



February 2016 Board Report

IHSA Academic Awards

We are proud to announce that five varsity OHS fall sports teams have received the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Awards for obtaining a team GPA of over 3.0 for the semester during their season. The teams are:

Girls Cross Country – 3.576
Boys Soccer – 3.25
Girls Volleyball – 3.582
Boys Golf – 3.35
Girls Golf – 3.581

Congratulations to these teams on this fine accomplishment!

Drug testing

As of February 1, one hundred seventy-seven (177) students have been randomly tested so far this school year. All results have been negative.

Communications/Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 693 followers as of February 9. Last year at this time, there were 519.

Also, for the first time Oregon High School live-streamed a sporting event. On January 29, the Oregon home boys basketball game vs. Mendota was webcast at www.thecube.com. On February 6, the boys basketball game in southern Illinois vs. Harrisburg was also webcast on "The Cube". The site had over 500 views that evening. "The Cube" is a website specifically designed to carry webcasts of high school sporting events.

Events:

Oregon High School hosted the following events over the past month:

Oregon/KSB Fr-Soph Wrestling Classic – Over 20 teams participated in the event at the Black Hawk Center on Saturday, January 30.

IHSA Class 2A Regional Girls Basketball Tournament – Six teams participated Monday, February 8 through Thursday, February 11 at the Blackhawk Center.

Winter Sport updates

Boys Basketball – As of Feb. 9, the Hawks had a record of 17-7 overall, 7-3 in BNC play, tied for second place. The team recently defeated Winnebago for the first time since 2007. The sophomore team is 4-14, 0-10 in BNC play. The IHSA Regional tournament will be held beginning the week of Feb. 22 and the Hawks will either be at Sterling Newman or Byron for this event.

Girls Basketball – The Lady Hawks varsity team finished the season with a 7-22 record, including a 2-10 mark in BNC play. They defeated Prophetstown in the opening round of the Class 2A regional before falling to Byron in the semi-finals. The sophomores finished 16-11, 8-6 in the BNC. The freshman team finished with a record of 3-15.

Wrestling – The Hawks finished their regular season with a dual meet record of 10-13, finishing in 6th place at the Polo 1A regional, and qualifying three wrestlers for the IHSA sectional meet.

Boys Bowling – The Hawks finished a record setting season with a perfect 12-0 dual match record and won the first regional bowling championship in school history. At sectional, the Hawks finished a disappointing 11th place and did not qualify as a team for state. However, co-op bowler Derek Poole advanced as an individual and finished in 16th place at the state meet.

Girls Bowling – The Lady Hawks also finished a record setting undefeated season with a record of 14-0 in dual matches and won both the Big Northern Conference championship and the NIBC championship. At the IHSA regional, the Lady Hawks finished in 4th place overall and advanced as a team to the Sectional meet.

Academic Bowl – OHS participated in the Big Northern Tournament on Feb. 15 at Genoa-Kingston.

Junior High Girls Basketball – As of Feb. 9, the 8th grade team had a record of 6-2 while the 7th graders were 2-6.

Junior High Wrestling – There are 26 boys out for Jr. High wrestling this year which is slightly up from last season.

Junior High Music – The music departments at DLR and OES competed in the Route 72 Conference Solo and Ensemble Contest held on Feb. 6 at Forreston. DLR & OES received 66 Division I ratings, 29 Division II ratings, and 4 Division III ratings. Over 100 band and choir students participated in the event which included solos, duets, trios, quartets, and larger vocal ensembles. There were four perfect scores; Megan Gracyalny on her vocal solo, Lydia Cermak on her piano solo, Lillian Garncarz and Cynthia Nyderek on their clarinet duet, and Abigail Tomlinson, Austin Ebert, and McAuley Humphrey on their trumpet trio. A special “thank you” goes out to the adult piano accompanists who played for many of the instrumental solos and vocal events. They were: Carol Reckmeyer, Beth Hall, Andy Eckardt, Karen Larsen, Cathy Hendricks, Vera Hickey, and Andrea Richards.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lawton

