



Old Town High School
School Board Report
April, 2019

Testing

The month of April has been a month of testing at Old Town High School. On Tuesday, April 2nd, our junior class took the Science Augmentation test. This test was introduced a few years back as a way to supplement the SAT with a focus on what our state expects all juniors to know in the area of science by the time they near the end of their junior year. While the test took the better part of the morning, we scheduled it on the same day that our sophomores were on a tour at UTC. Our sophomore class welcomed Marty Gray – (Asst. Director at UTC) the week before, as they were given an overview of UTC offerings. They were then asked to choose three programs to tour and explore briefly in Bangor on April 2nd. During their tour, they were able to see the beautiful facility, speak with instructors, and in some cases take part in some of the hands-on activities that are a part of the UTC experience. Students returned very excited to register for the program that interested them most. This is the second year in a row that we have paired the tour for sophomores and the science augmentation for juniors on the same day in an attempt to disrupt as few days as possible.

On Tuesday, April 9th, our junior class took the SAT along with every other 3rd year high school student across the state. While I enjoy the fact that every student in the state gets a crack at this test free of charge, I lament the fact that it is still given on a school day. Given our theme of being mindful of lost instructional time, we became very proficient at offering this test on a Saturday years ago. The building was free and it was not disruptive to the education of other students in the building. Our participation was always excellent. While every principal I talk to agrees that the Saturday administration was a better model, we continue to offer it on a school day. Hopefully, sometime in the near future, the state will reconsider the lost instructional time that results from this practice.



Our JMG students took won (2) third place trophies at the recent Career Development Conference in Augusta.

Spring Sports

While the snow has melted away any remaining memories of the winter sports season, the rain and cool temps have not yet allowed our spring sports to really take root and blossom. Our baseball and softball teams have each played only one game to date (both defeating Orono) and our track team has had their only meet of the season postponed. Our tennis teams have been able to practice outside, but so far Mother Nature leads our tennis teams 15-0. With any luck at all, the ball will begin to bounce in our favor soon and the sun will peek its sleepy head through the clouds to provide better conditions for drying and outdoor contests. Upcoming game dates can be found below.

8th Grade Transition

At this point, we have 99 students registered for classes in Old Town High School's upcoming Class of 2023. Those 99 students represent only students from LMS, so I would suspect that when Milford, Greenbush and Indian Island students are factored into the total, we will approach the 120-125 range – which has been the typical size of our freshman class over the last few years. Our Student Services staff is meeting with a few students on Wednesday evening who could not make it to the previous registration night.

Sophomore Tours

On Thursday of this week, we will send all of our sophomore students on college tours. The class will be divided into three groups – one going to Husson University, one going to U-Maine and the final one going to EMCC.

The purpose of these tours is to increase the aspirations of some of our students to attend an area college and to see what opportunities exist for them on a college campus. During the tour, they will tour dorms, classrooms, meet as a group with a representative from the Admissions office and eat in the dining commons. These tours happen annually and are paid for through our MELMAC grant.

AP Exams

Beginning on Monday May 6th, students who are enrolled in an AP (Advanced Placement) class at Old Town High School will have the opportunity to take that content area's College Board test. The upside is that if the student scores high enough, they can earn college credit. The downside is that the test costs money to order, and if the student does not obtain the necessary score – they earn nothing more than a credit. While these exams serve some of our students well, we will continue to keep the dual enrollment conversation alive with all of our area colleges and universities. While that model is not perfect either, at least all students who pass the course end the experience with college credit and money remains in the wallets of the families in our community.

Student of the Month

Grade 9	Eden Bouchard
Grade 10	Devan Rand
Grade 11	Chris Bromiley
Grade 12	Segdrick Orr
Staff	Steve Dexter



The 2019 Class B Gold Medal Winning Jazz Ensemble

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 25	Tennis vs. Foxcroft	4:30pm
Thursday, April 25	Baseball/Softball @ MDI	4:30pm
Friday, April 26	Boys' Tennis vs. Orono	3:30pm
Friday, April 26	JV Baseball vs. MDI	4:30pm
Saturday, April 27	Tennis @ Hampden	11:00am
Saturday, April 27	Track & Field @ Hampden	12-Noon
Saturday, April 27	Baseball/Softball vs Hermon (V)	12-Noon
Saturday, April 27	Baseball/Softball vs. Hermon(JV)	2:30pm
Monday, April 29	Baseball/Softball vs. Brewer (V)	4:30pm
Monday, April 29	Baseball/Softball @ Brewer (JV)	4:30pm
Tuesday, April 30	Tennis @ John Bapst	4pm
Tuesday, April 30	Baseball/Softball @ Ellsworth (V)	4:30pm
Tuesday, April 30	Baseball/Softball vs. Foxcroft (JV)	4:30pm
Wednesday, May 1	Baseball/Softball @ Foxcroft (V)	4:30pm
Thursday, May 2	Tennis @ Washington Academy	4pm
Thursday, May 2	Baseball/Softball @ Washington Acad.	4:30pm
Friday, May 3	Baseball/Softball vs. Washington Acad.	4:30pm
Saturday, May 4	JV Tennis @ MDI	11:00am
Saturday, May 4	Track & Field @ Brewer	11:00am
Saturday, May 4	Tennis vs. Orono	12-Noon
May 6th – 17th	AP Exams	

Enrollment Numbers

Grade 12	119
Grade 11	123
Grade 10	135
Grade 9	127
Total	504
UTC Numbers	45

Respectfully Submitted,

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