

To: Dr. Mahoney
 Board of Education
 From: Heidi Deininger
 Re: Board Report
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Some upcoming important dates:

March 16th-20th - 8th grade Illinois Science Assessment
 April 4-14th (various days) IAR Testing 7th & 8th grade
 April 12th - PSAT/SAT High School; junior high students will be eLearning

Academics

Winter Benchmark Scores

Grade Level	ELA Assessment Data	Math Assessment Data
7th	60.4% (at or above grade level) MAP Assessment +8% from fall	42.7% (at or above grade level) MAP Assessment +7% from fall
8th	59.5% (at or above grade level) MAP Same as fall	43% (at or above grade level) Map Assessment Same as fall
9th	49% (Meets/Exceeds) Horizon PSAT practice +11% from fall	48% +13% from fall
10th	62% (Meets/Exceeds) Horizon PSAT practice +6% from fall	55% +16% from fall
11th	38% (Meets/Exceeds) Horizon SAT practice +1% from fall	3% -3% from fall

In the classroom

- Students at all grade levels are working to build and solidify skills through the use of iXL, ThinkCerca, HMH Anywhere and Paper.co
- Students are working on test preparation
- 8th Grade Science students are taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) March 16th-20th; Juniors also take the ISA. They will be taking it April 18.
- 8th grade math students continue to work with Arizona State University to build math skills and prepare for the IAR.

The Leader in Me

- We have visitors coming from Rochester School district to observe our Leader in Me lessons and talk with our teachers/administrative team about Leader in Me. They will be observing Kristen Lookingland’s 8th grade lesson and Olyvia Donahue’s goal setting session with sophomores.

- Donuts and discussion is March 24 at 7:15 in the OJSHS library. Please join us for an activity related to Habit 6 “Synergize”

Student Activities

- The junior high play, “12 Incompetent Jurors” is March 16-20.
- We just wrapped up the high school musical “The Addams Family”; it was fabulous! So many students and staff members were involved. We have a very talented and dedicated fine arts department!
- The Band Extravaganza (bands from 5th-12th grades) will be March 16th at 7:00 in the Blackhawk Center
- Our FFA executive team is speaking at Rotary on March 15th about upcoming FFA projects
- We had a representative from Etnyre visit our Advanced Welding class to do some quality control on the parts our OJSHS students are producing for Etnyre
- Social Entrepreneurship Businesses made their final business pitches on March 9 to a panel of local business experts. The businesses this year are: EC Detail -a mobile car detailing business; Olive Tree Co – mental health awareness through messaging on sweatshirts; ReTailored Paper – using paper waster to make recycled paper journals; Support Threads – bracelets to raise awareness; ZC Thrifty – recycling clothes/eliminating waste
- Our Hawk Huddles are actively working on their service projects. Part of our SIP was to have every Hawk Huddle complete a service project this year. Here is a news story about one of the projects: <https://www.wifr.com/video/2023/02/09/oregon-high-school-students-need-plastic-donations-community-bench/>
- Here is a list of projects that are happening: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H2TS2n22PG_ZAvELMWqiPfq7kBuvtrxFa_viSNy5lqI/edit#gid=0

School Improvement Plan Highlights

OJSHS School Improvement Plan

Highlights:

- **Academics:** As you can see from the data provided above, we have made some growth, except at the 8th grade & junior level. Both English and Math at are very focused on test prep and continue to work on skills that students have shown as weaknesses. All content areas were required to submit a plan for test prep from March 1 until the tests in early April. Here is the plan from the Math department https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EFEX1jbwhR_z-ySLi9CwwbhrSumGPjnJdnqJBznmYu4/edit
 - Math at the junior level is a concern. The math team is working very hard to increase skills. Each teacher has a group that they work with 2 days/week during Hawk Huddle.
- **Culture/Climate:** We are working on our school improvement plan for 2023-2024 school year. We started with a SWOT analysis in February (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats). We developed working groups to examine every area and determine action plans/problem solve. Our goal is to finish the SIP before we leave for the summer so we are able to work on curriculum adjustments, get training, collaborate on instructional methods, etc over the summer months.

- **Professional Learning:** We had six teachers participate in the STAGR Virtual conference March 6-7. STAGR = standards, targets, assessments, grading & reporting. They participated to help share the message with their peers. We want to make sure our grades reflect what our students know and can do. We are able to access all professional learning materials until June 30, so our entire staff will be watching and learning. We are also sending a team of teachers to training on Professional Learning Communities in Madison in July. There will be 10 teachers from across the district attending this training. It was very impactful on the teachers who attended last year. We are hoping for the same outcomes and a greater depth of knowledge after sending 10 more teachers. We are also sending a team of teachers to a training on Social Emotional Learning in and out of the classroom. Lastly, we will have several teachers who are being trained by college board for the purposes of adding Advanced Placement courses. At OJSHS, we are adding Pre-AP English 9, AP Pre-Calculus and AP Art & Design.