

WILDCAT UPDATE

September 4- September 10 | USD 358 Oxford Public Schools | Weekly Update

Important Dates

Monday, September 5th

No School- Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6th

OHS Volleyball at Udall 5pm

5th Grade Senseney Instrument Music
Night 5:30pm in the OHS Library

Thursday September 8th

Jr./Sr. High Individual Picture Day

Senior Graduation Panel Pictures

7-12 Fall Sports Pictures

JH Volleyball at home 4:30pm

JH Football at home 6:30pm

Friday, September 9th

PK-6 Individual Picture Day

OHS Football at West Elk 7pm

Saturday, September 10th

Cross Country at Wellington 8:15am

Watermelon Feed Parade 10am

FFA Watermelon Crawl 5k/Mile Walk/
run 8am

OHS VB Sand VB Tourney 8:30am

7-12 Football Poker Run 12pm

7-12 Cheerleaders Dunk Tank and
Snow Cones in the Park

Monday, September 12th

High School JV Football at Oxford vs.
West Elk 6pm

BOE Meetings Starting at 6:45pm

Tuesday, September 13th

HS Volleyball at Oxford 5pm.

September is Attendance Awareness Month

One of the district's school improvement goals is to reduce chronic absenteeism to 5%. If a student misses 10% or more of the school days in session, (either excused or unexcused) the student is considered chronically absent. Last year, the chronic absenteeism rate for the district was 13.8%, with the highest percentage of absenteeism in grades K-2 (averaging 28.7%).

Here are a few important facts about absenteeism from *Attendance Works*:

1. Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
2. Absenteeism and its ill effects start early. One in 10 kindergarten and first grade students are chronically absent.
3. Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
4. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

More information and ways to improve attendance, and research about the impacts can be found at www.attendanceworks.org.

Picture Days This Week

Individual pictures will be taken by Inter-State Photography on Thursday, September 8th for grades 7-12 - on this date fall sports pictures will be taken along with senior graduation panel photos. On Friday, September 9th students in grades PK-6 will have their pictures taken. Picture packets have gone home or order online at <https://inter-state.com>. Click on "look up event code" to find the correct school and picture date.





New Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Billy Hatfield is the newest music instructor for USD 358. He is teaching band for grades 5-12, 7-12 choir, and high school Music Appreciation. Billy Hatfield is a Kansas State University graduate, and played in the Pride of Wildcat Land band all four years of attendance. During his time at KSU, he joined Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity (The oldest music fraternity in the country) where he served as President his final year.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- No School Monday, Sept. 5th (Labor Day)
- Grades 7-12 Picture Day- Thursday, Sept. 8th
- Picture Day Grades PK-6- Friday, Sept. 9th
- Late Start *Every* Friday- School starts at 9am.



Follow Us: **Website:** www.usd358.com **Twitter:** Oxford USD 358 @usd358

Facebook: Like us on Oxford USD 358 @358ohs

Superintendent/7-12 Principal- Dr. Cathi Wilson
 Elementary/Pr-k-6 Principal- Terri Wiseman
 Ast. Principal/Virtual Admin- Ashley Bugbee
 7-12 Counselor- Sherry White
 Elementary Counselor- Molly McCoy
 Athletic Directors- Kyle Green/Kyle Westerman
 Transportation Director- Wade Metz
 Director of Technology- Weston Mickey
 Director of Buildings and Grounds- Greg Mugler
 Board of Education Clerk- Kristina Houser
 Food Service/District Treasurer- Kellecie Nance
 619 Special Education Director- Amanda Lowrance



USD 358 Board of Education
 Derek Totten- President
 Nick Ruyle- Vice President
 Deb Daniels
 Dorinda Neises
 Phillip Rush
 Justin Shepherd
 Cindi Terry

BOE Meetings
 2nd Monday of Each Month