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“It is so empowering to have a group of learners getting up in the morning to work together to create videos around tech tools to help introduce and launch our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative. This club was just another way kids could join the pack, and get involved in our awesome NHI School Community, and we loved being a part of it as facilitators!”

Tracy Garon and Kris Chadwick, Nature Hill teachers and facilitators of the NHI Student Tech Ninja Club

INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

1:1 Chromebooks in the Classroom for Intermediate Students

Chromebooks arrive at Nature Hill and Silver Lake Intermediate schools this fall as the second phase of the Oconomowoc Area School District’s Mobile Technology plan begins. Seventh- and eighth-grade students will receive a district-leased Chromebook for educational use at school and home. Fifth- and sixth-grade students will have Chromebooks in their classrooms at a ratio of approximately one Chromebook for every two students. This is a great opportunity for our students and teachers to get the benefit of extending learning both inside and outside of the classroom with better access to digital resources.

The district’s three year Mobile Technology Plan focuses on 1:1 Chromebooks for high school students this past year, then Chromebooks for intermediate students in the 2016-17 school year, and by 2017-18, all five elementary schools will have Chromebook access for students. The plan was designed to provide equity and access to technology to help improve and expand on instruction and student learning. OHS teachers have found the use of Chromebooks to be very beneficial, as students can collaborate, engage in discussions and receive feedback using the Google Apps for Education Suite of Tools and Google Classroom platform.

STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY

In preparation for the increased access to mobile devices at the intermediate schools, staff and students have been gearing up



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Celebrating Our Graduates - Class of 2016

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The end of a school year is always a rewarding time, as students at all levels are recognized for their accomplishments throughout the year. Celebrations were in abundance at Oconomowoc High School over the past few weeks, as members of the class of 2016 were honored for their efforts. This group of 338 graduates have distinguished themselves well in the classroom, in the arts, and in athletic competition.

The Class of 2016 earned \$3.2M in scholarships in recognition of their talent, dedication, and commitment to academic excellence. Thank you to all of our local donors, the Oconomowoc Area Foundation, and the Oconomowoc Scholarship Fund for their continued generous support of our students. Special thanks to Brad Bella and the Imagine a Day Foundation, for awarding their first annual Imagine a Day College Scholarship to Natalie Plautz. Megan Grosspietsch was named Valedictorian, and Luke Schwerer was named Salutatorian. State of Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarships were awarded to Megan Grosspietsch, Heather Moutvic, Max Roth, and Luke Schwerer. Wisconsin Technical Excellence Awards recipients were Trisha Lee Bull, Allison Folkman, Nathan Jost, and Brandon Oldenhoff.

This year 192 seniors were enrolled in at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course. 73 seniors were enrolled in at least one International Baccalaureate (IB) course. Eleven graduates earned a full IB Diploma, which will award them with significant college credit, potentially up to one full year, depending on the college or university they attend. In addition, five students were awarded an IB Career Programme certificate for their successful completion of a rigorous combination of IB and Project Lead the Way pre-engineering coursework.

90% of the class of 2016 graduates plan to attend a two-year or four-year college. We will have graduates attending colleges across the country, with an emphasis on business, the sciences, engineering, education, and the visual and performing arts. Three graduates have made the brave and honorable commitment to serve our country in the military. Six students from the class of 2016 received athletic scholarships to compete at the collegiate level.

Without question, this is a group of remarkable young men and women who have left their mark on Oconomowoc High School and will continue to grow as learners and leaders. Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2016!



Megan Grosspietsch, OHS Class of 2016 Valedictorian

Megan Grosspietsch is the Class of 2016 valedictorian. She will be attending the University of California-Berkeley in the fall, and plans to study Environmental Economics and Policy and International Relations. She will also sail for the Cal Sailing Team.

“OHS has given me so many opportunities, such as sailing in San Diego or studying abroad in South Korea,” said Megan. One of her favorite memories is of bonding with her fellow IB diploma (International Baccalaureate) students, “I always feel so loved and supported when I think of my IB classmates.”

Megan is grateful to her family (including her dog Rusty!) for all their support over the past four years. “I have the most awesome family ever!” said Megan. “From proof reading every college essay I ever wrote, to waking me up at 4:30 AM with a cup of coffee when I need someone to make sure I’m awake to finish my homework, they’ve been there for me at all times!”



5 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1 Continuous Improvement in Academic Performance

2 Innovative Instructional Programs

3 Creating a Great Workplace with Highly Engaged Employees

4 High Quality Facilities with 21st Century Learning Environments

5 Respecting the Diversity Among People and Cultures



**BUILDING
OUR FUTURE**
OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

**FACILITIES
PLANNING**



FACILITY SURVEY RESULTS

On May 18, School Perceptions LLC presented the final results from our community facilities survey at a public meeting. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey online or mail it in. On June 1, the Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) met to review the results in-depth. The survey outcomes will help provide direction for the school board as they work to set priorities for the district's facilities needs.

SURVEY OVERVIEW

School Perceptions received more than 2,400 survey responses, which is a total response rate of approximately 16%. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2%. Respondents were broadly represented among parents, staff, and non-parents living in the City of Oconomowoc and all surrounding communities.

WHO TOOK THE SURVEY?

47%

currently have children attending OASD

53%

do not have children attending OASD

17%

are employees of the OASD

SATISFACTION WITH OASD?

75%

of respondents would recommend the OASD to a friend or family member

73%

of respondents believe OASD does a good job of preparing students for life after high school

75%

of respondents are satisfied with the OASD

RESPONSE TO PROPOSED PROJECTS AND FUNDING

The survey was intended to gauge potential support for funding renovation and expansion of the OHS main campus and OHS east campus (formerly the Wilkinson building), building a new Meadow View Elementary, renovating and expanding Ixonia Elementary, infrastructure replacement and repair at Greenland and Park Lawn Elementary schools, and two levels of potential "base plans" or combination of facilities projects.

Citizens indicated support for the facilities projects based on the needs, but the overall dollar amount was not supported. Projects that did garner support were a new Meadow View Elementary, addition and renovation to Ixonia Elementary, and capital maintenance at Greenland and Park Lawn Elementaries.

As for the high school East and Main campus projects, support was indicated for renovation of manufacturing, automotive, and building trades classrooms at the Main Campus, as well as renovation of East Campus for additional classroom space and the district administrative offices. Creating classroom space at the former Wilkinson Clinic/East Campus would potentially help ease some capacity pressures at OHS.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The school board is committed to being responsive to the community, and will take this data under consideration over the summer to make decisions about a potential referendum in November.

QUESTION BY QUESTION

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$49.6 million to renovate the OHS main campus and former Wilkinson building?

▶ **UNLIKELY.**

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$31.7 million to build a new Meadow View Elementary school?

▶ **LIKELY.**

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$9.7 million to renovate and expand Ixonia Elementary school?

▶ **YES.**

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$88.3 million to fund the base plan?

▶ **NOT LIKELY.**

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$6.8 million to fund the high priority building needs at Park Lawn and Greenland Elementary schools?

▶ **YES.**

Q. Would you support a referendum that provides \$95.1 million to fund the base plan plus the high priority building needs at Park Lawn and Greenland Elementary schools?

▶ **NO.**

JUNE 21, 2016

FAC presents observations at school board meeting

JULY 19, 2016

Referendum project details determined at school board meeting

AUG. 16, 2016

School board action on resolution language

NOVEMBER 8, 2016
Potential referendum

► HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Profile of our 2016 Graduates:

338 GRADS **\$3.2 MILLION** Received approximately \$3.2M in scholarships, a new record.

AP[®] 12 CLASSES OFFERED  **12 CLASSES OFFERED**

192 Seniors took AP courses & exams in 2015-16 **73** Seniors took IB courses & exams in 2015-16

2016 POST-GRADUATION PLANS



Ariel Byrns

Students Receive Study Abroad Scholarships

OHS senior **Ariel Byrns** and sophomore **Jack Tsanane** are each recipients of a National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) scholarship. Ariel will be studying Korean in South Korea this summer, while Jack will be learning Arabic in Morocco.



Jack Tsanane

OHS junior **Natalie Tesch** received a scholarship from AFS-USA to be applied to the Global Prep program. She will be studying in Valladolid, Spain, this summer.



Natalie Tesch

IBCP Scholarship: Jennifer Schroll, a junior pursuing the IBCP (International Baccalaureate® Career-related Programme) was awarded a full scholarship to attend the IB Student World Conference in Bluche, Switzerland this July. The theme is "Global Citizenship: Exploring Individual and Collective Responsibilities."



AFS Exchange Students Wrap Up Year

Six AFS exchange students spent the 2015-16 school year at OHS and will return to their home countries this month. Scott Bakkum, OHS Guidance Counselor, worked throughout the year with Paolo from Italy, Saori from Japan, Famai from Thailand, Nughrahani from Indonesia, Nicole from Argentina and Zyl from Germany. Scott created a forum for students to do monthly presentations during Pride Period on topics such as "Food," "Music," and "Politics" so that OHS students had an opportunity to learn about the students' cultures on an ongoing basis. Next year, OHS will host seven AFS students from Thailand, Spain, Germany, Chile, Nigeria, Brazil and Kenya.



"Grease" Earns 13 Tommy Awards

For the sixth time in seven years, Oconomowoc High School has earned a tommy Award for Outstanding Musical in the state of Wisconsin. The Tommy Awards program encourages, recognizes and honors excellence in high school musical theater. This year's production of Grease won 13 TOMMY awards. The entire cast performed at the TOMMY Awards at the Overture Center in Madison on June 12. Congratulations!

ELEMENTARY NEWS



OASD Elementary Schools Receive State Recognition for PBIS

All five of our elementary schools were recognized by the Wisconsin Response to Intervention Center (RtI) for their work accomplished through the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

PBIS stands for “Positive Behavior Intervention System.” PBIS is a process for creating safer, more effective schools by reinforcing positive behavior, and preventing and addressing problem behavior.

“It is an incredible accomplishment to have our elementary schools be recognized by the state two years in a row as Schools of Merit and Distinction!” said Lisa Dawes, OASD Director of Student Services. “This not only means that the PBIS Team submitted a great application, which in and of itself is quite a task, but it means that our schools have data that demonstrates they are implementing PBIS with fidelity and that school wide achievement outcomes have changed due to PBIS. An important component of the new state application process is family engagement, and we are very proud to have met that goal.”



WISCONSIN RTI SCHOOL OF MERIT:

Meadow View Elementary

WISCONSIN RTI SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION:

Ixonia Elementary / Greenland Elementary
Park Lawn Elementary / Summit Elementary

INTERMEDIATE NEWS

Silver Lake

Silver Lake National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students helped lay 34,000 flags at the Wood National Military Cemetery in Milwaukee for Memorial Day. The entire opportunity was a wonderful experience for SLI staff and students, and their volunteerism was captured by a Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel photographer.



SLI National Junior Honor Society students at Wood National Military Cemetery. Photo: www.jsonline.com

Silver Lake’s annual Career Day event took place on June 3 for 8th grade students. Career Day is part of career education and preparation, and provides an opportunity to explore a wide variety of potential careers. Silver Lake Intermediate had 30 professionals from the community participate by sharing their industry expertise and workplace experience with students.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

54 New NJHS members at NHI

57 New NJHS members at SLI

Nature Hill



The MPTV’s *Outdoor Wisconsin* film crew visited Nature Hill to document the work the Ecology Club has done on the school gardens. Students loved the “behind the scenes” look at television production, and enjoyed talking about their home state of Wisconsin. Look for NHI on upcoming *Outdoor Wisconsin* shows.

Students and families raised \$16,000 at the 3rd annual PTO Fun Run in June. Funds will be used for three new water bottle fill stations, basketball hoops and technology upgrades.



Outdoor Wisconsin Film Crew at NHI. Photo Credit: Rebecca Seymour



SPRING SPORTS RACCOON PRIDE

CONGRATS!

Oconomowoc High School will finish the year with seven conference championships (Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Boys Track and Field Relay and Outdoor). In addition, Oconomowoc High School has again claimed the WLT All Sports Award for the 5th year in a row. **Go Raccoons! #oconpride**



SHOUT-OUTS!

Team Awards

BASEBALL

Regional Champions

GIRLS SOCCER

Regional Champions

SOFTBALL

Regional Champions

TRACK & FIELD

Boys Conference Relays-1st place
Boys Conference Outdoor-1st place

Individual Awards

Academic All State-Golf

George Kneiser
Kelly Samp
Joey Ploch

1st Team - Girls Soccer

Eleni Egelseer
Gabrielle Rohrer

1st Team - Baseball

Zach Clayton
Sean Meyer

1st Team - Softball

Megan Little

1st Team - Tennis

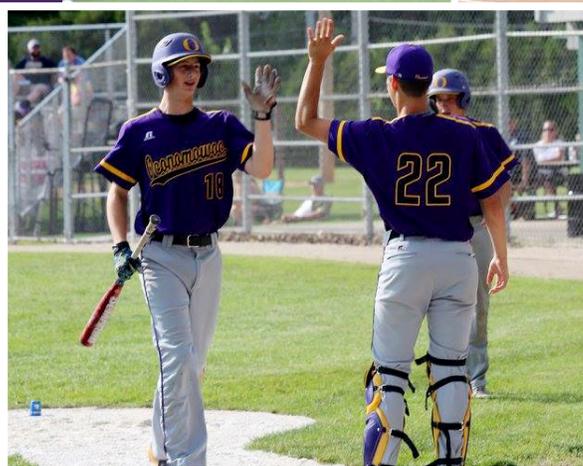
Matt Rehard (Singles)
Luke Schwerer & Zach Hebert (Doubles)

1st Team - Track & Field

Andy Woods-Athlete of the Year
Alex Carter
Brian Jacques
David Garczynski
Madelynn Lee



Photo Credit: Lake Country Publications





Retirement Congratulations

**SCOTT RADUKA, OHS ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Scott Raduka, OHS Athletic Director, is retiring at the end of this school year after 29 years with OASD. Raduka has been the Athletic Director and Assistant Principal since 2004.

Scott has many great memories of his time with the district, but two stand out as banner moments. The completion of the Athletic Fields Forever fundraising campaign was, “Something I’ll cherish forever,” said Scott. “That project took so many people to come together and work for a common goal, and it was an absolutely fantastic experience.”

Another high point was the weekend in November 2015 when girls volleyball competed at state against Divine Savior Holy Angels, at the same time that the football team headed into an epic clash at home against rival Arrowhead – the “Battle of the Borders.” One of Scott’s personal goals was to advance a team to a state championship at Oconomowoc, and having nearly 6,000 fans at the Oconomowoc-Arrowhead game was an unforgettable event.

Thank you for your dedication to our students and families for the past 29 years, Scott. We will miss you!



Rux Stadium Track Access This Summer

**REFUNDABLE KEY FOB
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Community members age 18 and up can use the track facility at OHS Rux Stadium this summer. Individuals can fill out an application for key fob access, which will grant secure access to the OHS track and turf facilities during the community use hours. Thank you to our generous donor, Kathy Ruehlow, who made the purchase of this secure system possible!

SUMMER HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 4:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. (Weekdays)

June and July only: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

(No evening access in August)

5:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Weekends)

Hours are subject to change depending on school district events.

A refundable deposit of \$10 will be required for the Key Fob. The deposit will be refunded if the Key Fob is returned to the district in good condition. Forms are available to download from the district website at www.oasd.org, or call Sue Collins in the Buildings & Grounds Department at 262-560-2131 to make an appointment to pick up forms.



CONGRATS OHS GRADS



SUMMER FUN



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LOL Bookmobile (Loving Oconomowoc Literacy)

THE BOOKMOBILE IS COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

The Bookmobile is open to ALL Oconomowoc families in 4K-4th grade. Come to a scheduled stop, grab a book to borrow, enjoy a surprise guest reader and connect with other friends and families in the summertime. Contact Andrea Finger at fingera@oasd.org with questions.

DATES:

June 29, July 13, July 27, and August 10.

SCHEDULED STOPS AND TIMES ON EACH DAY:

Ixonia 9:00 am-10:00am

MDV: 11:00am-12:00pm

Fowler Park: 12:30pm-1:30pm

Imagination Station: 2:00pm-3:00pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

June

20 Summer School begins

July

4 Holiday

5 OASD Online Registration Begins

16 7th Annual OAC Open House, OAC, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.

19 OASD School Board Meeting, OHS Little Theater, 7 p.m.

29 Summer School ends

30 OHS Theater Workshop for Grades 2-7, OAC, 10 a.m.

August

9-10 Autism Summer Institute, OHS, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

10 OHS Registration, OHS, 11 .m.- 7 p.m.

15 Kids Fest, Roosevelt Park, 9am-1pm

16 OASD School Board Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

25 School Open Houses-OHS- 2-5 p.m.,
Intermediate- 3-6 p.m., Elementary- 4-7 p.m.

September

1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

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to educate all students in conjunction with the deployment of devices during the first weeks of school.



Nature Hill "Tech Ninja" Club members designed print and video how-to guides for using Chromebooks at school and at home.

Educating our students to use technology safely is a high priority, and a cornerstone of the district's implementation of the Mobile Technology Plan. Each intermediate school involved students in promoting proper Chromebook usage.

NHI teachers Tracy Garon and Kris Chadwick formed the student "Tech Ninja" Club. The student club created a poster of common expectations for Chromebook use, and videos about proper care and use of the Chromebook. At Silver Lake Intermediate, computer applications teacher Deb Prunty worked with students to create a Chromebook care video. In addition to the student-created materials, teachers will also be delivering lessons on digital citizenship, and safe and appropriate use of technology.



OASD School Board

School Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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