

Olathe West Families-

Wow what a week! We had so much fun during homecoming! From two pep assemblies, a carnival, a bonfire, a band glow show, an intense soccer match, girls tennis finished 3rd in the league tournament, two volleyball wins, and honestly - the one of the biggest football wins in school history - this year's homecoming has been one for the books! The football team knocked off the defending state champions, defeating Gardner 49-21 last night! Homecoming is always a lot better with a huge win like that! And we are not done yet! Tonight, we have a buff puff volleyball tournament and tomorrow is the big dance from 7pm - 10pm! It's been a lot of fun and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we have.

No School - October 10th - End of Quarter - Teacher PD / Grade Prep Time

Half Day - October 15th. Students dismissed at 11:05am

No School - October 16th or 17th - Conference Week

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

4. Make Up Picture Day - Any student still needing to take a school photo or wishing to redo their pictures may do so on **October 8th**. Students will be "on their own" to take the photo before school or between classes from 7:15am - 1pm in the auditorium. Students will not be called down or out of class to take a picture.

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.

6. Exclusion Date - October 13th is the State of Kansas deadline for required school inoculations. If you haven't yet gotten required updates for your student, please do so before the deadline or your student will need to remain home until completed. Please email Nurse Young keyoung@olatheschools.org with any questions!

7. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

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

Well that was a fun week! I am looking forward to the dance and then a nap!

Dad joke of the week: Dad, when he puts the car in reverse: "Ah, this takes me back."

Have a good weekend!

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](#)