

OREGON Hawks

March 2018 Board Report

Drug testing

As of March 8, 229 students have been randomly tested so far this school year. All tested negative. Two refused testing.

Communications/Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 980 followers as of March 12. This is up from 851 last year at this time.

Spring Participation Numbers

	<u>This year</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
Baseball	19	21	20	24
Softball	20	28	26	23
Boys Track	37	52	41	36
Girls Track	24	25	28	33
Girls Soccer	24	31	-	-

As our enrollment continues to decline, so do our roster numbers. We will not field a fr-soph level team in either baseball or softball this season but will instead play “JV” games that will allow us to play innings for players at any age who are not at as advanced skill level as varsity requires. This is similar to what soccer has done for many years.

New Scoreboards

Through a cooperative effort between OCUSD and the Oregon Park District with Nevco Scoreboards, two new scoreboards were installed on the competition court at the Blackhawk Center in late February. Local advertisers will play for the actual new scoreboards with the school and park districts covering only the installation cost.



Athletic Community Service Update

Cheerleading – The OHS cheer team earned service hours through several different events. After home football and basketball games they helped clean up the bleachers. Several members of the

squad volunteered their time to assist at the Oregon Masonic Lodge Car Show. Also, the team partnered with the Stillman Valley High School Cheer team in a friendly competition to raise money for the Ogle County Toys for Tots. The team that raised the most money (OHS won!) went shopping to purchase toys and presents for the organization. These efforts totaled 272 hours.

Girls Basketball – The OHS girls' basketball squad also held several service events. This was the 8th year doing the present wrapping for Earth Angels. Earth Angels is an organization that collects toys, clothing, and other presents to give to underprivileged families during the holidays. They collect all the donations and on one Saturday in December, players went in and wrapped all the presents. Before OHS started helping, it would take the few volunteers 3 days to get everything done. Since we've started helping, it usually takes us only 3-4 hours to get everything sorted and wrapped. Also, team members headed to Dixon on a Saturday morning to help with the Special Olympics Skills Challenge Day. OHS players help the athletes complete a set of basketball skills challenges ranging from dribbling to passing to shooting. OHS players work at each station, tracking the scores and running the events. OHS has girls that are in charge of a "team" and help them move from one event to the next.

Bowling - The OHS Bowling teams held a Bowl-a-thon on Sunday March 4, 2018 from 8 am - 1 pm at Plum Hollow Bowling alley in Dixon raise money for the Heitter family. The boys and girls competed in different games throughout the 5 hours. Team member Taylor Wilson suggested raising money for the Heitter family, because Christa Heitter has been battling cancer for the last several years. Christa Heitter was a teacher for the Oregon school district for three years, and her husband Seth have been a big part of the Oregon/Mt. Morris community. Christa and Seth have two children. Jarren is a freshman and Brenna is in seventh grade. The Bowling team thought they should help some of their fellow students and their family. The bowling team raised \$1130 to help the Heitter family.

Activities Update

Academic Bowl – The OHS varsity academic bowl team hosted and competed at last month's BNC tournament here at OHS. The season ended on March 5 as the team bowed out at the Byron IHSA Class A Regional tournament, defeating Amboy but losing to Galena in the semi-finals/

Spring Musical – OHS held its' annual Spring Musical on March 8, 9, 10, & 11. Forty-three (43) students were involved in the production of "The King & I"

IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest – OHS attended the annual IHSA Solo & Ensemble contest on March 3 at West Carroll High School. Mr. Eckardt reports, "Oregon took home 71 Division I ratings, 20 Division II, and 8 Division III. Among those were 12 best of day awards (each of the 18 judges get to pick a best of day award for their room). Oregon took 12 of the 18, and there were 12 schools at our contest site! These totals will be accumulated with our results from the large group contest in April, which will then give us our state ranking. After Saturday, we are currently in 5th place out of 49 schools in class B (not counting those schools who do not take groups to contest). With solid scores in April, we will have a legitimate shot at 2nd or 3rd place!"

Honors & Awards:

Big Northern All-Conference selections (as selected by conference coaches)

Wrestling – 1st team- Jacob Milliman, Andrew Herbst, Noah Paul
2nd team – Zachary Crandall, Chris Alaniz, Garret Moser

Hon. Mention – Chase Clark

Girls Basketball – Bailey Montavon (Second Team)

Boys Basketball – Trey Woolsey (Hon. Mention)

Academic Bowl – Allysa Thiesen (Second Team)

Winter Sports Update

OHS Boys Basketball – The varsity boys finished their season with an 8-22 record, 1-9 in Big Northern Conference play. The Hawks defeated North Boone in the opening round of the Rfd. Christian Class 2A regional, before falling to Winnebago in the regional semifinal game. The Fr-Soph squad finished 8-18.

OHS Wrestling – 113 pound sophomore Jacob Milliman finished in 4th place at the IHSA State Finals at the University of Illinois.

JH Wrestling – The JH wrestlers completed their season at the Rt. 72 Tournament in Stillman Valley on Tuesday, March 7 with a 1st place finish out of six teams. 10 DLR wrestlers earned first place

JH Girls Basketball – Both the 7th and 8th grade teams ended their seasons at the Rt. 72 Conference girls basketball tournament at Ashton/Franklin Center. The 8th grade team finished conference play with a 2-5 record while the 7th grade went 5-2 in conference games and finished in 4th place at the tournament.

Spring Sports Update

Boys and girls track practice began in mid-February. Baseball, softball, and girls' soccer began on Monday, February 26. Jr. High track practice began Wednesday, March 14 with the first JH meet scheduled for April 5.

Upcoming Events:

Oregon High School will be hosting the 12 team boys and 10 team girls Gebhardt-Worley Track Invitational on Saturday, April 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lawton