

Olathe West Families-

It was a big week for our seniors! On Monday we celebrated at our Senior Awards Ceremony where we recognized the Class of 2025 for all of their academic achievements. We gave over 700 different awards out at the ceremony. Thursday, we held our annual Senior Scholarship Signing Ceremony. We had over 182 students earn over \$12 million from 57 colleges and 4 different branches of the military. The signing ceremony is always fun and I know our parents enjoyed it! Today, the seniors are off to Kill Creek Park for their picnic. We are hoping to dodge the rain but I have no doubt they will make it a fun day regardless.

Last night, I joined our TSA state champion students as they were recognized by the board of education. It's always fun to brag about our kids and I look forward to seeing how they do at nationals this summer. Congrats to two of our eSports students who became the first Olathe students to sign college scholarship offers to play at KU and Baker. Who would have thought all of the hours playing video games would turn into a college scholarship? It is pretty awesome!

Two weeks from today our seniors will be graduating. Three weeks from today everyone else will be on summer break! The countdown is on!

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. AP Exams - Reminder AP Exams begin Monday, May 5th. See the attached schedule for times, locations and testing day procedures.

Reach out to Mr. Frick with questions. bdfrick@olatheschools.org

3. Yearbook Delivery- Yearbooks will be distributed on Friday, May 9th. There's still time to purchase a yearbook on TouchBase! Online sales will close down on Wednesday night on May 7th. After that, any remaining yearbooks will be sold in-person at the purchasing table on distribution day.

4. 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!

5. 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. 🧐

6. 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!

Thanks to everyone who reached out yesterday on National Principals Day. I appreciate the kind words.

Have a good weekend!

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

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