It’s great to be young and a Comet!

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Comet Calendar

December 10
College Express Exams

December 13
Winter Concert

December 19
School Board Mtg.

December 19
Semester Exam
7th Hour

December 20
1:40 Dismissal
Semester Exams
1st, 3rd, 5th Hours

December 21
1:40 Dismissal
Semester Exams
2nd, 4th, 6th Hours

January 7
School Resumes

January 12-19
Vermilion Co. Tour.

Senior Citizens Dinner
Hack named Comet of the Month
Winkler honored for Boldness; Jones is top athlete

The OHS Student Recognition Committee has chosen Micheal Hack to be the December Student of the Month.

Hack is on the wrestling and track teams. His excellent attitude and friendly personality are known throughout the school.

He is an honor roll student with perfect attendance this year.

Sophomore Grace Winkler is the winner of the Character Trait Award for Boldness.

Winkler is active in art club and Comettes. She is also known for standing up and helping others.

Senior Bryce Jones was named the December Athlete of the Month.

Jones is a three-year letterwinner on the basketball team. His strong defense and good all-around game helped lead the Comets to the VVC title last year.

Bryce also has played baseball and cross country in high school.

Head earns December staff member of the month

Mrs. Laura Head recently was named the December staff member of the month at OHS.

Head teaches Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and Stats. She is also the varsity coach of the Scholastic Bowl team.

“She’s always willing to help us any time of day with anything and always has patience,” said senior Katelyn Blankenship. “She really cares about us and wants what is best for our education.”

This is Head’s sixth year as a teacher at OHS. She previously taught at Gallatin County schools.

“I regularly see her helping students before and after school,” said Mr. Fenton. “She challenges her students to accomplish more than they believe they are capable of in math. In addition, Laura is also very easy to work and collaborate with.”

Mrs. Head poses with the honorary ‘O’ after being named December Staff Member of the Month.
Graduation set for May 19

The OHS administration has set the graduation date for the class of 2019 on Sunday, May 19. The graduation will begin at 1 p.m. at Oakwood Grade School. The OJHS graduation will follow at 3:30 p.m.

The final day of school for the students has not been officially determined yet. Honors Night will be May 7.

If seniors or parents have questions about caps and gowns or anything else related to graduation, they are free to call the OHS office.

Cancellation preparations

Sometime over the next couple of months, we are sure to get severe winter weather that threatens to cancel school. You are encouraged to tune in to local radio and TV newscasts for updates.

If school is cancelled, the district office will send out phone and email messages over the School Messenger system.

We will be using the numbers and email addresses that you gave us at registration. If one of those has changed, you will need to contact OHS, 354-2358, and correct it.

Counseling Corner

Upcoming Events:
- **December 11** – Career Adviser meetings with sophomores.
- **December 11** – An army recruiter will be at OHS for a lunchroom visit.
- **December 14** – The ISAC representative will present “Two Scholarships and a Lie” to seniors.
- **December 17** – DACC scholarship presentation to seniors.
- **December 19** – Navy recruiter lunchroom visit.
- **December 20** – Lunchroom visit for the Marine recruiter.

Music to perform concert

The OHS Music Department will have a winter concert at 7 p.m. on December 13 in the OHS gym.

The concert will feature the OHS band and choir, the OJHS band and choir, and the 6th grade band.

Before the concert will be a chili dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The concert will be broadcast at a later time by WITY (980 AM).
5Essentials Survey is open to parents

A student survey will be administered at your child’s school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. Students in grade 6 through 12 will participate in the survey. This is the seventh year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state.

This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

Parents across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the 4th annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your school.

As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child’s school.

Please visit https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/?target_name=parent to begin. Parent surveys need to be completed by February 15, 2019.

### Upcoming Athletic Events

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**Soaring Comets!**

Six named Illinois State Scholars

Katelyn Blankenship, Noah Ruch, Noah Kimmell, and Hadiya Jagroop were chosen as the Class of ‘19’s DARE Role Models.
Holiday hoop scheds for the basketball fan

The boys will play in the SJO Toyota of Danville Classic. This will be an 6-team tournament on Dec. 13 to 21. They will also play in the Monticello Holiday Hoopla basketball tournament after Christmas on Dec. 26, 27 and 28.

Those game times are:
- Dec. 13 7:30 vs. Schlarman
- Dec. 15 1:00 vs. SJO
- Dec. 15 5:30 vs. Armstrong
- Dec. 18 5:30 vs. Cisna Park
- Dec. 21 6:30 vs. Longwood

- Dec. 26 11:30 vs. Monticello
- Dec. 26 6:00 vs. Ridgeview
- Dec. 27 2:00 vs. PBL
- Dec. 28 TBD

The girls will be playing in the State Farm Holiday Classic Tournament in Bloomington/Normal. This will be an 8-team tournament on Dec. 26 to 29. Those game times have not been released yet.

Semester exams soon

OHS will give final exams to the students on December 19, 20 and 21.

On December 19, students will take the 7th hour exam. Before the exam on that day, we will run a modified 1:40 schedule.

On Thursday, they will take the odd number exams. On Friday, they will take the even number exams.

There will NOT be exemptions from any exams.

Girls basketball game times subject to change

Due to many teams in the area having low numbers this year, varsity game times may be affected. Some teams in the area have decided not to play JV at all this year which means varsity games would start at 6 p.m.

Other teams have decided to play shorter quarters, so the varsity games could start a little earlier.

Here is a list of games that there will be NO JV game and varsity is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.:
- 12/10 vs. BHRA (NO JV)
- 1/21 vs. Chrisman (NO JV)

These are subject to change as injuries or illnesses sometimes happen. We try our best to post on our Facebook page and Twitter account if there are any last minute changes.

Please feel free to call OHS (217-354-2358) and check on game times if you have questions. We apologize for the inconvenience.
OAKWOOD HS MUSIC
CHILI DINNER
DEC 13

$5/MEAL

5:30-6:30 PM OHS CAFETERIA
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**Program Hours:**
- 7a – 8a: Homework Help Tutoring
- 3:05p – 4:00p: Homework Help Tutoring
- 4:00p – 4:55p: Enrichment Activities