

To: Dr. Mahoney  
Board of Education  
From: Heidi Deininger  
Re: Board Report  
Date: November 15, 2022



### **Some important dates:**

Prom- Saturday April 29

Graduation on Sunday, May 21 at 1:00 PM (we moved it to a Sunday to avoid IHSA state track conflicts)

### **Academics**

On November 3, all students in grades 9, 10 and 11 did a practice PSAT or SAT using the Horizon Assessment system. Below are our scores (reported in % meets/exceeds):

Grade Level	Math	ELA
9	35%	38%
10	29%	56%
11	*Math is the same score for both	
College Board	6%	54%
Illinois	6%	37%

### **Take-Aways:**

1. ELA scores are a relative strength
2. We have a long way to go to be “test-ready” in the Spring; especially in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Math teachers are using multiple SAT prep sources, as well as teaching the curriculum that is aligned with SAT expectations. **We will continue to monitor our data and provide intensive interventions 2<sup>nd</sup> semester to students who are close to meeting the benchmark.**
3. It is hard to gauge how seriously students take this practice assessment, which is why we do many other diagnostic assessments during the year including iXL and ThinkCerca.

### **Student Activities**

- Fall play “One Stoplight Town” was held Nov 4-6. Between the cast and crew, there were approximately 25 students involved.
- The Oregon Park District used the OJSHS theatre for their production of “101 Dalmation Kids” on Nov 12. We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with the park district.
- FFA recently returned from the national convention where students learned valuable leadership lessons and interacted with FFA members from across the country.
- The high school band recently returned from the National Marching Band competition in Indianapolis, where they watched high school bands from across the country compete.
- The choir program is preparing the annual Madrigals Show for their performances December 9. The choir holiday program is December 18.
- 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. There are many great projects that are occurring or will occur throughout the year. Here is a list of projects that are happening:

## **School Improvement Plan Highlights**

### **Oregon Junior/Senior High School SIP 2022-2023**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YWl6p1sVGpAeiBN2Dkq5H0h1g\\_dkOhLkXq\\_tKf0eFs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YWl6p1sVGpAeiBN2Dkq5H0h1g_dkOhLkXq_tKf0eFs/edit?usp=sharing)

#### **Highlights:**

- Academics
  - Horizon practice test was administered which will inform instruction, leading to curricular adjustments as needed.
- Climate/Culture
  - We hosted a parent meeting “Coffee/Donuts with Admin” on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> prior to the Veteran’s Day program. Good discussion was had regarding the integration of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade into the (formerly) high school building.
- Professional Growth
  - The Leader in Me communications team produced the first quarterly newsletter for OJSHS last month. It was emailed to families along with the school quarterly newsletter. All members of the OJSHS staff are actively participating in Leader in Me teams.

#### **The Leader in Me – Teacher Spotlight- Kristen Lookingland**

- Kristen Lookingland welcomed visitors from Rock Falls middle school on Monday, Nov 14. These visitors came to observe her implementing the weekly Leader in Me lesson. They were very impressed with our students engagement and participation. The visitors also toured the building and chatted with Dr. Deininger about our implementation of Leader in Me. Kristen is also an integral part of the Leader in Me events team who organized the Veteran’s Day program.

#### **Professional Development**

- On Thursday, the counseling and administrative team at OJSHS will be trained in Satchel Pulse which is social emotional learning program. This program will allow us to give all students 7-12 a social emotional screener and then develop groups based on student need. The program provides curriculum and instructional materials to lead these social emotional groups. We are very excited to get started using the program. We hope to give the screener before Winter Break so we can get groups started when we return.