



Summer Newsletter 2015

Olympia CUSD 16
 903 E 800 North Rd
 Stanford, IL 61774
 Phone 309-379-6011
 Fax: 309-379-2328
 www.olympia.org

Superintendent, Dr. Andrew Wise
Asst. Superintendent, Dr. Josh Olsen

Board Members:
Kevin Frazier, President
Carolyn Hansen, Vice President
Trena Glenn, Secretary
Lynn Cross
Shawn Hohulin
Doug Maris
Steve Matter

2014-2015 Olympia Highlights

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

- 15 All Academic Teams as recognized by the IHSA
- 11 Division 1 Ratings in Band at Middle School Competition
- 14 Illinois State Scholars
- 3 Students Qualified for ILMEA All-State Musicians
- 5 Students Selected for Honors Band at Bradley University
- 7 Students Selected for ILMEA All-District Band
- 5 Postseason Tournament Titles
- OHS Football Playoff Appearance
- 28 Student-Athletes Qualified for State Tournaments
- State Champion in Boys Track 800 Meter Run
- Pantagraph Fan Frenzy Award Winner
- 98% Attendance Rate at Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (Olympia North, South & West)
- Recognized For High Achievement in Daily Herald Poverty Achievement Index
- State 4-H Award Recipient



Our students also demonstrated excellence in the following performances: "Wizard of Oz", "Tales of Suspense", "Shrek the Musical, Jr.", and the "Madrigals Feaste". In addition, our students participated in the FFA State-National Convention, FFA Ag Day, Student Council Blood Drives, and a variety of other events.

Inside this issue:

Year 's Highlights	1
All Academic Awards	1
Strategic Plan	2
Staff Recognition	2
Retirees	2
OHMS Course Changes	3
ACT Results	3
Skyward	3
Hall of Fame	3
Registration Information	4

15 OHS Teams Recognized as All-Academic

Our goal of fostering students who are well rounded continues as we emphasize the importance between academics and activities. Teams that maintained a team GPA of 3.0 or higher were recognized as "All Academic Teams" by the IHSA. Congratulations to the student-athletes and coaches for their tremendous work. Olympia's All Academic Teams for the 2014-2015 school-year include:

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Speech | Girls Swimming |
| Wrestling | Scholastic Bowl |
| Boys Basketball | Girls Volleyball |
| Girls Basketball | Boys Cross Country |
| Softball | Girls Cross Country |
| Boys Track | Boys Golf |
| Girls Track | Girls Golf |
| Girls Soccer | |



Fall Activities begin as early as July 27. Students must turn in appropriate forms/fees into the Activities Office, and will be issued an Activity Card from the OHS Activities Office once the requirements are met. Students must present the Activity Card to their coach prior to participating in tryouts/practices. Please see the website www.olympia.org for detailed information.

Olympia Updates Strategic Plan Goal Action Steps

Every organization has goals which drive their decision making. The Olympia School District has 4 goals:

1. Increase Student Learning
2. Attract and Retain Quality Staff
3. Ensure a Positive Learning Environment
4. Build and Maintain School, Home and Community Partnership

With changes to curriculum, expectations, and assessments in Illinois schools, the Strategic Plan Action Steps have been updated with new actions necessary to achieve these four goals. For more information about the District Strategic Plan, please refer to the Olympia website.

Olympia Staff Demonstrate Continued Excellence

One of Olympia's strategic goals is to attract and retain quality staff. Did you know...

- Nearly 30% of our teachers presented at a variety of educational conferences and workshops within the past school year.
- Our staff is committed to continuous learning as nearly 50% of certified staff hold a Master's Degree or higher.
- A number of Olympia staff members were recipients of educational grants and prestigious educational awards totaling nearly \$50,000. Among those include:



Mrs. Chris Embry Mohr,
OHS Science—

National Science Teacher
Association's (NSTA)
Dupont Pioneer Award and
\$5,000 Grant Recipient



Ms. Susan Schuber,
OMS Science—

\$8,000 Toshiba America Foundation
Grant Recipient & HOI One Classroom
at a Time Grant Recipient



Congratulations Olympia's 2014-2015 Retirees

The Olympia District would like to congratulate the retirees for 2014-2015. We want to thank these dedicated individuals for all they have done for the district and the students of the district. We wish them all a very lengthy, happy, and healthy retirement.

From left to right: Janet Stevens, Kim Eaton, Ethel Harrison, Cindy Nafziger, Marcia Lancaster, Scott Eidenmiller, Susan Knepler, Kent Hieronymus, Beth Uphoff. Not pictured: Marjorie Jarand, Pam Nelson.

Olympia's Mission:

The Olympia Community inspires, educates, and challenges each student to achieve personal success.



OHS teachers Kate Berry (left) and Jill Uhlman (right) teach Psychology 101 and Sociology 101 for dual credit.

OHMS Adds Class Offerings

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, Olympia High School will be offering some new classes. The first course is an elective Social Studies course entitled Human Geography. Another change is that Psychology and Sociology will each be offered as dual credit courses. Finally, a new class has been designed to help transition freshmen students to high school called Academic Literacy Strategies. In addition to dual credit courses, Olympia offers 7 Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide high school students college-level courses and exams, with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement options in the college admission process.

During the 2015-2016 school year OHS students will have the opportunity to take an Introduction to Agriculture class and Family and Consumer Science class during "Power Hour." Several new courses have been developed to increase the options that students take during their Enrichment time, including Service Learning Courses, Podcasting, and iEverything, which explores application of Apple products.

Latest ACT Results Demonstrate Academic Excellence

Preliminary scores from ACT have been released to schools for the 2014-2015 testing year. Olympia students on average have performed significantly higher than students in the state with an average composite score of 21.0. For Olympia, this is a 1.2 increase over last year's score. Olympia also scored significantly higher than state averages in the areas of Mathematics, Reading, and Science.



Access Your Student's Progress

Did you know that with Skyward Family Access you can access your child's ...

- Grades
- Missing Academic Work
- Attendance
- Discipline
- Achievement Data
- Breakfast and Lunch Purchases
- Daily Schedule
- Report Cards and much more....



Download the Skyward App for Smart Phones so you can access your child's information anywhere. Please contact Olympia Technology Director Scott Powers for login and password assistance (1.309.379.6011 ext. 1110).

Olympia Hall of Fame Class of 2015

The Olympia Hall of Fame was established to honor outstanding achievement by individuals, coaches/sponsors, teams/groups, or friends of the Olympia High School. On May 17, 2015, the following individuals were elected into the class of 2015 Olympia's Hall of Fame:

Mjr. Reid Nannen (deceased)—Grad. of 2000, Reid trained with TOPGUN NAS and received numerous military awards and decorations.

Ms. Tiffany Prager—Graduate of 2002, Tiffany excelled as a student athlete at Oly and won multiple awards as an ISU softball player.

Mrs. Beth Uphoff-Smith—Graduate of 1977, Beth exemplified the spirit of Olympia as a student, teacher, coach and parent.

2009 OHS Softball Team—This amazing group of young women won the Class 2A State Championship for OHS with a 37-2 record.

1997 State Qualifying Contest Play Team—This speech team placed 5th in state, the highest placing for any Olympia production.

For nomination forms please contact Activities Director Roney at 309.379.6011 ext. 9012 or visit the Olympia website www.olympia.org.

Olympia's Vision:

Olympia strives to be an exemplary school district with an unparalleled reputation for maximizing student learning.

Back to School and Registration Tips

Olympia students will be heading back to the classrooms on Wednesday, August 19, with bus transportation, breakfast, and lunch available. Below are important dates and highlights of 2015-16 Registration.

July 1-31 Online registration open for returning students. New students must register on August 4. Families without internet access, please register online at your local library or your school on the designated registration day.

August 4 New student walk-in registration for Elementary and Middle School students from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Please call 309-379-5911 ext. 9023 for your new High School student appointment after August 3.

August 17 Incoming sixth graders and parents will attend a Back to School Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Olympia Middle School.

August 18 Incoming Freshmen will attend Freshman Flight School beginning at 12:45 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided from bus stop locations only.

August 18 Each school building will have an Open House. Elementary schools will open from 4:30-6:00pm Middle School from 5:00-6:30pm and Olympia High School from 5:30-7:00pm.

August 19 First Day of student attendance

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.



Olympia CUSD 16
903 E 800 North Rd
Stanford, IL 61774

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Stanford, IL
Permit No. 7

Postal Customer
