



December 2022 Board Report

Winter Participation

Below are current participation numbers for this year and the previous several years for the following winter sports.

	2023	2022	2021	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Boys Basketball	27	25	21	25	22	19	26	25	25	29	36
Girls Basketball	21	20	25	28	34	35	28	33	23	26	33
Wrestling	30	36	36	26	21	16	24	26	27	27	25
Boys Bowling	19	24	16	14	12	13	11	10	11	12	16
Girls Bowling	2	9	6	5	3	7	11	9	8	10	6
OHS IHSA Enrollment	417	404	404	430	422	439	443	449	467	492	522
% of enrollment	23.7	28.2	25.7	22.7	21.8	20.5	22.5	22.9	20.1	21.1	22.2

Athletic Community Service:

The following programs have recently completed service projects.

Bowling – The program raised \$3,184 for Serenity Hospice. Bowlers were asked to obtain donations, most were a fixed amount, but a few were on a per pin basis. The bowlers then held a 4-hour bowling competition as a part of the fund raiser on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Each person bowled 1 game for initial position and were seated by score. Game 2 was a one-on-one match play format with a blind draw with the match winner keeping the higher standings position. Game 3 was a challenge match with lower position bowlers challenging higher position bowlers in a single match play game, with the winner take the higher standings position. Then, a top 10 step-ladder bracket was created, with 2 legs, all with a single match play game to determine the winner. The high overall dollar collector automatically received the #1 seed in the step-ladder, which actually was the semi-finals (as there were 2 legs to the brackets) so there was an incentive to generate the most money and by-pass all the preliminary matches.

Football – Provided helped at the Etnyre company picnic prior to the start of the season. Players ran games and helped serve food. Mt. Morris Freedom Festival. Players also helped conduct a middle School football camp.

Golf – All 16 golfers participated Oregon Golf Team Playday @ Silver Ridge back on September 17th. \$300 of proceeds went to Pegasus Special Riders from the Playday for special feed, medication and equipment for the horses at Pegasus. Also, a beneficiary was the Tony Steward Golf Scholarship Fund (Shane Stuart) who ran a game on hole #2 to raise funds for Tony's scholarship Fund.

Cross Country – The program volunteered at the Halloween Story Walk at Park West on October 17. Athletes helped coordinate and run games, took photos and helped with tours on the story walk through the Park District.

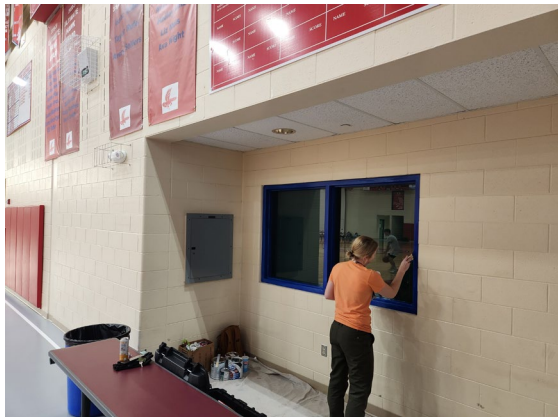
Volleyball – Volleyball program members assisted at the annual youth camp over the summer and also helped run their annual Volley for the Cure Night.

Athletic Hall of Fame

An initial meeting was held on Tuesday, December 5 for community members who may be interested in establishing an OCUSD Athletic Hall of Fame.

Blackhawk Center updates

The gradual “branding” of the Blackhawk Center is continuing as Nicole Arand from Sharp Custom Painting is doing some updates to the entrance area of the fieldhouse to remove the old green color scheme to red/blue. Nicole is responsible for the outstanding artwork completed in the OHS Gym last summer.



Events recently hosted

- Oregon High School recently hosted both the boys and girls varsity and JV basketball tournaments. The 12 team girls Tipoff Classic was November 15-18 while the boys Thanksgiving Tournament (also 12 teams) ran from Nov. 20-25. .
- Hawk Classic Boys & Girls Bowling Invitational @ Plum Hollow was held on December 2.
- The 25th Annual Oregon Freshman Boys Basketball Tournament will take place on Friday & Saturday, December 15 & 16.

Winter Sports Update

Boys Basketball – As of December 12, the varsity team has a record of 5-3 while the JV team is 8-3. The fresh-soph team is currently 1-4. The Hawks earned the #3 seed of 16 teams at the upcoming annual Forrester Holiday Tournament.

Girls Basketball – As of December 12, the varsity girls’ team has a record of 2-9 overall. The JV squad is currently 4-5.

Wrestling – As of December 12, the varsity wrestlers had a 5-1 record in dual meets. The Hawks finished in 10th place of 20 teams at the annual Plano Tournament on Dec 8 & 9.

Girls Bowling – There are only two girls participating this year so they will not be competing as a team – only as individuals.

Boys Bowling – The boys are off to a fine start with a dual meet record of 7-2. More impressively, the Hawks won back to back Saturday tournament titles, finishing in first place at their own Hawk Classic on December 2 and taking first of 12 teams at the LaSalle-Peru Cavalier Classic on

December 9. At that event, junior Gavvin Surmo rolled a perfect 300 game, the third in program history.

JH Boys Basketball – Both the 7th and 8th grade teams finished their seasons at the Rt. 72 Conference Tournament at Forreston. The 7th graders upset #2 seed Pecatonica in the opening round and took fourth place overall.

JH Girls Basketball & Wrestling – Sign up began on Dec. 11 for these sports with the first practices being Monday, January 8 after break.

Respectfully submitted,

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