



Old Town High School  
School Board Report  
January, 2019

### **Athletics Update**

Our winter sports season is progressing along well. Our girls' basketball and hockey team have been our most successful in terms of wins and losses. The girls can be found this morning as the #1 team in class B. Now, the caveat to that is the fact that our girls have played 2 or 3 more games than some of the teams right below them in the standings. Some of those teams should eventually catch and go past us. In any event, it is nice to see an Old Town team in that position and I don't think it is too much of a stretch to say that a trip to Bangor is very likely for them in just over a month. Our ice hockey team lost its first game last night at Bangor. In fairness, we were without two starters which we believe would have made a difference. :)

Our ice hockey team is sitting comfortably in 3rd place in class B, and it looks like a four-team race - with Camden Hills, Presque Isle, Waterville/Winslow joining us in skating away from the rest of Class B. We have a Friday night contest with #1 Camden Hills which should go a long way toward determining where we finish in the top four. Here is the link to all OTHS winter sports schedules:

<http://rsu34me.apptegy.us/o/oths/page/athletic-schedules-changed-per-season>

### **Band Concert Update**

On Tuesday, January 8th, we lost a band concert that was scheduled to be performed at Hauck Auditorium on the UMaine campus due to unfavorable road conditions that afternoon and evening. All after-school events were cancelled in our school and in the entire area. Unfortunately, there was not an alternate open evening at Hauck Auditorium to reschedule, so we are going to hold the concert on Tuesday, January 22nd in MacKenzie Gymnasium. While our school venue is not as comfortable for seating and certainly not of the same acoustic quality, it will remind us of the way things used to be and allow us to appreciate our next trip to Hauck that much more.

## **Threat**

I know that David has kept each of you up-to-date on the threat that occurred at the end of last week and the fallout that we dealt with during the school day on Friday and Monday, so I won't go into great detail. I have been very impressed with how vigilant and thorough the Old Town Police Department has been throughout this entire process. We have worked very hard to uncover the truth from fiction and support our students during the school day. Attendance was down on Monday, but was not as bad as I thought it might be at different times over the weekend. I received several phone calls and many more emails asking questions. I returned each call and also responded to emails with a personal phone call to parents. While time consuming, it was important to me that they heard a voice in response to their concerns as opposed to words on a screen. The parents that I spoke with were appreciative and most felt reassured that their child was safe.

Far and away the most challenging thing in dealing with this has been continuously combating the long list of falsehoods found on social media. The number of people who were very upfront about their belief in someone not associated with the school or the police department spouting off on Facebook over those who were directly involved was disappointing. While I am not personally on Facebook for this very reason, it was discouraging and disheartening to hear reports from others with regard to what some parents and community members had to say. Unfortunately, they were way off base from the truth and only served to fuel the drama in what is already a tense and uncomfortable situation. I guess I always knew that social media had a dark side, but I was reminded even more over the last several days.

## **Upcoming Events at OTHS**

January 15	Boys' Basketball @ Ellsworth
January 16	Cheering at OT Showcase - LMS
January 16	Girls' Basketball vs. Foxcroft Academy
January 17	Boys' Basketball vs. Foxcroft Academy
January 18	Indoor Track Meet @ UMaine
January 18	Swimming @ Ellsworth
January 18	Ice Hockey vs. Camden Hills
January 19	Cheering - PVC Cheering Comp. @ Hermon
January 21	Girls' Basketball vs. MDI
January 21	Ice Hockey @ Houlton/Hodgdon
January 21	Girls' & Boys' Basketball vs. MDI (4 games)
January 21-25	Mid-Term Exams
January 22	OTHS Winter Band Concert
January 23	Unified Basketball @ Mattanawcook Academy
January 25	End of 2nd Quarter / 1st Semester
January 25	Swimming @ John Bapst
January 25	Girls' Basketball vs. Hermon
January 26	Athletic Hall-of-Fame Induction Ceremony
January 26	Swimming/Diving Invitational Meet
January 26	Cheering - Regional Competition - Bangor

January 26	Boys' Basketball vs. Hermon
January 26	Indoor Track Meet
January 28	Ice Hockey @ John Bapst
January 29	Swimming @ Belfast
January 29	Girls' Basketball @ Washington Academy
January 30	Math Meet @ Hampden Academy
January 30	Unified Basketball @ Hermon
January 30	Boys' Basketball @ Washington Academy
January 30	Ice Hockey vs. Hampden Academy
January 31	Girls' Basketball vs. Mt. View

**Students of the Month**

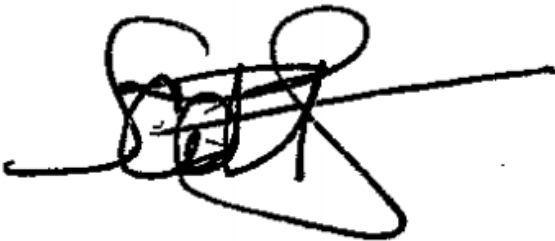
<i>Grade 9</i>	Mariah Dutton
<i>Grade 10</i>	Nicolas Jackson
<i>Grade 11</i>	Bryce Richards
<i>Grade 12</i>	Courtney Roy
<i>Staff of the Month</i>	TBD

**By the Numbers**

<i>Class of 2019</i>	119
<i>Class of 2020</i>	122
<i>Class of 2021</i>	135
<i>Class of 2022</i>	130

<i>Total Enrollment</i>	<b>506</b>
<i>UTC Enrollment</i>	<b>50 students</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Scott Gordon  
Principal**