

Osseo Orioles



Flier



Principal – Bob Perdaems
Assistant Principals – Diana Bledsoe & Ronnie King

OCTOBER 2009

Dear OSH Parents & Guardians:

Welcome back to this new school year. Thank you so much for your continued support of Osseo Senior High School. Your involvement in our school is one of the most important parts of our success. If you are interested in becoming involved on the district level, consider becoming a DPAC (District Planning Advisory Council) representative. Call the main office at OSH and leave your contact information with Tracy Hanson to be given to Principal Bob Perdaems.

Congratulations to Joseph Einertson, Ellen Freund and Jessica Olk (pictured below with Dr. Perdaems)! They have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Former OSH student Andrew Boursier (not pictured) was also named.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



OSH 2009/2010 PLANNING CALENDAR

October 8.....	Homecoming Coronation & Pepfest
October 9.....	Workshop Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
October 9.....	Tailgating (before the football game)
October 9.....	Homecoming Bonfire (following football game)
October 10.....	Homecoming Dance - 8:00 to 11:00 PM/Cafeteria
October 12.....	Picture Retakes - 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM/Auditorium
October 12.....	Auditorium Rededication Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
October 14.....	PSAT Test – 7:30 to 10:30 AM
October 15 & 16	Teachers' Professional Meetings/NO SCHOOL
October 19.....	Student Senate Blood Drive
October 20.....	Midtri
October 22 & 28.....	P/T Conferences 3:00 – 8:00 PM
October 29.....	Band Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
November 3, 4, 5.....	BST Retest Days/3rd Writing; 4th Math; 5th Reading
November 13, 14, 19, 20, 21.....	Fall Musical, <i>Willy Wonka</i> – 7:30 PM
November 15.....	Fall Musical Matinee, <i>Willy Wonka</i> – 2:30 PM
November 23.....	All Choirs Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
November 24.....	Band Concert - 8:00 PM/Auditorium
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday/NO SCHOOL
December 4.....	Mark Reporting Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Advisory Make Up Opportunity
December 7.....	Begin Trimester 2
December 9.....	Student Senate Presents 'Singled Out' - 7:00 PM/Cafeteria
December 10.....	Orchestra Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
December 16.....	Band Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
December 17.....	Chamber Choir Holiday Sing-Along Concert - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
December 18.....	Last Day Before Winter Break
December 21 – January 1	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
January 4.....	School Resumes
January 12.....	Assembly Schedule Advisory for PLAN/ASVAB
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day/NO SCHOOL
January 25.....	NWSC Preview Concert – 7:30 PM/Auditorium
January 27.....	Midtri
January 27 & February 4.....	P/T Conferences 3:00 to 8:00 PM
February 1.....	NWSC Music Festival/Centennial HS
February 5.....	Sno Daze Coronation & Pepfest
February 6.....	Sno Daze Dance 8 - 11 PM
February 8.....	Choral Connections Concert (OSH, OJH, NV, MGJH, BJH) - 7:30 PM/Auditorium
February 10.....	Registration Conferences/3:00 to 8:00 PM
February 12	Workshop Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
February 15	Presidents' Day/NO SCHOOL
February 22.....	Symphonic Band Concert - 8:00 PM/Auditorium
March 1.....	OSH/MGSH Choir Exchange Concert - 7:30 PM/MGSH Auditorium
March 6.....	5AA State Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Contest/Mounds View HS
March 12.....	Mark Reporting Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Advisory Make Up Opportunity
March 15.....	Begin 3rd Trimester
March 15 - 24.....	AP Test Registration
March 22.....	Student Senate Blood Drive
March 23.....	Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest - 2:00 to 8:00 PM/Auditorium
March 24.....	District Jazz Festival - 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM/PC Auditorium
March 29 - April 2.....	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
April 5.....	School Resumes
April 10.....	5AA State Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM/MGSH Auditorium
April 13 & 14.....	MCA Reading (10)/MCA Math (11)/Late Start (12)
April 20.....	BST Writing (12)
April 21.....	BST Math Retest
April 21.....	Band Solo & Ensemble Contest, 2:00 to 10:00 PM/Auditorium
April 22.....	BST Reading Retest
April 29.....	Midtri
April 29.....	P/T Conferences/3:00 – 8:00 PM

OSH 2009/2010 PLANNING CALENDAR cont.

April 30	Teacher Workshop Day/NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May (Dates TBD)	NWEA Testing
May 2	NHS Induction - 2:00 PM/Auditorium
May 3 - 14	AP Testing
May 10 - 14	MCA Science Testing
May 14	Spring Carnival/Fun Day
May 15	Prom/7:00 – 11:00 PM at Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center
Week of May 17 - 21 (day TBD)	Graduation Speech & Song Auditions – 2:15 PM/Choir Room
May 26	Band Concert - 8:00 PM/Auditorium
May 31	Memorial Day/NO SCHOOL
June 1	All Choirs Concert - 8:00 PM/Auditorium
June 2	Awards Night – 6:30 PM/Cafeteria
June 2 & 3	Mandatory Senior Graduation Assemblies during Advisory - half of seniors each day
June 3	Orchestra Concert - 8:00 PM/Auditorium
June 9	Last Day for Seniors/Cap & Gown Distribution (during lunch)
June 11	Last Day for Students (full day)
June 13	Graduation – 2:30 PM at Target Center
June 14	Last Day for Teachers/Mark Reporting Day/Advisory Make Up Opportunity

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

On Monday, October 12 join our Music Department for the very special Auditorium Rededication Concert in the Osseo Senior High Auditorium. The concert will begin at 7:30 PM and all of our ensembles will be performing – the Concert & Symphonic Band, Symphonic & Chamber Orchestra, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir and Women’s Chorale. It will be an evening of wonderful music and give everyone an opportunity to sample all that the Music Department has to offer and see the beautifully refurbished auditorium. New carpet and seats were installed this past summer and the stage was refinished – the results are fantastic!!



YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR ONLY \$65
Don't wait – you'll pay more in the spring!

1. Order online at www.smart-pay.com (you could win a FREE Sony Play Station 3)
2. Call 1-800-853-1337
3. Use the order form from the OSH homepage and mail your order to Taylor Publishing

NO MONEY SHOULD BE SENT TO OSH!

After you order...checking your order status is as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Go to www.smart-pay.com
2. Enter your Order ID #
3. View or print your statement.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, October 22/3:00 to 8:00 PM/Arena
Wednesday, October 28/3:00 to 8:00 PM/Arena

We invite you to join us to meet with your student's teachers. Teachers will inform you of your student's progress and answer your questions during a 5-minute meeting. The conference time does not allow for discussion of problems. We suggest you arrange with your student's teachers for another time to meet to resolve larger issues.

TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR CONFERENCES:

Discuss with your student how she/he perceives they are progressing in class.
Review classroom objectives and goals.
Review completed assignments.
Ask your student if he/she has any concerns about the classwork or teacher expectations.
Be prepared to share information with the teacher that will assist him/her in working with your student.

Parents will be provided with progress reports for their student's midterm grades. The reports are generated on-line which allows us to produce one report per student that includes information from each teacher that is up to date.

The system allows teachers to give the student the most current midterm information available. It also allows you to see and discuss your student's report prior to conferences.

Information tables will be set up in the lobby of the Main Entrance to the building. Volunteers will be handing out important information including a list of teachers and their conference location as well as building maps. We at Osseo want to emphasize that our midterm conferences are intended for **both** parents and students. Please have your son or daughter come with you so the educational link between home and school can be complete.

TEAM OSSEO
We Want
You!!
To attend
your
student's
conferences

OSH MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of Osseo Senior High is to teach ALL students to...

- become successful learners.
- be responsible citizens.
- pursue personal fulfillment.

SchoolView Available

SchoolView: Giving Parents Access to Academic Performance, Attendance and so much more via the Internet – Your students have access, you can too!

SIGN UP DURING CONFERENCES!

Osseo Area Schools offer parents/guardians an on-line service to enhance teacher/parent communication. Using SchoolView, you can access information about your child's academic performance, including unofficial transcripts, schedule, attendance, and transportation information 24 hours a day. You can also subscribe to an alert system which will automatically send an e-mail when your child is absent. In addition, you may use SchoolView to update your phone numbers and e-mail address.

Signing up for SchoolView is EASY. A parent or legal guardian can **come to the Main office or the Counseling office** at Osseo Senior High and present one of the following forms of personal identification; a valid driver's license, a valid State identification card or a valid passport. You will be asked to sign and date an **Acceptable Use Policy** form before receiving your access key and SchoolView registration materials. You will use this access key to set up and activate your SchoolView account. You can begin accessing important information as soon as you finish activation.

Due to data privacy, we are unable to mail your secure access key.

Please note that SchoolView requires an internet connection and a minimum web browser of Internet Explorer 5.5 (PC) or version 5.1 (Mac) or Netscape version 6.2 or a browser with similar capabilities.

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER 'Making College Financing Count'

If you are you looking for answers to the big question, "How can I pay for college?" plan to attend 'Making College Financing Count' during OSH's first fall conference night, Thursday, October 22, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the auditorium. This presentation is for students and parents for 10 – 12 graders.

This FREE program provides *parents and students* with a comprehensive look at all aspects of paying for college. The program will cover –

- Planning for and managing college costs
- Strategies to help prepare for the next educational step
- Ways to navigate the financial aid process – and all the forms

The program is offered to our schools at no cost thanks to *Making It Count and Bank of America*, the program's professional sponsor.

Please contact staff in the OSH Career Resource Center (CRC) at (763) 391-8666 or (763) 391-8668 if you have any questions. The presentation will only be offered the first night of conferences, October 22, 2009.

INTRODUCING THE CRC FACEBOOK PAGE – BECOME A FAN!

In an effort to connect with OSH students, the OSH CRC recently released a Facebook page. This page will provide frequent updates with information about deadlines, visiting colleges, scholarships, and other opportunities available through the CRC.

We are encouraging all OSH students, parents and staff to take advantage of this new opportunity to receive important information from the Career Resource Center.

To become a fan (and receive updates), please visit the OSH website at <http://www.district279.org/sec/osh/> and click on CRC, then find the link to become a Facebook Fan of the OSH CRC.

Notes: You will need a Facebook account to become a fan and receive updates. Students are not allowed to access Facebook or other social networking sites on school computers at any time.

If you have questions, please contact Michelle Mazanec at (763) 391-8666.

WHAT THE CRC CAN DO FOR YOU!

The Career Resource Center at OSH is the office to turn to when you have questions about applying to college. The CRC will mail all complete applications for senior students. A complete application is one that includes:

- A finished application form
- A non-refundable application fee (if applicable)
- Letter(s) of recommendation (if required)
- Personal statement or essay

Colleges prefer that all application materials arrive together, so it is the policy of the CRC to accept completed applications to be mailed with an official transcript. If you have questions about this procedure, please call Michelle Mazanec (763 391-8666) or Judy McGarry (763 391-8668).

Most colleges have application deadlines that must be met to qualify for admission. The Career Resource Center needs 5 business days to process requests for official transcripts. If you are sending an application with the following deadlines, please remember to have your complete application to the CRC by the deadline:

College Application Deadline	CRC Processing Deadline
November 1, 2009	October 23, 2009
November 15, 2009	November 6, 2009
December 1, 2009	November 16, 2009
December 15, 2009	December 1, 2009
January 1, 2010	December 14, 2009

Other CRC services:

- ⇒ Know the admissions requirements of post-secondary schools
- ⇒ Pick up ACT, SAT, FAFSA and CSS/Financial Aid Profile forms
- ⇒ Visit with college reps
- ⇒ Learn how to research college information
- ⇒ Pick up applications and receive help in completing and sending college applications and transcripts
- ⇒ Make an appointment in the CRC to receive help in the college planning process and to complete your college and scholarship applications
- ⇒ Search scholarship information and pick up applications
- ⇒ Check the CRC bulletin each week for career, college planning and scholarship information

CRC Bulletin

<http://www.osseo.k12.mn.us/sec/osh/>

For more information:

Career Placement Specialist, Michelle Mazanec @ (763) 391-8666

Career Technical Tutor, Judy McGarry @ (763) 391-8668

FREE ONLINE ACT/SAT/PSAT/ASVAB PRACTICE TESTS

This year, Osseo Senior High has purchased an online practice test package to help students prepare for the tests listed above. If your student is interested in this free opportunity, please have him/her **visit the CRC for details.**

FINAL TEST DAYS SCHEDULE

It has not yet been determined that we will use a special schedule for finals testing at the end of the trimester. If/when a schedule is in place it will be on the OSH website and messages will be sent to all families using the Connect-ED phone system.

A NOTE ABOUT REPORT CARDS

Please make sure that you keep your report cards as you receive them each trimester – many insurance companies require a copy for ‘Good Student Discount’ purposes. School personnel will be happy to complete insurance forms that you bring in but a second copy of the report card is not available.

OSSEO STUDENT PUBLISHED!

Congratulations to Rachel Heeren, a junior at Osseo Senior High. Rachel's poem was selected for publication in the *Creative Communication Poetry Anthology*. She was additionally recognized as one of the Top Ten Poets in the contest. As a result, Rachel received a \$50 savings bond and a complimentary copy of the book. Congratulations Rachel!

OSSEO OEC TEAMS COMPETE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

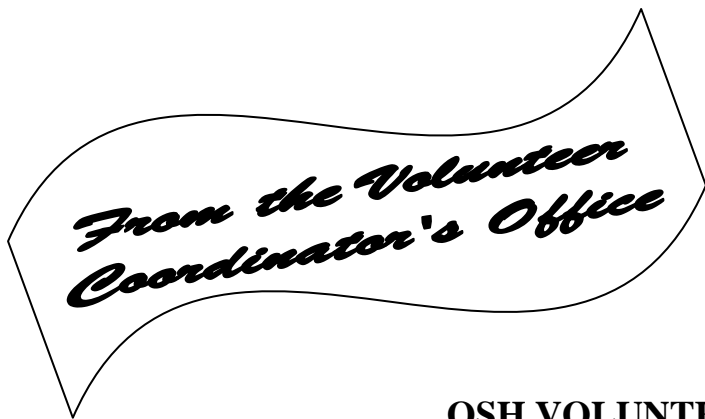
This summer, Osseo OEC brought 5 teams of 3 to Virginia Beach, Virginia for the IRECA Competition – International Rescue and Emergency Care Association. Students and staff took a 26 hour bus ride out to the east coast to arrive in Virginia by June 22. OEC students spent 7 days sight seeing, volunteering, and competing in different competitions. On Thursday, June 25, Osseo's 5 teams competed in the Youth BLS competition. Out of a total of 9 teams, Osseo took third place. Not only did they compete in the Youth BLS competition, but they assisted in the Technical Rescue, and ALS Competition. We are very proud of our third place team "Got Rice³." Got Rice³ team members are Captain Pantelan Yang, Elbert Yang, and Vicki Xiong. Congratulations to all Osseo teams that competed at IRECA.

OSSEO OEC STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 'OPERATION MINNOW'

On September 13, Osseo OEC students took part in a large scale disaster drill called 'Operation Minnow'. Experts from around the metro planned to have a mock accident take place on Lake Minnetonka. Students arrived in Excelsior, MN at 6:30 AM to help organize the drill and also get the 30 victims moulaged. After applying the fake bruises, blood, and broken bones, the victims were brought out to the middle of Lake Minnetonka to be placed in position. At 8:00 AM, the mock call went out to local EMS systems signaling a speed boat vs. cruise liner boat collision. Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Rescue members were the first to respond with additional help on shore from surrounding hospitals and fire stations. The drill was to practice their emergency action plan in response to HAZMAT situations and mass casualty incidents. Osseo OEC students were recognized for their exceptional volunteerism and helping make 'Operation Minnow' possible.

The photo below is Osseo OEC students participating in the drill along with the Water Rescue members.





OSH VOLUNTEER INFORMATION CAN YOU HELP?

ADULTS

There are a number of ways you can help out at OSH in the next few months. Both day and evening hours are available:

- Checking lunch numbers for students in September
- Guest speaker
- Media Center Assistance
- College Fair
- Music Department
- Orientations in August
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Registration Conferences
- Special projects – short term notice
- Student Senate Blood Drives
- Lifetouch

If you have some time to volunteer, please call or email the Volunteer Coordinator, Marsha Newcomb, at (763) 391-8542 or newcombm@district279.org.

STUDENTS

Peer tutoring: - We have a great need for tutors due to the loss of half of last year's tutors to graduation! If you have strength in a subject (or subjects), we need you! To sign up to be a tutor or request a tutor, fill out a form (the same one is used to become a tutor or request a tutor) in the Counseling Office, Main Office, Student Services Office or the Volunteer Coordinator's Office in Room 103. If you have questions, contact Ms. Newcomb in Room 103, call (763) 391-8542, leave a note for her in the main office, or email her at newcombm@district279.org.

To request a peer tutor, fill out a form (found in the same areas listed above) stating which subjects you'd like to receive help in, list the times and days you would be available and be sure to put your phone number on it so the tutor can contact you. Turn the completed form in to any of the offices listed above.

Youth Service/Transcript Recognition: Transcript recognition is available to students who volunteer 15 hours or more during the school year. Volunteer Service is one of the areas many admission offices and employers look at when considering an applicant. Many things qualify for this recognition – scouting, religious, elementary or junior high volunteering, peer tutoring and office/teacher aide hours (eligible as long as it is not for 'credit').

Outside of school volunteering – Ms. Newcomb has a list of volunteer sites for finding an opportunity outside of OSH. You may also find your own volunteer site.

If a student volunteers 15 hours or more a trimester, they can get a designation on their transcript that indicates their volunteer service by completing the Volunteer Service form. IF less than 15 hours are earned, the student should still turn in the form and the hours will accumulate with the next tri's volunteer hours. Youth Service forms are available in the Counseling Office, Student Services, the Main Office or the Volunteer Office (in Room 103). Return the signed, completed forms to the Volunteer Office or the Main Office by the last week of the trimester.

TICKET ORDER FORM
OSSEO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S 2009 MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Roald Dahl's
WILLY WONKA

ALL SEATS ARE RESERVED* (except Sunday matinee)

FRIDAY, NOV. 13 – 7:30 PM

___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

THURSDAY, NOV 19 – 7:30 PM

___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY, NOV. 14 – 7:30 PM

___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

FRIDAY, NOV 20 – 7:30 PM

___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

SUNDAY, NOV. 15 – 2:30 PM

General Seating Only* - Doors open at 2:00 PM
 ___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

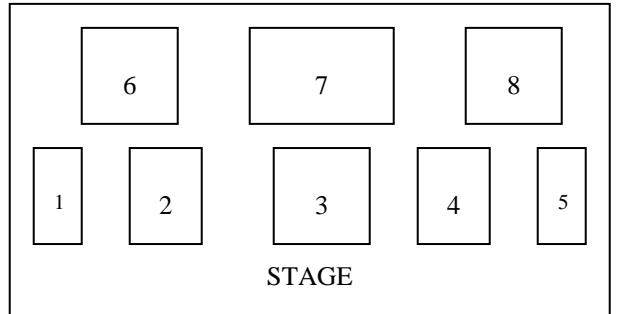
SATURDAY, NOV 21 – 7:30 PM

___ Adult @ \$8.00 \$ _____
 ___ Golden Age @ \$6.00 \$ _____
 ___ Students (K-12) & Children @ \$6.00 \$ _____

TOTAL # of Tickets Requested _____
TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ _____

If you have a seating preference, please circle the row/area of your choice within your section pick.

1st Choice: Section _____ front middle back
 2nd Choice: Section _____ front middle back
 3rd Choice: Section _____ front middle back



NAME: _____ PHONE: () _____

Tickets may be purchased in one of three ways:

1. At the high school during lunch (10:40 – 12:10) on Thursday and Friday of the performance weeks.
2. At the Box Office one hour before all performances.
3. Through the mail. **Mail order tickets will be held at the Box Office and confirmed by phone (make sure you include a phone number) unless the order is accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.** Please make checks payable to **Osseo Senior High School** and mail your order to:

Osseo Senior High School
 Musical Tickets
 317 Second Ave. NW
 Osseo, MN 55369

Mail orders will be filled beginning November 2.

SENIOR ALL NIGHT PARTY INFORMATION

The Class of 2010 All Night Party Committee has already begun planning for the All Night Party scheduled for the night of June 13, 2010. The registration letter/form will be mailed out in early November and meetings are already underway. Parents – your help is needed on the various committees!

If you are interested in helping on a committee but didn't attend the meeting, contact Nancy McElligott, All Night Party Chair, at (763) 425-1533 or strawberrymac@hotmail.com or call Tracy Hanson in the OSH office at (763) 391-8508. We need every parent's support to have the fantastic party our seniors deserve!!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OSSEO PARENTS

Office Hours

7:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Main school number

391-8500

Menu options:

Attendance.....Press 1

Directions to Osseo Senior High.....Press 2

To leave a message for a staff memberPress 3

To reach the Main OfficePress 0

If you know your parties 5-digit voicemail extension, you may enter it at any time.

Check out our Osseo Senior High web page at

www.district279.org/sec/osh

Independent School District 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability. If you require auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a district activity, please call us at 391-8500 or TDD (612) 391-7250 at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance (two week notice preferred).

The Osseo Flier is mailed several times a year to parents of Osseo Senior High students and interested community members. We hope to keep you informed by presenting information about the instructional program, upcoming events, and matters of general interest.

Please contact me if you have information that you would like included in the Flier, or if you have questions or comments. We welcome suggestions regarding topics you would like to see included in future issues. Your continuing support and interest is appreciated by the students and staff at OSH.

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