new chapter in his life in retirement.

Mr. Dave Rudolph is retiring after 7 years of teaching in our science department. Mr. Rudolph taught Biology, AP Biology, dual credit (high school and college credit) CAPP Adv. Biology, and dual credit Anatomy and Physiology. We certainly benefited greatly by having someone of Mr. Rudolph's educational background—a PhD in Kinesiology—to begin developing dual credit agreements with Lakeland College and Lakeshore Technical College.



Mr. Andrew Bauman

Mr. Bauman is leaving Oostburg High School to teach internationally in Lagos, Nigeria. Both he and his wife will be teaching in this western African city for two years and then they plan to continue their international teaching pursuits in other locations. This adventurous plan is not entirely new to the Bauman's because they have taught in Myanmar in the past as well. Good luck to Mr. Bauman and his family, and safe travels.

Mr. Andrew Bauman joined OHS as a technology education teacher in 2001 and in his time at our school he has played a big role in transitioning the department to a new facility, and in working to provide current learning experiences. Along with his colleague at the time, Mr. Bauman was very involved in the design of the new tech. ed. facilities and he worked with area businesses to continually upgrade the equipment and opportunities for students.

PTO Postings

Mini Grants: The PTO awarded more than \$4100 in Mini Grants this spring. Here is a list of recipients.

- ♦ Kristin Glodosky was awarded for classroom books.
- ♦ Paula Kobylski received money for an IPEVO camera and a scanner.
- ♦ Jackie Puerzer received money for an IPEVO camera, a magnifying lens and an extension stand.
- ♦ Cathy Vandoske was awarded money for three ipads and accessories.
- ♦ Ashley Holzer was awarded money for an ipad.
- ♦ Jill Hanes received money for an iTunes gift card for apps.
- ♦ Kim Jacob received money for an egg incubator.
- ♦ Nancy DeJong was awarded money for a READ180 library.
- ♦ Jill Nyenhuis received money for classroom books.

The PTO has awarded almost \$90,000 over the past six years for educational enrichment to the Oostburg School District. They plan to award \$15, 000 next school year.

2014 Scholarship Winners: Congratulations to the following seniors for being awarded a monetary scholarship from the PTO: Matthew Stokdyk, Jacob Hurlbutt, Natalie Meinen, Alex Huibregtse, and Jeri Schreurs. Good luck to all the seniors on their future endeavors.

Thank You to all of our Committee Chairs. We appreciate your efforts to support the PTO. Thanks goes to Laura Hoffmann, Mini Grant committee; Nicole Horne, Morning Mart; Heidi Vertz, Market Day; Robin Dirkse, Fun Fair & Scholarship committees; Julie Parrish, Box Tops; Marilyn Voskuil, Campbell's Soup Labels; and Sherry Plopper, Milk Caps.

Please continue to collect Box Tops, Milk Caps and Campbell's Soup Labels throughout the summer!

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Bits & Bytes

- Look for the OMS Hansen Fundraiser in October 2014. This is a great way to support the middle school students and the money raised will stay with the class through their high school graduation.
- Monthly school calendars are available on the Oostburg District website.
- Check out past newsletters at www.oostburg.k12.wi.us/district/newsletter/NewsletterIndex.html
- Fitness Center hours: Check the current hours and available programs on the District website: www.oostburg.k12.wi.us
- Keep track of the balance of your Oostburg Schools lunch account at: www.ezschoollpay.com.

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Did You Know...?

- ⇒ The Oostburg Schools ranked 1st in Sheboygan County for WKCE math scores in 4 out of the 7 grades assessed, and 2nd and 3rd in the county at two other grade levels. The WKCE is given in all WI schools at grades 3 through 8 and grade 10.
- ⇒ The Oostburg School District has been hosting guest educators from other districts who have a desire to learn about best practice in Language Arts Instruction.
- ⇒ The Oostburg Schools have been hosting University professors and their students with a desire to learn about best practice in Reading Instruction and Rtf Interventions.



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