OREGON HIGH SCHOOL | HOME OF THE HAWKS AND LADY HAWKS

## Oregon High School continues its traditions

Oregon High School continues its traditions tied academics, service, activities and leadership, helping us fulfill our district mission: Educate students to be life-long learners who are productive, responsible citizens. OHS has been nationally recognized three times since 2011 as one of the top high schools in the U.S.

Oregon High School students can enroll in the following Advanced Placement courses: AP Statistics, AP U.S. Government, AP Art History, AP Environmental Science, AP Spanish Language, AP Literature and AP Calculus AB. In addition, OHS students can take a number of dual credit courses offered through Highland Community College, and can potentially graduate with up to a full year's worth of college credit. OHS students often earn enough college credit by graduation with between a full semester to a full year worth of college credit.

There are plenty of elective programs available at OHS, far more than at other high schools of similar size. Students can take courses in both choral and instrumental music, art, agriculture, woodworking, welding, Spanish and project-based learning. Students also have a variety of clubs to choose from, ranging from Dungeons and Dragons to Club 9, where students take a variety of trips experience any number of cultural experiences.

OHS students regularly accrue over 10,000 hours of community service at the end of each school year through, school-wide service days, athletic team service projects and service students do outside of normal school functions.

The Oregon High School Band had an amazing 2015-16 school year. Early in the year, students auditioned for the Illinois Music Educators Association (ILMEA) ensembles. The band had eight students selected to the ILMEA district band and two students in the jazz band. One student, senior Allyse Ketter, was selected to the ILMEA Honors All-State Concert Band. Going on at the same time as the ILMEA festivals, the OHS Marching Hawks were working hard on their show, "Star Wars Episode MMXV: Attack of the Tones." They performed at all four home football games, attended two competitions, and marched in three parades.

The jazz band is an optional smaller group of the band program which rehearses during their study hall. They performed several gigs throughout the area during the year and into the summer. The jazz band also took part in the state organizational contest in April. This contest for jazz and concert band as well

as choir, in combination with the Solo/Ensemble contest, accumulates points toward the IHSA Music Sweepstakes Contest. All six Oregon ensembles received Superior ratings, the band placed 3rd in the state for class B, and the school placed 4th!

When the winter sports season begins, so also begins the Pep Band season. The craziest pep band in the state dazzled the home crowds with their exciting music and inane dress-up themes. The same crazy students are all business in the concert band setting. The OHS Concert Band produced an outstanding series of concerts this year, including the 22nd annual Band Extravaganza in March, featuring all 200 band students in the district.

Because of their hard work, the band is rewarded with a summer trip every other year. This summer is an off year, but the band will be heading back to perform at Disney World in the summer of 2017!



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## Another successful year!

Oregon High School had another successful year in athletic competition during the 2015-16 school year. Highlights for the Hawks included:

The Lady Hawk volleyball team finished with a record of 28-9, and reached the IHSA 2A Regional Championship game.

The OHS boys soccer team won the Big Northern West Conference championship with a perfect 12-0 record. The team won the IHSA 1A Regional championship, and reached the Sectional finals, finishing with an overall record of 21-4

The OHS boys and girls golf teams

combined to go 21-3 in dual meets.

The OHS boys basketball team captured 1st place at its' annual Oregon Thanksgiving tournament winning all four games in the event. The Hawks also advanced to the IHSA 2A Regional championship game and finished with an overall record of 21-9.

The OHS boys bowling team finished with a perfect 12-0 dual meet record and claimed the IHSA Regional championship.

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14-0 dual meet record.

The Lady Hawk softball team advanced to the IHSA Class 2A Regional Championship game.

The boys track 4 x 400m relay team captured third place at the IHSA Class 1A State Finals.

In addition to their fine accomplishments on the field, court, mat, or diamond, OHS athletes donated over 1,500 hours of community service back to the area through various events. It's great to be an Oregon Hawk!

