



Old Town High School School Board Report November, 2019

Winter Sports

As difficult as it is to believe, winter sports season begins in earnest this week as basketball, ice hockey, wrestling and swimming begin practices. Indoor track will begin next week. Time certainly does go fast!

As always, an electronic version of the winter sports schedules can be found at:

<https://www.rsu34.org/o/oths/browse/36328>

Please mark a few dates on your calendar to stop by and support our teams!

JROTC - Honor Unit with Distinction

Once again, the Old Town High School Coyote Battalion has been successful in their quest to achieve the coveted status of "Honor Unit with Distinction."

We have held this position since we were first eligible in 2006.

Every three years, the battalion goes through a formal inspection, JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA). They must score a 95 or better during that review. Additionally, each year points are earned for participating in various activities i.e. drill, parades, Color Guard etc. Our unit report which is submitted in June each year records these events. We always max out the scoring with 400 points annually.

This distinction sustains the unit through the 2019-2020 school year. There are (5) Army program in the state of Maine and OTHS is one of only two with this distinction. It is a lot of work for First Sergeant Joel Peaslee and Colonel Szewc, but also a lot of work and participation on the students' part. The battalion numbers have rebounded back up to 83 cadets this year, which is a high for Colonel Szewc's eight-year term to date. We are proud of this unique and productive program at OTHS.

The Gary Gordon Invitational

On Saturday, October 5th, the Old Town High School JROTC Coyote Battalion hosted their 15th Annual Drill Competition in MacKenzie Gymnasium. Several members of the battalion recently conducted some research around local Medal of Honor winners and they became intrigued by the story of Gary Gordon. They then decided to commit to a series of fund-raisers over the course of this school year to assist the town of Lincoln in raising enough money to erect a statue in his honor. Further, they have decided to rename the annual competition in honor of Master Sergeant Gary Gordon. In the opening ceremony of the competition this past October, they made the name change public and invited Gary's mother, Betty (my aunt) and Gary's sister, Robin (my cousin) to the event. They were extremely touched by the fact that our students chose to honor Gary in this way and they provided a picture and approval of the plaque design.

National Honor Society

On Wednesday, November 13th, Old Town High School inducted *thirty-three* new members into our chapter of the National Honor Society. That number represents the largest class we have seen in a number of years. This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work of these young men and women in the classroom in addition to the service and leadership that they display within the classroom, on the athletic fields and in other areas of their everyday life. Many of these students are juniors, so this is foreshadowing to what will be a huge Honors Diploma class when the class of 2021 graduates from OTHS. Congratulations to each student!

2019 NHS Inductees:

Cathryn Archer	Hailie Moore
Rodney Barnett	Lilian Preble
Keely Becker	Ethan Pushor
Micah Betters	Nathan Regan
Sophie Charles	Bryce Richards
Payton Cody	Hannah Richards
Samantha Cousins	Abbie Roy
Mercedes Creighton	Hannah Sirois
Tanner Evans	Meghan Small
Colby Folsom	Mia Smith
Raegan Glidden	Natalie Storman
Makenzie Gomm	Noel Stormann
Cassie Harris	Nicholas Sullivan
Nicholas Higgins	Taylor Sullivan
Delani McLaughlin	Gabriel Talon
Eliza McPhee	Elizabeth Thibeault
Olivia Merenberg	

Upcoming Events

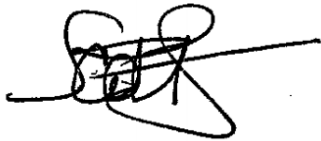
Monday, November 18
Thursday, November 21
Saturday, November 30
Thursday, December 5
Saturday, December 14

Winter Sports begin
JMG – “Initiation & Installation”
First “Coyote Classic” Pre-season Basketball Tournament
OT Band – Winter Concert – Collins Center, U-Maine
Girls/Boys Basketball Home Openers vs. Orono

Enrollment Numbers

Grade 12	126
Grade 11	141
Grade 10	128
Grade 9	132
Total	527

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SGordon', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Gordon
Principal