

Olathe West Families-

We had a great week at West. I was able to get into some classrooms this week and see our teachers and kids in action. We really do have wonderful students and teachers who truly work hard for our families everyday. On Tuesday I went over to Lawrence and watched our volleyball team dominate Free State. We took the match in three straight sets. Tonight, I am heading over to Columbia to watch our cross country team run a night race on the Mizzou xc course. I am looking forward to watching our kids compete. Football takes on SMN tonight - I hope there is a big crowd! Our debate team hosts a big tournament at OW this weekend and good luck to band at the SMN Invitational.

Big week upcoming with homecoming next week! Please read the information below and attached to make sure you know about all of the events and dress up days! The dance is next Saturday, October 4th from 7pm - 10pm!

Parent Teacher Conferences are the week of October 13th. I will send more information next week regarding this but wanted to put it on your radar.

**Things you need to know this week:**

**1. Parent help for Homecoming dance** - OW StuCo would love your help for this year's homecoming dance! Homecoming Week runs from Monday, September 29 – Saturday, October 4.

**Here's how you can help:** We need people to help run the coat & shoe check booth, hand out snacks, and provide water cups and individually packaged snacks for this year's Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 4. **Please click the following link to volunteer and/or to donate snacks: HOMECOMING 2025 Parent Help for Dance & Snacks.** Please also reach out to StuCo Sponsors Tracy Russman ([tarussman@olatheschools.org](mailto:tarussman@olatheschools.org)) and Noah Falcon ([nofalcon@olatheschools.org](mailto:nofalcon@olatheschools.org)) for more information.

**2. Homecoming Tickets for the Dance are on sale Now** - You can purchase them online here: [OW Homecoming Tickets](#) Cash sales will be during lunch Sept. 29-October 2.

**3. Homecoming Carnival and Bonfire** - See attached flyer for all the details!

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

**5. 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.

**6. Jostens letter jacket and class ring information** - Parents, Please see the Parent Information Link for Jostens Letter Jackets. In-school Sizing Day/Order Day is **Thursday, Oct. 2nd**, during lunch periods. <https://jostenskc.com/ow-jacket-howto>

Sophomore Parents: Please see the Parent Information Link for Jostens Class Rings and Letter Jackets. In-school Order Deadline/Confirmation Day is **Thursday, Oct. 2nd**. Your student should be bringing home their packets. <https://jostenskc.com/ow-ring-howto>

**7. 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](mailto:keyoung@olatheschools.org) with any questions!

**8. 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](mailto:knhopson@olatheschools.org).

**9. ASVAB Military Testing - ASVAB Testing for Olathe Juniors and Seniors** - If you are a junior or senior who is interested in the military, you should consider taking the [Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test](#). The ASVAB test will be administered by the military on Testing Day on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Olathe North High School. There is no cost, and there is no obligation to join the military. Registration closes on 9/26, so sign up [here](#) today

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

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

**14. Owen Sculpture Bricks** - I have had several people ask how they can purchase a brick around the owl sculpture on the north side of the building. I have attached the flyer! It's never too early to order - I believe we have Class of 2032 brick already in place! Flyer is attached!

I hope you all have a good weekend! I am thankful for the support of our incredible OW community.

**Dad joke of the week: I told my daughter that I suspected someone at OW was an actual live owl. She replied: Who? I said: I knew it was you.**


Holler if you need me.


Jay Novacek  
Principal

**Attachments:**

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 [Yard Sign.docx](#) (405.4 KB)

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

 [Brick Flyer 25-26.pdf](#) (435.1 KB)

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