



Olathe South High School Parent Newsletter

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Making Waves

MARCH

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Genetics Conference
- 3 South Area Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 4 Future Falcon Campus Visit
- 5 Jostens announcements delivered at lunch
- 5-7 *Mamma Mia!* musical, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Fashion Show, 7:00 p.m.,
- 16-20 Spring Break
- 23 Professional Day, no students
- 25 Regional Solo Recital, 6-9 p.m.
- 26 OS Area Orchestra Solo and Ensemble
- 27 NHS service hours due
- 28 IPS Prom
- 30 Olathe District Chorale Festival
- 31 Rho Kappa Induction Ceremony, 7:00 p.m.

Check <https://www.olatheschools.org/south/> for a full listing of all events, including athletic events.



Senior Ian Wiley competes in the 100 breast stroke in the Sunflower League Meet on February 7. Wiley placed third in the race.

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A Message from the Principal



Dear Olathe South Falcon Family,

For many, it's been a difficult task to stay healthy this winter! The sneeze, cough, volume-less speech, upset stomach and the fever have hit communities hard and cause our physicians, nurses and pharmacists to stay extremely busy.

We're reminded that near obsessive levels of cleanliness, consumption of healthy food and considerable amounts of water, exercise, and an investment in additional rest provides each of us with our best protection from sickness. We encourage everyone to protect themselves as

much as possible to give the best odds of avoiding feeling under the weather.

Additionally, research does support that performance and ability to develop intellectually are greatly enhanced when good nutrition and adequate rest are part of our daily lives. The inverse is also true when one is deprived of either of those essentials. As an example, it has been determined the amount of sleep one gets directly impacts learning procedural skills effectively and the ability to preserve new information in long-term memory. Again, we'd encourage those in our community to consider themselves and determine whether or not our individual and family behaviors give us our greatest advantage to stay healthy.

As we approach a period in school when certain assessments are administered and incidents of flu and sickness are up, we'd make the annual request of those in our community to consider renewing their own personal commitment to good nutrition and rest. We certainly acknowledge our overbooked schedules make this challenging at times, but we also remind everyone... our individual and collective health and academic/personal performance are important.

So... make sure to "schedule" in some time to eat right and get plenty of rest – and we wish you luck on staying well through this time when we know so many have fallen victim to the colds, flu, and other illnesses going around. Take care.

We want to thank you!

Enrollment 2020-21... Without a doubt and once again, our Olathe South community has performed admirably. As mentioned in the newsletter last month, the importance of the course selection process cannot be overstated. The collective effort of students, parents, and staff to participate in the process to carefully consider and then select coursework has been obvious and much appreciated. Certainly, we anticipate some future updates, but our shared and initial effort to identify a rigorous yet appropriate collection of courses for each student takes time and reflection. There is evidence we've been successful – thank you for all your efforts thus far!

We also thank you for your patience and flexibility as we've endured the many cancellations and postponements due to our challenging winter season. Is it Spring yet?

As we work together through the remainder of this school year and continue the planning for next, we continue to be SOUTHSIDE STRONG!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clint Albers". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

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COUNSELOR *report*

Juniors Should Plan to Take ACT

Juniors who are planning to attend a four-year university after high school should take the ACT this spring.

Consider registering by May 8 for the June 13 test at www.actstudents.org. Contact a counselor if you have questions.

NCAA/NAIA Eligibility

NCAA eligibility guidelines change often. It is the responsibility of the student athlete to ensure that they are meeting NCAA/NAIA eligibility requirements. More information about eligibility requirements and registering with the Clearinghouse can be found in the 2019-2020 Olathe Public Schools Program Planning Guide and the OSHS Counseling website. Even though it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that NCAA/NAIA eligibility requirements are being met, student athletes who plan to play college athletics or who are being recruited by colleges for athletics are advised to let their counselor and the Athletic Director Matt Johnson know of these intentions.

AP Exam Reminders

Enrollment for 2nd semester AP Government started on 1/13/2020 and will close on March 6 at 11:59 p.m. The cost of the exam is \$98. ALL STUDENTS have the opportunity to register for ANY AP Exam between now and March 6 but there will be a \$40 late fee which makes the total cost of the exam \$138. Please contact Amy Brown in the counseling office if you have any questions.

Mental Health Resources Available

The Olathe School District offers a H.E.L.P. Clinic to support Olathe parents and students with the education and training opportunities that will have a positive impact on the quality of a student's educational experiences and life, and Help Each Live Productively.

The H.E.L.P. Clinic operates in cooperation with the Olathe Public Schools and outside community agencies. For many, the clinic provides a convenient, inexpensive and supportive resource for dealing with various challenging situations surrounding students or families.

The Clinic is staffed by professional school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, mental health professionals, and therapeutic interns who are employed by the school district. These accredited and experienced professionals have a sincere interest in assisting students and families to better deal with challenges which impact students' abilities to achieve educational success. For more information, visit <http://departments.olatheschools.com/studenthealth/school-resources/>.



Woods Chapel United Methodist Church will offer free prom dresses and accessories at its Prom Boutique, March 4-7, in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Boutique hours will be 3 to 7 p.m., March 4-6, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 7.

Young ladies may take home one dress from 3,000 new or almost-new prom dresses from size 0 to size 32, plus shoes, a purse and jewelry. Volunteers can make simple alterations on site if needed. The boutique has a limited selection of tuxedos, suits, dress shirts and shoes for the gentlemen as well.

For more information, visit promboutique.org, look for WCC Prom Boutique on Facebook or ask your counselor for more information.

2020 WCC Prom Boutique

WHEN

Wednesday, March 4 | 3-7 p.m.
 Thursday, March 5 | 3-7 pm
 Friday, March 6 | 3-7 p.m.
 Saturday, March 7 | 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

WHERE

Woods Chapel Church
 4725 NE Lakewood Way | Lee's Summit, MO 64064

DETAILS

FREE! FREE! FREE!
 Over 3,000 dresses, shoes, and accessories!
 All sizes & styles!

fb.com/WCCPromBoutique
promboutique.org

Journalists Compete in Regional Contest

Twenty-nine students in newspaper and yearbook classes competed in the Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA) Regional Contest at the University of Kansas on February 21.

According to KSPA, each year, hundreds of students gain recognition for their journalism through the KSPA Regional Contests. Hosted at six universities, the contests challenge students to create their best writing, photography, design or cartooning. All students receive feedback from an expert judge and many receive awards for their work. Students who place at Regionals qualify for the State Contest in May where they can earn a state championship or other awards. Students can compete in two ways, digital submission and on-site contests.



Mr. Glenn's yearbook students (top) and Mrs. Springer's newspaper students (bottom) competed on campus at KU on Feb. 21 in KSPA on-site regionals.

FUTURE FALCON VISIT

WHEN

March 4th
9:30-2:00PM

WHERE

**Olathe South High
School**

1640 E 151st ST. Olathe, KS



AGENDA

9:30- Arrival

- **leave coats and bags in bus or car**

9:45: Welcome Mr. Albers

**10:15-10:50-Breakout
Session 1**

**10:55-11:30 –Breakout
Session 2**

**11:35-12:10- Breakout
Session 3**

12:10-12:40 Lunch
Lunch Options:

- **Sack Lunch**
- **\$5.00**

12:45-1:05- Q&A

1:20-1:45 Assembly

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

North Gym-Activity Fair

**Auditorium-
Presentations**

AUX. Gym- Activity

ACT Boot Camp - Summer 2020

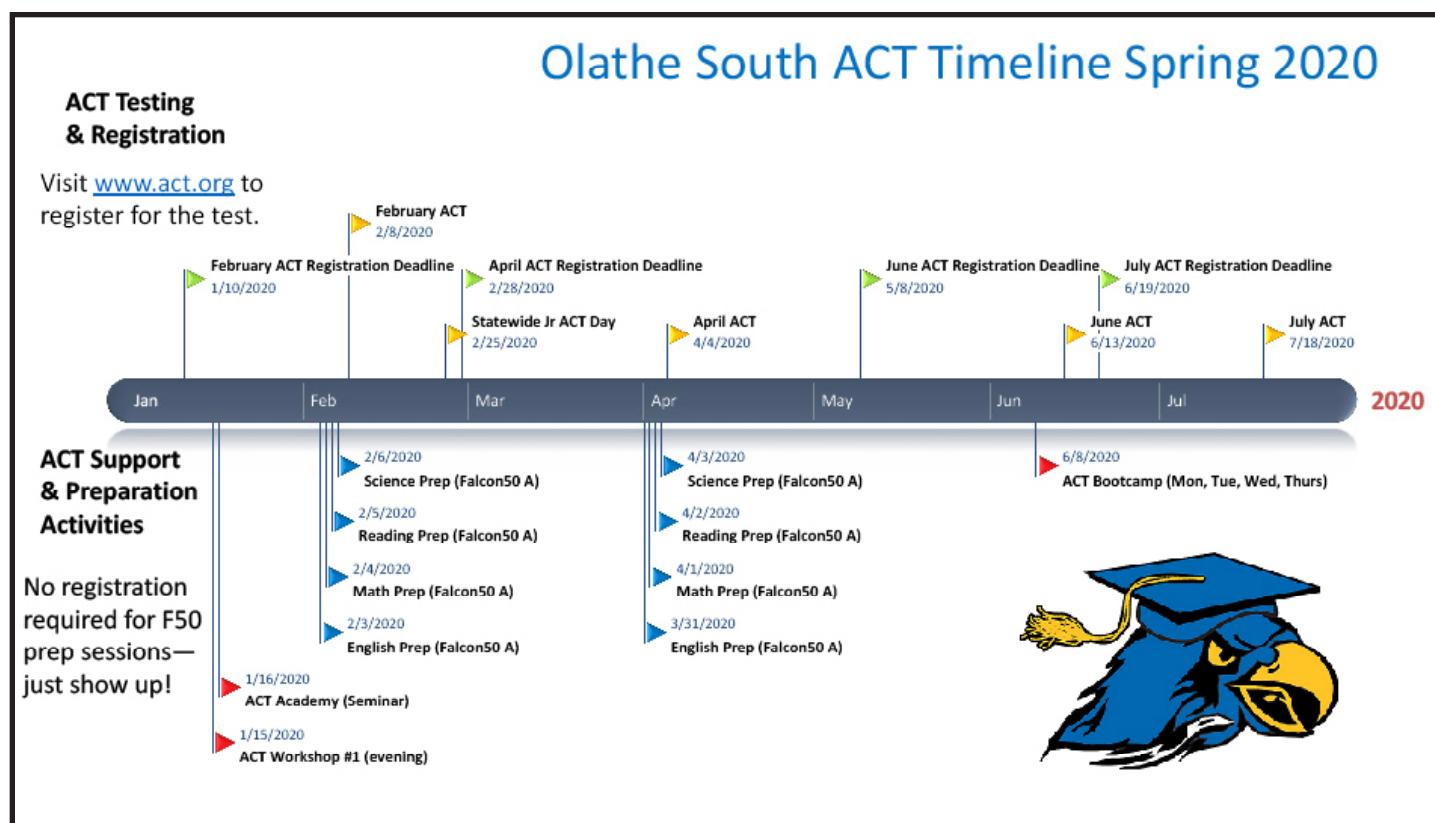
This summer from June 8-11 there will be an ACT camp offered at Olathe South High School from 8 a.m. to noon and another camp offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, there will be a camp offered from July 13-16 from 8 a.m. to noon. Each day students will spend time practicing and learning strategies for each section of the ACT under the direction of certified teachers in Language Arts and Math.

Students will get immediate feedback and individualized instruction as well as have the opportunity to focus on individual areas of weakness. Especially if students are signed up to take the June 13 or July 18 ACT, this would be an excellent chance to review and improve in the days before the test.

The cost for the camp is \$150, and you can register at the following link: <https://forms.gle/6tyA1e1EETr2B25i7>.



If you have any questions, please contact John Hail (jhailos@olatheschools.org) or Marc Gibbens (mdgibbensos@olatheschools.org).



Cheerleader Tryouts in March

The Olathe South Cheer Tryout Packet will be available on the school website by the end of February. OSHS cheer clinics and tryouts will take place Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – Friday, March 27, 2020.

There will be an informational meeting for applicants and their parent(s)/guardian(s) at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020. The meeting will be held in the library at Olathe South High School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the tryout process and required forms in this packet, time commitment, expectations, and costs associated with cheerleading at Olathe South. We will also address any questions or concerns parents and/or applicants may have. If you are unable to attend this meeting and have questions, please contact Rachel Jetton via email at rejetton@olatheschools.org.



Stanley Earns Perfect ACT Score

Senior Dylan Stanley has earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students taking the ACT earn a top score.

“Dylan has immersed himself in everything that is Olathe South and has excelled at it all,” Olathe South Principal Clint Albers said. “He has taken a rigorous course load and has garnered recognition for his academic accomplishments. Dylan has demonstrated his commitment to his school and community while being a well-rounded student involved in numerous activities both in school and within the community. His commitment to academics and the activities he’s involved in is incredible. We are so proud he’s a Falcon.”

He is involved in the Computer Science Academy, is an Eagle Scout, a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student and has earned AP Scholar with Honors.



Dylan Stanley

College Visits March

3/6	JCCC	10:30 a.m.
3/11	Univ. of Missouri KC	8:15 a.m.
3/12	NW Missouri State Univ.	2:00 p.m.
3/25	Simpson College	10:30 a.m.

April

4/9	Illinois Wesleyan University	2:00 p.m.
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CBC Blood Drive and DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Registration March 6!

OSHS Diversity Council will sponsor the Fall Blood Drive on Friday, March 6. The council teams with the Community Blood Center. Together, we strive to have a successful drive, but your help is also needed. The Diversity Council loves to have incentives for their donors. You or your business can 'sponsor' the drive with donations of coupons, goods, and/or services to distribute to those donating. Monetary donations will be put towards the Breakfast Voucher Program. Students signing up to donate will be provided a coupon worth \$2 for purchasing breakfast in the cafeteria or Falcon's Nest on the day of the drive. Please contact Angi Verstraete at averstraeteos@olatheschools.org with your contributions.

Of course, scheduling an appointment, is also a fantastic way to support the Diversity Council and their efforts. You can schedule a time that works for you by going to:

- www.savealifenow.org
- Click on Donate
- Select Donate Blood
- Search for our drive by using the sponsor code: Falcons
- Select our March 6 drive and make your appointment!

Walk-ins are also welcome, and all adult donors get expedited through the process, ahead of our students.

If you cannot donate blood, the Diversity Council and DKMS can get you registered on the Bone Marrow Donor National Registry. The drive will be held in honor of a "Future Falcon," Emma Hall. Are you a perfect match for Emma? Persons 18 and older can sign up to be a match for the thousands of patients waiting for bone marrow. Registration only takes five minutes and a cheek swab. More information will be available at the DKMS table.

Another Successful Blood Drive

Students Achieving Social Harmony / Gay-Straight Alliance sponsored the High School Blood Drive on November 11. The Community Blood Center registered 206 donors and collected 168 pints of blood. Twenty donated Automated Red Cells on an ALYX machine (each counting as two pints toward the collection goal) and 102 were first-time donors.

We would like to thank our student body, faculty, and staff for a successful day. The Spring Blood Drive will be held on March 6, in the Auxiliary Gym. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the drive with a donation of money, goods, or services, please contact Angi Verstraete at averstraeteos@olatheschools.org.



Olathe South Graduation
Class of 2020
Saturday, May 16
7 p.m. at CBAC

Performing Arts Department Stages *Mamma Mia!*

The Olathe South Performing Arts Department is presenting *Mamma Mia* on March 5-7 in the the auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the show or they can be purchased online at: <http://www.olathesouththeatre.org/tickets.html>. All seats are reserved.

ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make *Mamma Mia!* a guaranteed smash hit for any theatre.

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!



Olathe South High School Performing Arts Department

PRODUCTION OF

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
**BENNY ANDERSSON
BJÖRN ULVAEUS**

AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY **CATHERINE JOHNSON**

ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY **JUDY CRAYMER**

MAMMA MIA! WAS ORIGINALLY PRODUCED IN LONDON
BY JUDY CRAYMER, RICHARD EAST AND BJÖRN ULVAEUS
FOR LITTLESTAR IN ASSOCIATION WITH UNIVERSAL

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL & ARRANGEMENTS
MARTIN KOCH

MUSIC PUBLISHED BY UNIVERSAL MUSIC PUBLISHING GROUP AND
EMI GROVE PARK MUSIC INC. AND EMI WATERFORD MUSIC INC.

March 5 - 7, 2020
Olathe South Auditorium
All performances at 7pm

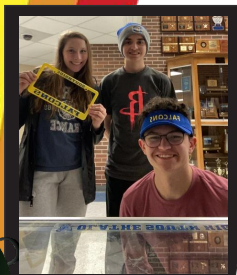
Twitter: @OlatheSouthTheatre
Facebook: @OSTheatre5006
Instagram: OlatheSouthTheatre

For tickets and info visit us at
<http://www.olathesouththeatre.org>

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

Falcon Landing

Come gear up for March's many weathers



Open every day during Falcon 50 or go to our website
<https://webstones.actnetwork.com/schoolsoftware/olathe-south-high-sci>



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Need Falcon Assistance?

The following resources are available to Olathe South families that are experiencing need:

- Falcon Packs (bags of food students can bring home for the weekend)
- Falcon Closet (offering seasonal clothing, toiletries, accessories, shoes and specialty items such as Homecoming and Prom dresses)
- Assistance with ACT test fees
- Assistance with College Now fees
- Assistance with graduation cap/gown/tassel/stole

If you need more information, please contact Mrs. Klusman at 913-780-7160 in the Olathe South office.