



March 2017 Board Report

Drug testing

As of Feb. 27, 204 students have been randomly tested so far this school year. All have tested negative.

Communications/Twitter

Our athletic department Twitter account (@OregonHawks) has 851 followers as of March 14. This is up from 709 last year at this time.

Facilities

The good early spring weather 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 on the first day of practice Monday, Feb. 27. That came to a grinding halt with the snows of March 12 & 13.

Spring Participation Numbers

	<i><u>This year</u></i>	<i><u>Last year</u></i>	<i><u>2014-15</u></i>
Baseball	21	20	24
Softball	28	26	23
Boys Track	52	41	36
Girls Track	25	28	33
Girls Soccer	31	-	-

The addition of girls' soccer does not initially appear to have had a significant effect on participation numbers in softball or girls track. Softball is slightly up, girls track is slightly down. It will likely take several years to accurately assess the long term effects.

Athletic Community Service Update

Bowling – The boys and girls bowlers held a bowl-a-thon the night of Feb 24/25 to raise money for the Burke family for medical expenses for Tate Burke. Tate has been in the middle school bowling program. The event went from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. raised almost \$2,000. The Oregon bowlers combined for 122 hours of service with this event.

Cheerleading – The OHS cheer team earned service hours through several different events. After football games this past fall, they helped clean up the bleachers. Several members of the squad volunteered their time to assist and teach the Jr. Tackle Cheerleaders. Other projects were working at the Oregon Masonic Lodge Car Show, delivering Christmas presents to Pinecrest, and selling breast cancer awareness T-shirts to benefit Heitter family and Winnebago Pink Heels. These projects combined for over 260 hours of service.

Girls Basketball – The OHS girls' basketball squad also held several service events. The project that earned the most hours was holiday gift wrapping for the 6th year in a row for an organization called Earth Angels. In January, many members of the program went to Byron to help with the Special

Olympics Skills Challenge Day. And near the start of the season, the team held a sports equipment donation event. These three events added up to 142 hours of service time.

Activities Update

Academic Bowl – The OHS varsity academic bowl team finished in 7th place at last month's BNC tournament at Mendota while the fresh-soph team finished in 4th place. The season ended on March 6 as the team bowed out at the Byron IHSA Class A Regional tournament.

Spring Musical – OHS held its' annual Spring Musical on March 9, 10, 11, & 12. Thirty-nine (39) students were involved in the production of "Little Shop of Horrors".

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

Best of Day Awards: Kelsey Handshuh – trombone solo; Rosie Sarantakos—percussion solo; Prose et al—Chamber Choir; Handschuh et al—Olivia Stafford, Kelsey Handschuh, Tessa Burger, Chloe Diehl-Walker, Brooke Harris

Perfect Scores: Kelsey Handschuh—trombone solo; Gage Brown—vocal solo; Prose et al—Chamber Choir; Brown et al—Gage Brown, Travis Drake, Bill Paul, Jacob Kwak, Jeff Gracyalny, Mason Handel; Wilson et al—Taylor Wilson, Jacob Christensen, Meghan Gracyalny, Matthew Shere, Brayden Bradshaw, Cinja Schendel

Honors & Awards:

Big Northern All-Conference selections

Wrestling – 1st team- Anthony Marchetti; 2nd Team- Chase Clark; Hon. Mention- Jacob Milliman

Girls Basketball – Bailey Montavon (Hon. Mention)

Academic Bowl – Rosie Sarantakos (First Team)

Winter Sports Update

OHS Boys Basketball – The varsity boys finished their season with a 6-24 record, 2-8 in Big Northern Conference play. The Hawks defeated North Boone in the opening round of the Rfd. Christian Class 2A regional, before falling to the host school, Rfd. Christian, in the regional semifinal game.

JH Wrestling – The JH wrestlers completed their season at the Rt. 72 tournament in Polo on Tuesday, March 7 with a 1st place finish out of six teams. DLR had ten wrestlers take home first place individually.

JH Girls Basketball – Both the 7th and 8th grade teams ended their seasons on Saturday, March 4 at the Rt. 72 Conference girls basketball tournament in Byron. The 8th grade team finished conference play with a 2-5 record while the 7th grade went 3-4 in conference games.

Spring Sports Update

Boys and girls track practice began in mid-February. Baseball, softball, and girls soccer began on Monday, February 27. Jr. High track practice began Wednesday, March 15 with the first meet scheduled for April 6.

Upcoming Events:

Oregon High School will be hosting the 12 team boys and girls Gebhardt-Worley Track Invitational on Saturday, April 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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