



March 2016 Board Report

Drug testing

As of Feb. 22, 212 students have been randomly tested so far this school year. All have tested negative.

Communications/Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 709 followers as of March 15. This is up from 522 last year at this time.

Facilities

The good early spring weather has enabled our buildings & grounds crew to get the OHS Baseball Field set up much earlier than normal. The baseball team was practicing on the diamond as early as March 7 and the complex was completely ready for the first scheduled game March 15.

Athletic Community Service Update

Girls Basketball – The girls program had three service events this season – a Layups 4 Lauren cancer benefit, Earth Angels present wrapping at Christmas, and helping at the Special Olympics Skills Day in January. The girls accumulated 183 hours of service time with these three activities.

Bowling – The boys and girls bowlers held a fundraising event for Special Olympics on March 4 & 5 at Plum Hollow and raised over \$1,500. The bowlers combined for 128.5 hours of service with this event.

Activities Update

Academic Bowl – The OHS varsity academic bowl team finished in 7th place at last month's BNC tournament at Genoa-Kingston while the fresh-soph team finished in 2nd place. The season ended on March 7 as the team bowed out at the Byron IHSA Regional tournament.

Spring Musical – OHS held its' annual Spring Musical on March 10, 11, & 12. Fifty students were involved in the production of "Oliver".

IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest – OHS attended the annual IHSA Solo & Ensemble contest on March 5 at West Carroll High School. Oregon earned a 4th place ranking at the event with individuals ranked as follows:

Perfect Scores & Best of Day - Alex Sitze, clarinet; Kyle Cermak, clarinet

Nearly perfect scores - Jacob Ebens, Salina Ferge, Sydne Robinson, Gage Brown (vocal solos); Nordman et al, (vocal ensemble); Kelsey Handschuh (trombone solo); Will Coots (horn); Valeria Viteri-Pflucker & Austin Schroeder (duet)

Honors & Awards:

OHS Girls Basketball Team - Selected by conference coaches as the winner of the 2015-16 BNC West Sportsmanship Award.

Trevor Otten – Selected by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association as a 3rd Team All-State selection.

Big Northern All-Conference selections

Wrestling – (Unanimous) - Dominic Marchetti, Matthew Crandall; (All-Conf) – John Ghibellini, Matthew Stevens, David Labash; (Hon. Mention) – Garrett Rude

Boys Basketball – (Unanimous) Trevor Otten, (All-Conf) Arne Wendler

Girls Basketball – Bailey Montavon (Hon. Mention)

Girls Bowling – Alyson Scheidecker, Abigail Scheidecker, Caitlyn Kaltenbrun (all first team), Victoria Barnhart (Hon. Mention)

Academic Bowl – Paul Reckamp

Winter Sports Update

OHS Wrestling – The Hawks ended their season at the Princeton sectional with none of the three OHS wrestlers who participated qualifying for the state meet.

OHS Boys Basketball – The varsity boys finished their season with a fine 21-9 record, 10-4 in Big Northern Conference play, good enough for a tie for second place. The Hawks defeated Riverdale in the opening round of the Sterling Newman Class 2A regional, before falling to Newman in the regional championship game. The sophomores finished with a 4-18 record.

OHS Girls Bowling – At the IHSA Sectional, the Lady Hawks finished in 8th place and were not able to advance to the state finals.

JH Wrestling – The JH wrestlers completed their season at the Rt. 72 tournament in Oregon on Tuesday, March 8 with a second place finish out of six teams. DLR had six wrestlers take home first place individually.

JH Girls Basketball – Congratulations to the DLR JH 8th grade girls who won the Rt. 72 Conference girls basketball tournament on March 10. They also were regular season champs.

Spring Sports Update

OHS Baseball & Softball started practice on February 29. Initial sign-up numbers appear to be slightly down a bit for both programs. Both teams were scheduled to open their season on March 15.

Boys & Girls Track – The OHS boys began practice the week of Feb. 16 while the girls started Feb. 23. The OHS boys opened their season at the Sterling Gold Medal Meet on Saturday, March 5 at Westwood while the girls opened at the Sycamore Indoor Girls Invite on March 16. The outdoor

season begins on Thursday, March 24 with a home girls' meet and the boys at Mendota (weather permitting).

JH Track – Practice began Wednesday, March 16 with the first meet scheduled for April 7.

Upcoming Events:

Oregon High School will be hosting the following major events in next few weeks:

- 12 boys team and 12 girls team Gebhardt-Worley Track Invitational on Saturday, April 9
- Big Northern Conference Art Festival on Thursday evening, April 14

Respectfully submitted,

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