

Olathe West Families-

Special Thursday afternoon edition! We have a big day tomorrow as we prepare for fall sports senior night at the football game- so I am sending you the newsletter a day early!

Thanks for a great week! We received some exciting news that our orchestra director, Karen Russell, was named the KMEA New Orchestra Teacher of the Year! This is a huge accomplishment and we are proud of Ms. Russell and the program she is building! We have some big competitions this weekend! We host volleyball regionals at OW on Saturday! Cross Country goes to regionals in Lawrence on Saturday! Soccer plays tonight and will win the Sunflower League if they are victorious! Football has a big one against ONW and will win the league if they defeat the Ravens. Good luck to all! Congrats to girls golf who finished 3rd at state and tennis who finished the year with three medalists! The fall has been great to the Owls!

Things you need to know this week:

1. 3rd Annual OWL-IDAY Market - Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Olathe West community, we've been able to provide holiday assistance to families for the past three years. We are excited to continue this tradition—but we can't do it without your support!

If you'd like to help spread holiday cheer, please see the attached flier if you would like to donate. Every contribution makes a difference.

It's never too early to start giving for the holidays!

2. OW Student Council is sponsoring the first of its two annual Blood Drives.

OW BLOOD DRIVE INFORMATION

When: Wednesday, November 12

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: OW Flex Theater

Signup Link: https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/85386

Fall Athletes will need permission parents and coach to participate!

*****Parental consent is required for 16-year-olds.*****

*****Please remember to bring your photo ID as proof of age is required for all donors.*****

*****Check with your COACHES, SPONSORS & PARENTS before donating, regardless of age.*****

***** Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900.**

Remember to drink lots of water and eat a hearty meal before donating and thank you for supporting OW Student Council and our whole community! For additional details contact Ms. Russman at tarussman@olatheschools.org or Mr. Falcon at nofalcon@olatheschools.org

3. Two-Year Academies (OATC): Current sophomores and juniors interested in applying to a [Two-Year Academy \(OATC\)](#) are invited to attend our upcoming field trip on November 5. Field trip permission forms can be picked up and returned in the Senior Office. If you have questions about the tours, program details, or the application process, please contact your student's counselor. [Applications](#) for new and returning Two-Year Academy students are due December 5.

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.

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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

That's all from me! Have a great weekend!

Holler if you need me!

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

 [Blood Drive 11.12. 2025 Olathe West High School %28003%29.pdf](#)

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