



## September 2022 Board Report

### Random Drug Testing

Random drug testing commenced for both HS and JH athletes on Thursday, September 1. So far, all 36 results have been negative.

### Fall Participation

The following are the participation numbers for our fall high school athletic teams:

	Sept 2022	Sept 2021	Sept 2020	Sept 2019	Sept 2018	Sept 2017	Sept 2016	Sept 2015	Sept 2014
Football	77	66	None	48	48	51	49	52	51
B. Soccer	31	24	None	32	24	24	24	30	36
Cross Cty	16	19	30	33	23	26	23	18	19
Volleyball	39	38	None	31	29	31	29	35	32
B&G Golf	15	17	33	25	23	17	15	19	19

Fall athletic participation at the high school is the highest it has been since in over a decade – much attributed to higher football numbers.

### Communications/Social Media

We now have 1,278 followers on the Athletic Department Twitter account and 564 on the Instagram account.

### Weekend of Sept. 2 & 3

The weekend of Friday & Saturday, September 3 & 4 was once again one of the busiest of the year for OHS activities as we hosted three major athletic events. Included were:

- Oregon Open Cross Country meet – This year we had over 800 runners registered for the meet including nearly 30 high schools and over 20 junior highs.
- 16 team varsity volleyball invitational in the Blackhawk Center and OHS Gym Friday night and Saturday
- Eight team JV soccer invitational at Park West Friday night and Saturday.

A big thanks to all the people (both paid and volunteer) who helped work at these events to pull it all off.

### Officials

Due to the ongoing officials shortage, pay rates for officials across the state are increasing. Current Big Northern Conference rates for officials for contests are:

Football (two games- F/S & Var) = \$181  
Volleyball (three games - FS,JV,Var) = \$165  
Soccer (two games – Var & JV) = \$144  
Basketball (two games – JV & Var) = \$138  
Baseball/Softball (one varsity game) = \$75

### **Athletic Leadership Council**

As part of our Leader In Me initiative, we have started an Athletic Leadership Council for our high school athletes. Ten student-athletes attended the Big Northern Conference Leadership Summit on August 29. Then, on Tuesday September 13, a total of over 20 student-athlete leaders gathered before school to meet. This group will meet once per month on a morning before school. Adult staff leading this effort are Mr. Dave Boyer, Mr. Bothe, Mr. Kundert, Mrs. Braden, and Mr. Lawton.

### **Fall Sports**

Volleyball – As of Sept. 13, the varsity volleyball team has a record of 5-4. JV is 3-1 while fr-soph is 2-7.

Golf – Through September 13, the girls' golf team has an 8-1 record, and is in first place in in conference play with a 7-0 mark. The boys mark stands at 5-7 overall and 2-6 in BNC matches. Both teams will play in the BNC Tournament at Timber Points coming up on Sept 21 (boys) and Sept. 22 (girls).

Football – Through Week 3, the varsity has a 1-2 mark, the sophs are 0-1, and the freshmen are 1-2.

Soccer – As of Sept 13, the varsity boys are tied for first place in the BNC with a 3-0 record in conference games. They have a 7-4-2 overall record.

Cross Country – Sophomore Ella Danhorn has been the top one of the top female runners in our area so far. She finished in 56<sup>th</sup> place overall out of 471 runners at the prestigious First To The Finish race in Peoria on September 10.

### **Coming Up**

Oregon will host several major events later this fall. Those are

- Rt 72 Conference Jr. High volleyball tournament at the Blackhawk Center on Saturday, October 1
- Class 1A boys & girls cross country sectional on Saturday, October 29

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Lawton*