



OZAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

Let this be your official welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Ozaukee High School. We look forward to focusing on our third year goals of our five-year plan. This year's goals are continuing our literacy program with a focus on reading and writing in each classroom. We will specifically be working on vocabulary in each course and MLA or APA formats for writing. We are also continuing our six-trait focus. Two years ago we began work on pre-reading, during reading, and post-reading strategies. We will continue to improve our use of various reading strategies in each classroom. Of course, the continuation of our character traits will occur with the addition of Teacher & Student Responsibilities posted in each classroom. We will continue our communication and documentation of interventions with students to parents. We have a goal to implement more cross-curricular projects this year. Rachel's Challenge will return to Ozaukee High School with Rachel's Legacy in October. Finally, the high school staff will be getting our curriculum down on paper. We are in our second year of this project. Last year was very successful, and by the end of this year most disciplines will be fully completed in writing their curriculum.

Enclosed you will find your schedule. **No schedules will be distributed on your first day of school.** Please plan accordingly. On Tuesday, September 1, freshmen students only are to report to their trimester 1 period 1 class at the regularly scheduled time of 7:35 am. We will follow a special schedule for the day. You will be notified of this schedule in your period 1 class. On Wednesday, September 2 all high school students should report to school.

At this time, I'd like to review our attendance policy and procedures. All students must stop at the office window to sign in or sign out at all times during the school day. If the signature cannot be read, attendance consequences may occur. After a student signs in, he/she should report to the appropriate class. If your child will be late to school, it is important that you contact the high school office before your child arrives to school, if the tardy should be excused. Without a phone call, the tardy will remain a tardy and not be excused. If your child will be absent from school, it is extremely important that you notify the high school office of the absence the same day as the absence. You may notify the office by phone (262-692-2453 ext. 400), by email (jkrepsky@nosd.edu), or through family access under attendance (PLEASE TRY THIS OPTION). Without same day notification the student absence will remain unexcused and may have additional consequences for the student. A phone message may be left at any time.

Another topic of interest for students and parents is the use of electronic devices, specifically a cell phone. Electronic devices are not to be in the classrooms. In general, the devices, if known to be in the classroom, will be confiscated. Hats will also not be allowed in the classroom. Please keep these items in your locker or vehicle.

Thank you for those of you who signed up on the district website to receive emails. This service is used to "email blast" emergency information to all those who have signed up. If you have not signed up, I encourage you to do so, ASAP! Here is how . . . go to the district portal tab, chose user registration, and then complete the information requested under "First time to this site?". Once you've completed the user registration, you should choose information that you would like to receive by choosing "Modify Subscription". For those of you that didn't "modify subscription" at registration, I recommend that you sign on and do so.

As a reminder it is important that students are "In Good Standing". They are afforded all of the privileges Ozaukee High School has to offer including but not limited to: open campus lunch, attendance at and participation in co-curricular activities, field trips, parking, and the work-study program. "In Good Standing" is defined as a student who

is meeting all school expectations without any outstanding obligations including but not limited to: failing grades, missing work, detentions, fees or fines.

As in the past, it is important that students follow the same expectations on a bus as in a classroom. Students are expected to enter and exit the bus in a orderly and safe fashion. While on the bus, students should find a suitable seat (seats may be assigned) and remain seated for the entire ride to or from school. The driver's main responsibility is safe travel for all passengers. This is best accomplished with little or no distraction, which all riders contribute positively or negatively toward. And of course, follow any directive from the driver, who, like the teacher, is the adult in charge on their bus.

On Wednesday, September 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Ozaukee High School is holding an open house. The purpose of this evening is for you to travel your child's schedule, see each classroom and meet his/her teachers. All you need to do is come to the high school lobby at 6:00 pm on September 9. Everything you need for that night will be waiting for you there. Plan to join us for a wonderful evening and find out a little more about your child's day. We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT....

College Funding Workshop

The thought of paying for a post-secondary education causes most parents a great deal of stress. Questions abound regarding the best ways to invest money, search for scholarships, and identify sources of financial aid. Various sources of college funding information exist, yet it can be challenging to insure their reliability.

I first heard Brad Baldrige speak at the Wisconsin School Counselors Association state conference in 2006. I was so impressed with the quality of his information that I invited him to present his college funding workshop at OHS in the winter of 2006. It was well received by parents and I decided to bring Brad back every few years to share his expertise with you.

On September 30, 2009, we will be offering our second College Funding Workshop in the OHS/OMS Library at 7:00 PM. This workshop is for all parents and students that wish to learn more about financial preparation for post-secondary education. Please read the informational yellow flyer included in this mailing for more details.

Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity.

Grade 12 & Grade 9 Student/Counselor Conferences

During September, I will be meeting individually with all of the grade 12 and grade 9 students to review the information we spoke of during our grade 11 and grade 8 Individual Planning Conferences (parents, student, and counselor) held last spring. The grade 12 meeting will also focus on information specific to future plans and what the students need to do to get there. The grade 9 meeting will also include a status check in order to help assess how the students are adapting to the high school.

These meetings should last approximately 25 minutes. In order to fit all 130 students into the month of September, meetings will be scheduled throughout the school day. I will do my best to keep the meetings brief and promptly return the students to their classes. I look forward to meeting with our seniors and freshmen.

Attention Job Seekers and Job Providers

The OHS office will occasionally receive information about job openings in our area. In response to these requests, we have created a special Employment Bulletin Board located directly outside the OHS office. As employment opportunities come our way, we will post them on the board and remind students to check them out.

Employers are encouraged to inform us of new employment opportunities. Please help us spread the word to area employers by letting them know that OHS is willing to post their openings.

UW – System Campus Tour Information

Every year, many students and parents ask me about when is the best time to visit colleges and universities. I'm a big fan of having students visit prospective schools while they are in session. Every college and university offers some type of group and/or individual tour. Many schools also offer preview days or nights at various times throughout the school year.

Please read and keep the gray handout included in this mailing that lists specific tour information for all of the 2 and 4-year UW-System campuses.

Electronic Transcripts – Coming Soon

OHS is one of a select number of Wisconsin high schools that is piloting the use of an electronic transcript service offered through the Docufide Company. This service, entitled Secure Transcripts, will become available this fall and will provide our students with an efficient, secure, convenient method of sending their transcripts to colleges and universities. Secure Transcripts offers the following advantages:

- ❖ 24 – hour on-line access to transcript requests – no need to visit high school office
- ❖ E-mail confirmations of transcript order, send, and reception at selected college – no more wondering whether transcripts were received by the university
- ❖ All UW-System, Wisconsin Private, and Wisconsin Technical Colleges accept Secure Transcripts
- ❖ Many other out-of-state universities accept electronic transcripts
- ❖ Environmentally responsible – tremendous reduction in paper/tree usage

Secure Transcripts will cost \$2.55 per transcript. Payment is with a credit or debit card on-line.

We will keep you informed as to when the service is ready for use. We are working with Docufide to get it ready as soon as possible, as we know it will become your method of choice for sending college transcripts. Stay Tuned!

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE DATES

September 12:	ACT Test Date
September 18:	October ACT Registration deadline
September 30:	College Funding Workshop
October 14:	PSAT Test for College-Bound Juniors
October 19-23:	Red Ribbon Week
October 21:	PLAN Test for Sophomores
October 24:	ACT Test Date