



Old Town High School School Board Report February, 2020

Winter Sports Update

As hard as it is to believe, the winter sports season is quickly drawing to close. On Monday, the Old Town/Orono ice hockey team went to Presque Isle and avenged an earlier loss at home with a 12-5 win to conclude their regular season. Though they are technically tied for the #1 spot in class B, Hampden has one more game to play and with a win, they will check their way into that top spot. So, we will finish 2nd and begin our playoff run. It looks like Hampden, Presque Isle or Old Town/Orono will emerge as the North representative for the Class B title. We'll see how it goes.

Both basketball teams have already had a nice run, with both the boys & the girls winning opening round quarterfinal games in Bangor. The semi-finals will be very challenging for both teams – but, I would not count either of them out.

Our cheerleaders qualified for states and finished 8th in Class B.

Our track teams have both completed their state championship meet at U-Maine.

In swimming, our girls had their state meet at U-Maine on Monday, and I am at Bowdoin College watching our boys' state meet as I write this.

I am so pleased with how this entire sports season played out and I am so proud of our student-athletes. They have all represented Old Town High School well.

If you have the RSU34 app, you get daily updates of scores/results and other OTHS happenings.

An electronic version of the winter sports schedules can be found at:

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

8th Grade “Recruiting” Update

We have our 8th grade “recruiting” trips for the week of Monday, February 24th thru Friday, February 28th. Each trip involves an administrator, a school counselor and two to three students who attended that middle school to talk about offerings at OTHS.

We started taking students a few years back and that was a great move as 8th graders listen to peers much more they listen to adults. We typically prepare a brief presentation to “prime the pump” for students, but the real benefit is the Q&A period. They typically ask some great questions and they get what they need out of the experience. We will have an 8th Grade Open House the first week in March and then a registration night in mid-March.

MPA Drama Festival

On Friday/Saturday – March 6th & 7th our drama team will travel to Skowhegan High School for the annual Maine Principals' Association drama festival. I was on the drama committee at the MPA for seven years and attended this festival each year, so I can tell you this is a great event for our students. They will get to see some great shows performed by high schools all over the state and get to meet and interact with some dynamic young thespians from other schools. While it is a competitive festival, there still exists a great atmosphere of support and encouragement for all schools and participants.

Upcoming Events

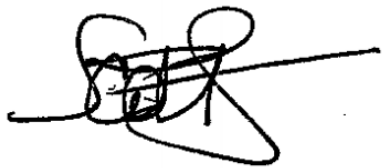
Monday, February 17 – Friday, February 21
Saturday, February 29
Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6
Wednesday, March 4th
Friday, March 6 – Saturday, March 7
Friday, March 13 – Saturday, March 14
Monday, March 23
Saturday, March 28

February Vacation
OTHS Semi-Formal
Visits to area middle schools
8th Grade Open House
MPA One-Act Drama Festival
One-Act Drama Public Performance
Spring Sports Season begins
JROTC Military Ball

Enrollment Numbers

Grade 12	124
Grade 11	139
Grade 10	129
Grade 9	131
Total	522

Respectfully Submitted,



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Principal