

# WILDCAT UPDATE

January 1 -January 7 | USD 358 Oxford Public Schools | Weekly Update

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, January 2nd

Teacher Work Day- No School

### Tuesday, January 3rd

1st Day of the Second Semester

OHS Basketball to Moundridge

### Wednesday, January 4th

JH Scholars Bowl Meeting- Seminar

### Thursday, January 5th

JH Basketball at Oxford vs. Argonia

HS Scholars Bowl Meeting- Seminar

### Friday, January 5th

High School Basketball at Oxford vs. Sedan

### Monday, January 9th

High School Scholars Bowl at Oxford

BOE Meeting

### Tuesday, January 10th

High School Basketball at Oxford vs. South Haven

### Thursday, January 12th

Junior High Basketball at Udall

### Friday, January 13th

High School Basketball at Central

### Saturday, January 14th

High School SCBL Tournament Play-In games at Udall 10am.

### Monday, January 16th

No School- Professional Development

OHS Boys SCBL Tournament Game

## Welcome to the 2nd Semester

Oxford Schools are ready to have students fill the halls starting Tuesday, January 3rd. As you spend the last days of break, start preparing for the return to a regular school scheduled. Here are just a few tips to make the transition a little more smooth:

- Set a clear and consistent bedtime routine- start tonight!
- Establish a technology shut down before bed. NO TECH IN BED! Brains need to rest to move information from short term memory to long term memory.
- Prepare all clothing and items for the next day- instead of a last minute hunt for that one lost shoe - hunt the night before so the morning is less chaotic.
- Establish a location for all school bags, notes, and papers. Review them each evening, and discussion the day. This will also help avoid the last minute whirlwind in the morning.
- Talk about what the morning routine will be. What time will you get up? Is the alarm set for the correct time? Who is responsible for making sure everyone is awake and out of bed? Make a checklist of tasks to be completed; such as brush your teeth, brush your hair, change your clothes, each breakfast, feed the dog etc.

## Community Resources

This time of the year can be difficult for many. There are several resources to assist those in need. A list of community resources can be found on the district webpage. [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/1914522/Sumner\\_and\\_Cowley\\_Resource\\_Sheet.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1914522/Sumner_and_Cowley_Resource_Sheet.pdf).

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis- Call 911, 988, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), or text “Jason” to 741741.

## How Do I Stay Connected to Activities and Grades?

There are many ways families can stay connected with the schools each and every day. PowerSchool is the software used for grades and attendance. Parents can download the app and stay up to date on everything from grades to lunch balances. Another communication tool is the USD 358 Oxford App. Lunch menus, calendar of events, and a link to the district website are all in one place. The USD 358 website is another helpful spot to look for documents, links, and updates. Additionally, OES uses SeeSaw to communicate and post information to their families, and teachers at OHS use GoogleClassroom- parents can be added to their child's GoogleClassroom. As always, contact your child's teacher or school if you need any assistance or want more information.

## Is Your Child Feeling Under the Weather?

There are lots of illnesses going around the district. Strep, ear infections, Influenza, COVID, RSV, and the stomach bug to name a few. If your child is running a fever, please keep them home 24 hours fever free. If your child is throwing up or has a wobbly tummy, keep them home. Students should be at school when at all possible, however if they are sick, keep them home.

### **IMPORTANT:**

NO SCHOOL- Monday, January 16th for Teacher Professional Development

Late Start *Every* Friday- School starts at 9am

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BOE Meetings  
2nd Monday of Each Month

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