

Olathe West Families-

We had a solid week at Olathe West! I enjoyed the OW Band Percussion Show on Tuesday. That crew proved anything is musical as I watched them turn mason jars into incredible sounds! The girls soccer team defeated the #1 team in 6A last night, the baseball team defeated a nationally ranked team from Oklahoma, and the softball team swept SM South. Congrats to the tennis team on their tournament victory in Leavenworth! Thanks to everyone who came out to the awards breakfasts this week as well. We know it was early but it is always fun to celebrate students. Lastly, congrats to the 20 students who signed to play collegiate athletics on Thursday. We look forward to next week where we will begin celebrating our seniors including our senior scholarship ceremony! The days are counting down for the Class of 2025!

Finally - I want to give a special shout out and thanks to the 13 secretaries that keep Olathe West running everyday as this was administrative assistant week. I told them that we couldn't run this place without you and they replied "We know, Jay." They do a lot of work for 1700 kids and 200 adults each day! We are blessed with the best.

Things you need to know this week:


1. VIP Graduation Seating- Going to graduation? Want a prime seat that you don't have to claim hours before the ceremony? Enter our OPO raffle to win reserved seating and parking for the big day! See attached flyer for more information!

2. Finals Survival Bags - Finals are quickly approaching, and a Finals Survival Bag is a great way to help your student finish the semester strong! Bags will be delivered during senior finals or freshman-junior finals and will contain a bottle of water and some snacks for an extra boost of energy, along with the best part – a note of encouragement from YOU. Bags are \$5.50 and can be ordered online and paid via Venmo. The order deadline is **Thursday, May 1st**. Please contact Ms. Russell (OW Orchestra, krussell@olatheschools.org) if you have any questions. Link to order: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpjdOCyqysV_tQjyVgIIwWECa1fhOo6-UB6ppsvoPbOXx6g/viewform?usp=dialog

3. Senior Parents - See attached flyer if you would like to purchase a graduate brick to be installed around the owl sculpture near the commons entrance. They make a great graduation gift from mom and dad or even grandparents! Many families have added their grad to the legacy courtyard! Get your order in today!

4. ACT Prep Class - Want to crush the ACT without dying of boredom? We've got you covered! Our **ACT Prep Camp** is like a boot camp for your brain—minus the yelling, but with plenty of strategy, snacks, and maybe even a victory dance.

- ✓ Master those tricky math problems
- ✓ Outsmart the reading section like a literary ninja
- ✓ Learn ACT hacks that make you feel like a test-taking wizard
- ✓ Laugh at least twice (probably more)

Join us, and by the end of camp, the ACT will be more scared of you than you are of it. 

5. Ernst Trivia Night - May 5th at Red Crow Brew in Olathe. All funds raised go to the John Ernst scholarship given to one deserving OW senior each year! Tickets on sale NOW! To register and buy tickets send email with team name, captain's name and how many to hernst@mankowindows.com. \$35 each includes trivia, dinner and dessert. Payment is via venmo or for a 501(c)(3) tax donation, please send check direct to the Olathe Public School Foundation instructions below for both types of payment. In comments. Teams are 4-8 people or we can add you to a fun team! Come dressed in your favorite festive attire or team uniform. 1st prize is \$400! Best/ most creative team name wins too!

Dad joke of the week:

Did you hear about the guy who's afraid of escalators?
He takes steps to avoid them.

Have a good weekend!

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

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 [ACT Test Prep Flier-June.pdf](#) (255.8 KB)

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