

Olathe West Families-

We had a great week at OW. The girls golf team finished 2nd in the Sunflower League Tournament. The band and dance team won the SM North Band Invitational. Soccer had two great wins over MV and Free State. Volleyball picked up two big league wins and head to Nebraska tomorrow for a big tournament. Good luck to girls tennis in regionals tomorrow. Lastly - come see the rep theatre's play Clue this weekend! Shows are tonight and tomorrow - buy tickets at owtheatre.com!

As you watch the Chiefs on Sunday night, keep an eye out for some OW football highlights. NBC has OW vs Mill Valley as their spotlight high school game. You will see us for about 15 seconds! So watch closely - especially after we win tonight!

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HALF DAY - October 15th. 11:05am Dismissal

NO SCHOOL - October 16 & 17

Things you need to know this week:

1. Parent/Teacher Conferences - Conferences will be held October 13-16th. You should be receiving emails from your student's teachers with their availability that week. You will schedule a time directly with each teacher. On Wednesday, October 15th, we will hold the traditional arena style conferences from 4:30 - 8:30pm. Teachers will be available during that time on a first come, first served basis. We ask that you print or have your student's schedule on your phone as we will not be printing schedules for conferences. Be on the lookout for emails from our teachers and select your times to meet!

2. Testing Day - October 15th is our testing day. Grades 9-11 will all take a test.

October 15th: 9th Grade - PreACT9, 10th Grade - Practice ACT 10, 11th Grade -Practice ACT, we also have a few students taking the PSAT who signed up last month.

Seniors will not attend school on the 15th. This day is given to seniors to explore post-secondary opportunities including college visits and military/workforce.

A few reminders:

- Show up to your testing location by 7:30AM.
- Bring a photo ID (school or state issued) If you don't have a school ID yet - pick one up in the front office.
- Bring a pencil and calculator.
- Bring water or a snack, if needed.
- Students might get done early, bring a book to read or something quiet to work on.
- Students may NOT access any technology.
- Students will NOT be able to leave early. School is dismissed at 11:05.

3. Counseling Presentations: "Tools for Today and Plans for Tomorrow" - Join our counselors during evening conferences, October 15, for two short presentations. *Tools for Today*, 5:30 & 6:30, highlights high school academic supports, and *Plans for Tomorrow*, 6:00 & 7:00, focuses on academic planning and preparing for what's next. Please contact your student's [counselor](#) for more information.

4. Yearbooks Now on Sale - Purchase your 2025-26 yearbooks on touchbase TODAY! Prices will increase on October 1st!

5. Trunk or Treat - National Honor Society is hosting the 8th Annual Trunk or Treat in the Olathe West parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1-3 p.m.! We will move indoors if the weather is poor. All children are encouraged to attend in costume, play games, and get candy from our clubs, activities, and sports. This event is free and open to the public.

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6. Senior Yearbook Tributes are on Sale! Celebrate your graduating senior with a personalized ad in this year's yearbook. See the attached flyer for details on pricing, deadlines, and how to submit your ad! You can also reach out to our yearbook adviser Kori Hopson by emailing her at knhopson@olatheschools.org.

8. Homework Help Center - The National Honor Society Homework Center is open for business! Students of all grades may visit and collaborate with classmates or get help from a peer tutor any time there is movement during seminar. We have a new location this year, room 3509, and a new paper pass system. Passes are available outside 3509.

7. Athletic and Activity Calendar - Olathe West will have a new athletic and activities webpage which will include our school calendar: <https://gobound.com/ks/schools/olathewesths>. The calendar will also be embedded within the main Olathe West webpage. Search the Apple or Android app store for "Bound Sports" to add the app to your phone for quick and easy access to our school calendar, to purchase tickets to athletic events, and to access information regarding athletics and activities.

8. Athletic Passes - Athletic Passes for the 2025-26 athletic season are now available on our new athletic website: <https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/olathewesths/tickets>. Athletic Passes are available for both adults and students. Passes allow entry into all REGULAR SEASON athletic events in the Olathe School District.

9. Yard Signs - Yes - you can order them! See attachment for directions!

Have a great weekend! Go Owls! Go Chiefs (please)!

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

 [Trunk or treat flyer for community 2025.pdf](#) (2004.1 KB)

 [Senior Ad Flyer %282026%29.pdf](#) (736.0 KB)

 [Yard Sign.docx](#)