It’s great to be young and a Comet!

Comet Courier
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Comet Calendar
February 15, 16
Wrestling State

February 18
No School --
Presidents’ Day

February 20
School Board

February 22
FFA Career Fair

February 26
VVC Scholastic
Bowl Meet

February 27
Student Council
Blood Drive

February 27
NHS Banquet

February 28
Vermilion County
Scholastic Bowl

OUStANDING
STUDENTS

At top, the students who met or exceeded in both English and Math on last year’s SAT are, top row, Brian Reagan, Andrew Cook, and Ayden Hanson. Front row, Hadiya Jagroop, Gracie Machin, Kylie Neuman, Sam Wiese, and Katelyn Blankenship. Not pictured are Kole Acord and Bryce Jones.

Above, the IPA’s Student Recognition Breakfast honored Antonio Carrion and Sam Wiese as well as representatives from OJHS and OGS.
Garrett named Comet of the Month
White honored for Integrity; Ajster is top athlete

The OHS Student Recognition Committee has chosen Trevan Garrett to be the February Student of the Month.

Garrett is an honor roll student, and he is a starter on the basketball team. He recently was named to the Vermilion County Tourney All-Tourney team. He is known for his laid back personality and constant smile.

Junior Luke White is the winner of the Character Trait Award for Integrity.

White is active in Student Council and School Council.

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Mason Ajster

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Senior Mason Ajster was named the February Athlete of the Month.

Ajster is a three-time wrestling State qualifier. Earlier this year, he was ranked number one in the State in his class. As a football player, he was also All-VVC and All-County.

Fritz earns February staff member of the month

Miss Allison Fritz has been chosen as February staff member of the month.

Fritz is in her first year, teaching Biology and Zoology.

Fritz attended Illinois State University and graduated from Mahomet-Seymour High School.

“Allison has a positive and fun attitude,” said Miss Cooper. “She designs engaging lessons for students during which students realize they should have a vested interest in the topic, such as biodegradable packaging and endangered species conservation. She challenges students, and is there to help them along the way.”

She has helped out by running the clock during basketball games and is willing to be of assistance wherever she is needed around the building.

Ms. Fritz poses with the honorary ‘O’ after being named February Staff Member of the Month.
Ajster and Reed are in State semifinals!

Seniors Mason Ajster, junior Caide Borden and sophomores Connor Hutson and Gage Reed all qualified for the IHSA State wrestling tournament this weekend.

Ajster (34-6) and Reed (36-8) are still wrestling after Thursday and Friday’s rounds. They will wrestle after 7:30 p.m. Friday night in the State semifinals at the State Farm Center. Ajster is in the 160-pound bracket and Reed is in the 116-pound bracket. Borden and Hutson lost both of their early matches.

This is the third time that Ajster has qualified for State. This was the first time for the other three.

Spring conferences on March 20 and 21

OHS will hold parent-teacher conferences on Wed., March 20, and Thu., March 21.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity and schedule appointments with one or all of your child’s teachers.

The conference will allow teachers and parents to meet and discuss the progress of the student. At this time, you will be able to voice any concern you might have.

To schedule a conference, go to our website and click on the Parent-Teacher Conference link located at the bottom left-hand corner.

If you do not have computer access, please call the office by March 19. If a teacher wishes to schedule a conference with you, you will be notified.

Parents can begin signing up for the conferences on the website on March 7.

Follow us on Instagram at oakwoodhs76
Seniors to play faculty in basketball

If you are looking for an evening of food and entertainment at a reasonable price and want to back your Comets baseball program, then you will want to be at OHS on Friday, March 8. Blue Line BBQ will serve dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.

Baseball players will be pre-selling tickets starting February 25 or meals can be purchased at the door. Carry outs are available.

At 6:30 p.m. the gym doors open for the third annual Senior/Faculty basketball game as Unit 76 faculty go head to head with this year’s senior class.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tip-off is at 7. Admission for the game is $3 for adults and $2 for students. Tickets for the game will only be sold at the door. All proceeds from the supper and basketball game go toward providing equipment for the baseball team.

Baseball team members will also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets in advance as well as at the door. The 50/50 raffle winner does not have to be present that night to win.

Counseling calendar

Upcoming Events:
- Feb. 19 – Pre-Registration Sessions with Juniors.
- Feb. 19 – Tricoci Rep visit during homeroom.
- Feb. 20 – Pre-Registration Sessions with Sophomores.
- Feb. 21 – ThyssenKrupp Apprenticeship meeting for Sophomores
- Feb. 21 – Pre-Registration Sessions for Freshmen
- Feb. 22 – Health Professions/Engineering Day at DACC for sophomores.

Scholarship Applications Due in February and March:
Check the website for more information.
- Freese Memorial Scholarship
- Illinois PTA--Lillian E. Glover PTA Scholarship
- Beta Sigma Psi Scholarships
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Scholarship
  - AMVETS
  - -- Illinois Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship Program
  - Farm Credit Illinois Agriculture Scholarship
  - Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
  - Next Generation of Caring Scholarship
  - Special Education Teacher Tuition Waiver
  - Township Officials of Illinois Scholarship
  - Valley Of Danville Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
  - -- Golden Apple Scholar
  - -- Money Smart Kid Scholarship
  - -- DACC Scholarships
  - -- University of Illinois Secretariat - Kathryn G Hansen Scholarship
  - -- Andrews/Brummett Memorial Scholarship
  - -- Balloon Association Of Greater Illinois
  - -- Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship
  - -- Vermilion County High School Principals' Association Scholarship

No School on February 18
Save Your Pennies!

Join us in supporting PENNIES for the Essentially Basic Pantry.

Pennies will be collected from March 4 through April 5.

Our district goal has been set at 77,625 pennies. Shake those couch cushions! Empty your car’s cup holders! Help Oakwood students meet our penny goal!!

Where are your pennies going?
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Start saving your pennies and send them to school with your students on March 4.

Save Your Pennies!

Spring practices beginning soon

With the approach of March, that means the beginning of spring sport practices -- track and field, softball, and baseball.

Here is the important information for those sports.

BASEBALL
Varsity coach -- Mr. McFarland
Assistant -- Mr. Leeman

Practice Information
Monday
February 25
3:15 p.m.
OHS Gym

SOFTBALL
Varsity coach -- Mr. Odle
Assistant -- Mr. Vinson

Practice Information
Monday
February 25
3:30 p.m.
Muncie Field
(weather permitting)

GIRLS’ TRACK
Varsity coach -- Mrs. Anderson
Assistant -- Mr. Hicks

Practice Information
Tuesday
February 19
3:10 p.m.
OHS East Lobby

BOYS’ TRACK
Varsity coach -- Mr. Wells

Practice Information
Tuesday
February 19
3:10 p.m.
OHS East Lobby

11:30 Dismissal on March 1
National FFA Week begins Monday

National FFA Week begins on February 18.
This is a tradition dating back to 1947, and is planned to include Washington’s birthday.

FFA chapters around the country will be hosting and participating in a variety of events.
The Oakwood FFA Chapter will host a variety of activities for both FFA and non-FFA members, including a Career Fair on February 22.

FFA Week is about educating and advocating for both FFA and agricultural education. We are looking forward to celebrating with you!

Follow us on Twitter at @OakHS76

Boosters host Nostalgia tournery

The Booster Club will host their annual Nostalgia basketball tournament from March 29 to March 31.
The tournament is for alumni of local schools to take the floor again with their classmates.
The tournament is held at Oakwood Grade School.

FWC breakfast fundraiser!

The Fithian Women’s Club issues a scholarship each year to a deserving Oakwood High School senior.
To assist in raising funds for that scholarship, the FWC will be serving breakfast from 7-11 a.m. on March 16 at Muncie Baptist Church.
Donations will be accepted to help the scholarship fund.
They hope to see all of you there!

Student teacher steps in to Ag

Miss Daphne Austin is the student teacher this semester in Ag class, working with Mrs. Nekolny.
Austin went to the University of Illinois and Harvard High School. At Harvard, she was active in FFA and ran cross country and track.
Austin started at OHS on January 7 and her last day will be on April 12. She has been taking over one class per week since she arrived, so she is now teaching all of Mrs. Nekolny’s classes.
Welcome to Oakwood High School!
Cheer takes 12th at IHSA State

Post Prom committee to host art fundraiser

The OHS Post Prom Committee will be holding a fundraiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on March 9 at Sleepy Creek Vineyard.

The cost is $30 per person, ages 18 and over. This will be a guided artistic experience in which participants will paint a 16 X 20 canvas. Instruction will begin at 7 p.m.

Submit your registration form to OHS Post Prom by March 1. Visit our event page on Facebook for more details -- Oakwood Post Prom Events.

Registration forms can be found attached to this newsletter.

Student Council hosts blood drive

OHS’ Student Council and the Community Blood Services of Illinois will host a blood drive in the high school library on Wed., Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Our goal for the drive is to collect 25 pints of blood. This could potentially save the lives of 75 people.

Additionally, CBSI will donate $250 to a scholarship fund that will be awarded to an OHS graduating senior at the end of the year if we collect a minimum of 20 donations. Every donation beyond that will contribute another $1 to the fund.

If you would like to donate, contact Teresa Cooper at 354-2358 or coopert@oakwood76.org to make an appointment.

Follow us on Facebook at Oakwood High School Comets!
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12th Annual Celebration
Presented by The Dragonfly at
Sleepy Creek Vineyard
Saturday
March 16, 2019
6 p.m.
The Dragonfly at Sleepy Creek
Vineyard

Sponsorship Levels

• **Presenting Sponsor:** $2,500 (one only) — Name above event title in advertising, table of eight at Celebration, name of business in Celebration program, and banner at Celebration

• **Purple:** $300 and up — Table of eight at Celebration and name of business in Celebration program

• **White:** $200-$299 — Two tickets to Celebration and name of business in Celebration program

• **Silver:** $100-$199 — Name of business in Celebration program

• **Raffle Basket** — Name of business in Celebration program

• **Celebration Tickets:** $25 individual/$50 couple

100% of the money raised benefits the kids and their teachers by providing academically enriched programs and equipment that otherwise would not be available to our students.

For tickets and information, contact any OCEF board member or call Lara Conklin at (217) 354-2725.

Return sponsorship to: **PO Box 654, Oakwood, IL 61858.** To contact the Board Member who gave you this form, please call ________________________________

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Yes, we will support the OCEF Celebration Banquet!

Sponsor Name: (as it should appear in program)

Sponsorship Amount:

Sponsor Address:

Sponsor Phone:
2019 NOSTALGIA TOURNAMENT

Friday March 29, 2019
5:30 – 9:30 pm

Saturday March 30, 2019
Noon – 9:30 pm

Sunday March 31, 2019
1:00 – 5:30 pm

All games will be played at the Oakwood Grade School Gymnasium

GO COMETS!

Hosted by: Oakwood High School Booster Club
for the Essentially Basic Pennies Pantry

It only makes CENTS!

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**1,000,000 PENNIES GOAL**

**Vermilion County**

**BRING YOUR PENNIES TO SCHOOL MARCH 4 – APRIL 5**

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Paint for a Purpose Night

Hosted by Oakwood High School Post Prom Committee

WHERE: Sleepy Creek Vineyards
WHEN: March 9th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Cost: $30 per person
Ages: 21 and older (18 to 21 year olds are welcome when accompanied by someone 21 years or older)

The Oakwood High School Post Prom Committee will be hosting a guided artistic experience as a fundraiser for the 2019 OHS Post Prom.

Participants will paint a canvas
Instruction will begin at 7 PM, but you are welcome to join us beginning at 6:30 PM for some social time while we finish preparations.

You just need to show up ready to talk, laugh, create and have fun! Consider bringing an old shirt or an apron to protect your clothing, just in case.

Complimentary appetizers and non-alcoholic refreshments are included in the registration fee. Other beverages are available for purchase from the staff of Sleepy Creek Vineyards.

To register, please mail registration form and payment (checks made payable to OHS Post Prom) by March 1st, to:

OHS Post Prom
PO Box 492
Oakwood, IL 61858

Questions? Message us on Facebook, or email Amy Brant at amyj8490@yahoo.com
“Paint for a Purpose Night” Registration Form

Sponsored by the Oakwood High School Post Prom Committee

One entry form per person, cost: $30.00 per participant

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City, State, ZIP: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Shirt Size: ________________________________

I certify that I suffer no conditions likely to cause injury or illness to myself from participating in this event. I waive and release all rights I may have against the Oakwood Community Unit #76 School District, OHS Post Prom Committee, and Sleepy Creek Vineyards for damages, injuries, or losses I may suffer as a result of this event. I grant permission to the aforementioned to use my name and/or photography or videotape of this event without limitation or obligation.

Signature (Required): _____________________ Date: ________________

Please mail registration form and payment (made payable to OHS Post Prom) to:

OHS Post Prom – POB 492 – Oakwood, IL 61858