



April 2016 Board Report

Random Drug testing

As of spring break (March 24), two hundred forty-seven (247) OHS students have been randomly tested so far this school year. All have been negative results.

Communications/Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 728 followers as of April 12. Last year at this time, we had 553.

Effect of Weather

This year's spring weather has rough on the start of the outdoor spring sports season. As of April 11, we have had postponements and cancellations as follows:

Var. Baseball – 3 DH's cancelled, 1 game postponed
Var. Softball - 3 DH's cancelled, 1 game cancelled
F/S Baseball – 2 games cancelled
F/S Softball – 2 DH's cancelled, 1 game postponed
Boys track – 2 meets cancelled
Girls track – 2 meets cancelled

Spring Sports Participation #'s

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Baseball	20	24	30	29
Softball	26	23	29	33
Girls Track	32	33	26	32
Boys Track	45	39	37	39

We are getting close to not being able to field a fresh-soph baseball team. This year, for the first time, we had to make major schedule adjustments to the F/S schedule since we no longer can play those games at the same time as the varsity game. This is due to the fact that many underclassmen must play varsity to be able to field a competitive team at that level. With the addition of girls' soccer next spring, we may be in the same situation with softball.

Bass Fishing

Once again, Mr. Eckardt will be advising an OHS bass fishing club to take to the IHSA sectional event on Friday, May 6 at Pierce Lake at Rock Cut State Park

BNC Art Festival

Oregon High School hosted the annual Big Northern Conference Art Festival at OHS on Thursday, April 14. Sixteen conference schools were in attendance. The festival included workshops for students by local artists and craftspeople, a college fair, and a public show in the OHS Gym in the evening. Special thanks to OHS Art instructor Cheryl Bunton for her tremendous efforts in helping to coordinate this event.

Upcoming Events:

Oregon High School will be hosting the following major athletic events between April 18 and the end of the school year:

- Six team varsity girls and JV boys Landers-Loomis Relays on April 19
- Twelve team varsity Girls Track Invitational on April 23
- Eighteen team varsity Boys Carlson Hawk Track Classic on April 29
- Six team co-ed DLR JH Track Carnival on May 2
- IESA Class AA JH Sectional Track Meet on May 14
- IHSA Boys Sectional Track Meet on May 20

Oregon High School has also been assigned the IHSA Class 2A girls softball regional tournament that will be held the week of May 17-21 at Park West.

Facility upgrade

The athletic department recently purchased a new portable outfield fence for use at OHS events at Park West, primarily to use as an outfield fence on the varsity diamond. For years, a mesh “snow fence” had been setup for this purpose but was substandard both functionally and aesthetically. The new fence comes in panels that can be moved and set up fairly easily. Possible other future uses include cross country and soccer.



Spring Sports Update

Baseball – As of April 11, the varsity baseball team is currently 2-5 (1-2 in BNC play). The fr-soph team is 0-6 (0-4 BNC)

Softball – As of April 11, the varsity softball team is currently 5-3 overall, 2-2 in BNC play. The fr-soph team is 6-2 (2-0 BNC).

Boys Track – The OHS boys won the 40th annual Gebhardt-Worley Invitational on April 9, finishing one point ahead of both Dixon and Erie-Prophetstown.

Girls Track – The OHS girls finished in 6th place at the Morrison Relays on April 7 and in 7th place at the Gebhardt-Worley Invitational on April 9.

Junior High Track – DLR Jr. High opened their season at Dixon on April 7 and hosted their first home meet on April 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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