



Olympia Summer Newsletter 2018

2017-18 Olympia Highlights

Students and teachers celebrated many successes this school year, below is a sample:

Olympia - Highest Level of Financial Recognition from State Board of Education

OHS - Illinois School Safety Award Winner from Background Checks Org

OHS - National Merit Scholarship Winner

OMS - School to Watch Horizon Award Winner

OHS - 13 Illinois State Scholars

OHS - Gold Standard Next Generation Personal Finance Award Winner

OHS - Regional Baseball and Softball Champs

OHS - State Qualifier in Events Speech

OHS - Sectional Champions Group Interpretation

OHS - State Qualifier Drama/Group Interpretation

OHS - Three All-State Cast members Drama/Group Interpretation

OHS - Three All-State Choir Members

OHS - Honorable Mention in the National American Prize Choral Competition

OHS - State FFA Winner in Public Speaking and Job Interview Competition

OHS - Cross Country Girls placed 8th at State

OHS - Wrestling individual: 2nd at State in heavyweight, 3rd at State in 113lb. class

OHS - Individual earned Athlete of the Year from Hopedale Medical Complex

OMS - Baseball advanced to State Tournament

OMS - Cross Country individuals finished 12th and 19th at State

OMS - Track individual finished 5th at State in 800 meters

OMS - State Champion in Girls Shot Put

OMS - Track individual finished 5th at State in long jump

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Olympia Middle School Receives National Recognition

On June 30th, Olympia Middle School received the Horizon School to Watch Award from the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform in Washington, D.C. OMS was one of two schools in Illinois honored and now becomes the twenty third school in Illinois to receive this prestigious designation. In order to be considered for the award, an evaluation team from the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools (AIMS) reviewed achievement data from OMS over the last three years, information about course offerings, school setup, demographic information, and discipline information. OMS also had to submit an essay that described how the school promotes academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and the organizational structures and processes that are in place to promote excellence. While in Washington, D.C., Dr. Andrew Wise, Mr. Andrew Walsh, Mrs. Tami Geurts, Mrs. Dee Dee Stine, Miss Katie Ringer, and Mrs. Megan VanGorder also were asked to present on the Skills Based Reporting System at OMS. Dr. Wise would like to thank US Congressman Rodney Davis and US Congressman Darrin LaHood for their support of Olympia. Dr. Wise would also like to thank Representative Keith Sommer and Representative Tim Butler for their support of Olympia.



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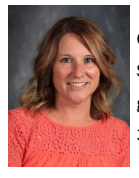
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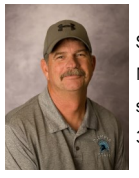
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2018 Olympia Hall of Fame Inductees

Timothy Limer (Class of 1998 – Distinguished Graduate)
Darren Nichols (Class of 1984 – Distinguished Graduate)
Les Myers (Class of 1973 – Distinguished Graduate)
Nathan Thompson (Class of 2002 – Distinguished Graduate)
1991 – 1992 Girls Varsity Basketball Team

Olympia Green and Cost Saving Initiatives

Solar Energy	High Efficiency Lighting
Geo-Thermal Energy	Water Systems (Tower/Lagoon)
Propane Fuel	Variable Speed Drives
Bio Diesel Fuel	On-Line and Paperless Systems

Personalized Learning for All

All students entering grades 3rd through 12th this fall will receive a Chromebook for educational use. The Chromebooks will provide students with access to technology and give older students the ability to work on projects during the school day, as well as at home in the evening. Chromebooks in grades 3rd through 5th grades will remain at school. Students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have iPads for use during the school day.

Olympia Financial Highlights

Highest Rating from State	Spend Less than State Avg. in
Excellent Audit Reports	◆ Admin & Teacher Salaries
Strong Self Funded Health Plan	◆ Instructional Spending
Work Comp Mod Under .01	◆ Operational Spending

Schedule your student's immunizations and physical now! All new students to the District are required to show proof of current immunizations and physical by September 15, 2018. Any student participating in an activity will be required to have an up-to-date physical on file before practices begin. Also check the Olympia website for immunization, dental, and eye exam requirements by grade. Students that are not compliant by October 15, 2018 will be excluded.

College, Career, and Life Focus

We will continue to focus on preparing students for college, career, and life. You will be hearing more about the following topics in the future.

Skills-Based Curricula - Employers and Universities want students, future employees, with a variety of skills. For the majority of one’s life after high school, students will be evaluated on how well they perform tasks, not how well they memorize content. At Olympia, students will be taught knowledge; encouraged to experience and own their learning; then asked to demonstrate the skills they have learned. Feedback will be provided to students and parents by reporting a student’s performance level. The four performance levels are as follows: Four (Advanced Skill Demonstration), Three (Skill Attainment), Two (Approaching Skill Attainment), or One (Beginning Skill Attainment).

Spartan Skills - Employers and Universities also want students with “self skills” or “soft skills”, which we call Spartan skills. Last year teachers provided feedback to students on their responsibility, respect, perseverance, collaboration, and self-advocacy. This year, teachers will report back on the 5 Spartan skills above, but we will also begin introducing a few new Spartan skills such as empathy, critical thinking, and problem solving.

Involved Students - Employers and Universities also want students who have been involved in their school beyond their classroom. When students complete applications for employment and post high school education, they are asked about leadership experience, collaborative teaming experience, executive skills, and special talents/abilities. As a result, our goal is that every OHMS student, be involved in an activity or club outside the classroom.

Every Student has a College/Career Pathway - Employers and Universities want prepared students. As a result, every student coming out of middle school will select a college-career pathway. The pathway will provide recommended school courses which mirror their interest inventories. We will also encourage out of school experiences, such as internships, to expose students to real world applications. Students and parents will be able to plan utilizing Naviance, a one stop shop for all things college and career. Parent

Upcoming Back to School Dates

Olympia students will begin the 2018-19 school year on Thursday, August 16, with bus transportation, breakfast, and lunch available. Below are important dates and information regarding the start of school.

July 1-31 Online registration open for returning students. New students must register on August 6th & 7th. If your family does not have Internet access, please register online at your local library after July 1 or at your school on August 6th or 7th.

August 6-7 New student walk-in registration Aug 6th from 8am-12pm and Aug 7th from 1pm-6pm for elementary and OMS students. Please call 309-379-5911 ext. 9023 for your new High School student appointment after August 1.

August 13- Kindergarten orientation at all buildings 5:30pm

August 14-15 Back to School Night/Open House activities and technology workshops . All tech workshops will be held in the OHS auditorium (see schedule to right)

August 15 Incoming Freshmen will attend Freshmen Lift Off beginning at 12:45 p.m. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided from bus stop locations only.

August 16 First day of school for students.

Returning students’ families will register online through Skyward Family Access with the same login and password they are currently using. If you do not know your password, please contact Tech Director Scott Powers at 309-379-6011 ext. 1110 or email at scott.powers@olympia.org.

Back to School Night & Technology Meeting Dates

Aug 13 Kindergarten Orientation 5:30pm-6:30pm

Aug 14 6th Gr Back to School Night—6:00pm to 8:00pm

Aug 14 Pre-K-2nd Grade Parent Tech Workshop—5:00pm to 6:00pm

Aug 14 3rd-5th Grade Parent Tech Workshop—6:00pm to 7:00pm

Aug 15 Elementary Open House—5:00pm to 6:00pm

Aug 15 Olympia Middle School Open House- 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Aug 15 Olympia High School Open House- 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Aug 15 11th-12th Parent Tech Workshop- 6:00pm to 7:00pm

* More info to come from Principals on start of the school year

Board Members Earn Highest Honor

The Illinois Association of School Boards bestows the “Fellow” designation to a select group of Board members who complete the most rigorous of professional training. Although there are nearly 6,000 School Board members in Illinois, there are only 133 Fellows, and Olympia has three of them on our Board of Education. Congratulations to Board President Kevin Frazier, Vice President Carolyn Hansen, and Secretary Trena Glenn for earning Fellow status.



Congratulations to the 2018 Retirees



Olympia would like to congratulate our 2017-18 retirees. We congratulate them on their accomplishments while serving the students of Olympia and appreciate their service. We hope each enjoys retirement to the fullest!

2018 Retirees pictured above: Susie Brun, Kathy Williams, Larry Weaver, Jan Render, Janet Boitos, Cyndee Brand, and Sharon Goff

We would like to thank all of our constituents for supporting the District financially and

Lt Governor Sanguinetti Recognizes OMS

Lt Governor Sanguinetti and Representative Tim Butler congratulate Olympia Middle School for receiving the Bio-Diversity grant. The Bio-Diversity Grant provides Middle School students the opportunity to partner with Sugar Grove (Funks Grove) Nature Center for a hands on educational experience.



New After School Program at Elementary Schools

Olympia is excited to offer a new after-school program at Olympia West, Olympia South, and Olympia North Elementary. The after-school program by Right at School (RAS) combines daily curriculum, homework help, daily fitness, and social-emotional activities. The program's curriculum is aligned to Illinois learning standards and has been successfully implemented in other Central Illinois schools, including Dunlap School District. After reviewing results of a parent survey, presenting the program to the Olympia Advisory Parent Council, and Olympia Board of Education, the program has been adopted for the upcoming year. For more information, contact your Building Principal or RAS @ 855-287-2466.

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