

To: Dr. Mahoney
Board of Education
From: Heidi Deininger
Re: Board Report
Date: 4/10/2024



[School Improvement Plan](#) (click on this link to see most recent progress)

Some important dates:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) 7th & 8th grades – Ap 2, 4, 5 8, 9, 11(ONE MORE DAY!)
- PSAT/SAT testing 9-11th grades – April 12 (junior high students will have an eLearning day)
- Prom- Saturday April 27 (6:00 Wagner House, Freeport); Grand March 4:00 PM Blackhawk Center (open to the public)
- 8th grade recognition night: Friday, May 17th 7:00 OHS gym
- Senior Honors Night – Wednesday, May 15th 7:00 PM Rock River Center
- Graduation on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 PM (we moved it to a Sunday to avoid IHSA state track conflicts)
- Last day of school for Seniors – May 15
- Last day of school for 8th grade – May 17
- Finals – May 21, 22, 23
- High School Student of the Quarter – May 17 7:30 AM
- 7th grade Student of the Quarter – May 23 10:30 AM

Student Activities

- Junior high students have been bowling these past couple of weeks in their PE classes. We are very grateful to our friends at Town & Country Lanes for hosting our PE classes.
- All students were able to view the eclipse, virtually, using the live feed that Mr. Gadow provided from Northern IL University. It was a great, safe way to view the eclipse.
- The FFA leadership team and our Ag teachers, Mr. McMillan and Ms. Eden, presented at Rotary on April 3. They shared about what is going on in our Ag program, as well as about FFA and all it provides for our students. It was agriculture day at Rotary, so it was a nice opportunity to share with our local stakeholders all that we have going on in our programs.
- IHSA Music Sweepstakes April 12-13 – our band and choir will be representing OJSHS this weekend in Stockton. You can follow along and check their results [Here](#)
- On May 8 (May 10 is the rain date), we will join the City of Oregon, Oregon Police Department and Oregon Fire Department to hold a “Ride & Roll” to school day. This event encourages students and staff to ride bikes, rollerblade, skateboards, etc to school. Some highlights of the event include:
 - Prizes for “best decorated bike” and “longest ride” for both OES and OJSHS
 - A “rolling rodeo” – showing off our bikes and other rolling devices
 - Doughnuts, juice & coffee
 - There will be a remote lot for parents to drop off students so they can ride to school from that location (possibly the Rock River Center)
 - Oregon Police and Fire departments will be in attendance; the fire department is planning to bring the ladder truck

Academics

- We have been focused on state testing, which is finishing up this week
- MAP testing for 7th & 8th grades will start the last week of April
- HS teachers will do a final assessment of writing, using ThinkCerca, the first week of May
- Once testing is completed, we have encouraged teachers to do some problem/project based learning activities and try out AI resources. Ms. Rad has become our resident “expert” in all things AI. Recently, she shared this with our teachers to encourage them to try something new. This AI tool is called **Parlay**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1th2cDmcb9y_kGJSsDLKjgR-eJlBtkaGrtLvXKjqu4q8/edit?usp=sharing

**We want staff to learn about all the ways AI can make our jobs more efficient, as well as interactive.

The Leader in Me – Spotlight- School Environment

Our school environment team has done a tremendous job of spreading the Leader in Me message around the building. This team is made up (mostly) of our paraprofessionals . They are extremely committed to making sure all bulletin boards have positive messages and specifically messages related to the 7 Habits and 4 Disciplines of Execution.

Profile of a Graduate

- We have gone through the process of narrowing down the themes of our feedback related to the Profile of a Graduate. Based on all of the feedback from focus groups and the two surveys we sent out, we have narrowed down the themes to:
 - Self-Management, Responsibility, Self-efficacy
 - Resilience & adaptability
 - Communication
 - Collaboration
 - Critical thinking

Other things going on at OJSHS

- We are working on finishing the master schedule. Students are looking forward to some of the new classes we are teaching. Of specific interest are: AP Language and Composition; Forensic Science, Foods & Nutrition and Senior Seminar. We are also excited to introduce the education pathway which will provide students with as many as 12 hours of dual credit towards a teaching certification (in addition to any other dual credit classes they may take such as English 121/122, Literature 144/141 and/or College Psychology)
- We are doing our best to make sure we get all of our vacant positions filled (as you may notice by all of our recommendations for hire)