



September 2020 Board Report

Random Drug Testing

Random drug testing commenced at both OHS and DLR on Monday, August 24. As of Sept. 14, 36 out of 36 results have been negative at OHS.

ASSIST

Our athletic academic support program, ASSIST, began the week of August 31. Athletes in golf, cross country, and girls swimming must come in before school for at least 30 minutes if they have a D or F when the eligibility report is run each Monday. Mrs. Carreno is the supervisor of the program this year. A student owes 1 ASSIST for a "D" and two ASSISTS for an "F". There are consequences for students who do not meet their obligation.

Communications

We now have 1,175 followers on the Athletic Department Twitter account. Last year at this time we had 1,119.

Fall Sports

Golf – Through September 15, the boys' golf team has a conference record of 4-6 and are 2-4 overall. The girls' team has a record of 4-4 overall, 1-4 in conference play. The boys were rained out the entire week of Sept. 8-12. OHS hosted their annual Salley Wessels Boys Invitational at Sunset Golf Club in Mt. Morris on Sat., Sept 19. The program hosted its' annual fundraiser golf outing at Silver Ridge on Sun. Sept. 20 with a record number of entries.

Cross Country –The season opened at home on September 10 with the girls picking up a close one point win over Byron. The boys fell to Byron and Stillman Valley in their opener. There are no large invitationals this year, only dual, tri, and quad meets. There can be no races with more than 50 participants.

Girls Swimming – Four OHS girls are participating in the Byron area swim co-op. There are no relay races this year in IHSA swimming.

Fall Contact Days

This year, due to COVID-19, the IHSA is allowing schools to have up to 20 dates of practice or workouts during the fall for sports currently not playing. At OHS, our boys basketball, girls basketball, football, soccer, and baseball teams all plan on using at least some of these dates. The "window" allowed by the IHSA is from Labor Day to Halloween. Parental consent to participate is required.

OHS Marching Band shows

The OHS Marching Band held it's first of what are three planned "Friends and Family" shows on the football field on Thursday evening, August 27. They put on a 15-20 minute performance in front of a socially distant "crowd" of appx 100 people (per Ogle Cty Health Dept. regulations). The next planned event is Mon. Sept. 21.

New/Revised schedules:

We are still working on the revisions for all of our athletic scheduling for this 2020-21 athletic year. All of our schedules that were previously created had to be tossed out and re-created using the new season dates announced by the IHSA in late July. The plan is for Jr. High athletic teams to follow a similar calendar to that of high school.

On September 14, the IHSA announced further changes to 2020-21 athletic scheduling which will require further revisions/additions on our part. At this time, it is highly likely that due to COVID 19 restrictions, there will be **no spectators allowed** at any of the indoor athletic competitions this coming winter. As such, our tech department is looking into streaming options for our high school events in the Blackhawk Center.

Coming Up

Oregon has been named as a host school for both the IHSA boys and girls golf Regional tournaments this October as follows:

- Class 1A boys' Regional golf tournament on Tuesday, October 6 (Silver Ridge)
- Class 1A girls' Regional golf tournament on Wednesday, October 7 (Silver Ridge)

OHS will also host the Big Northern Conference Jr. Varsity Cross Country meet at Park West on Mon. Oct. 19

Respectfully submitted,

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