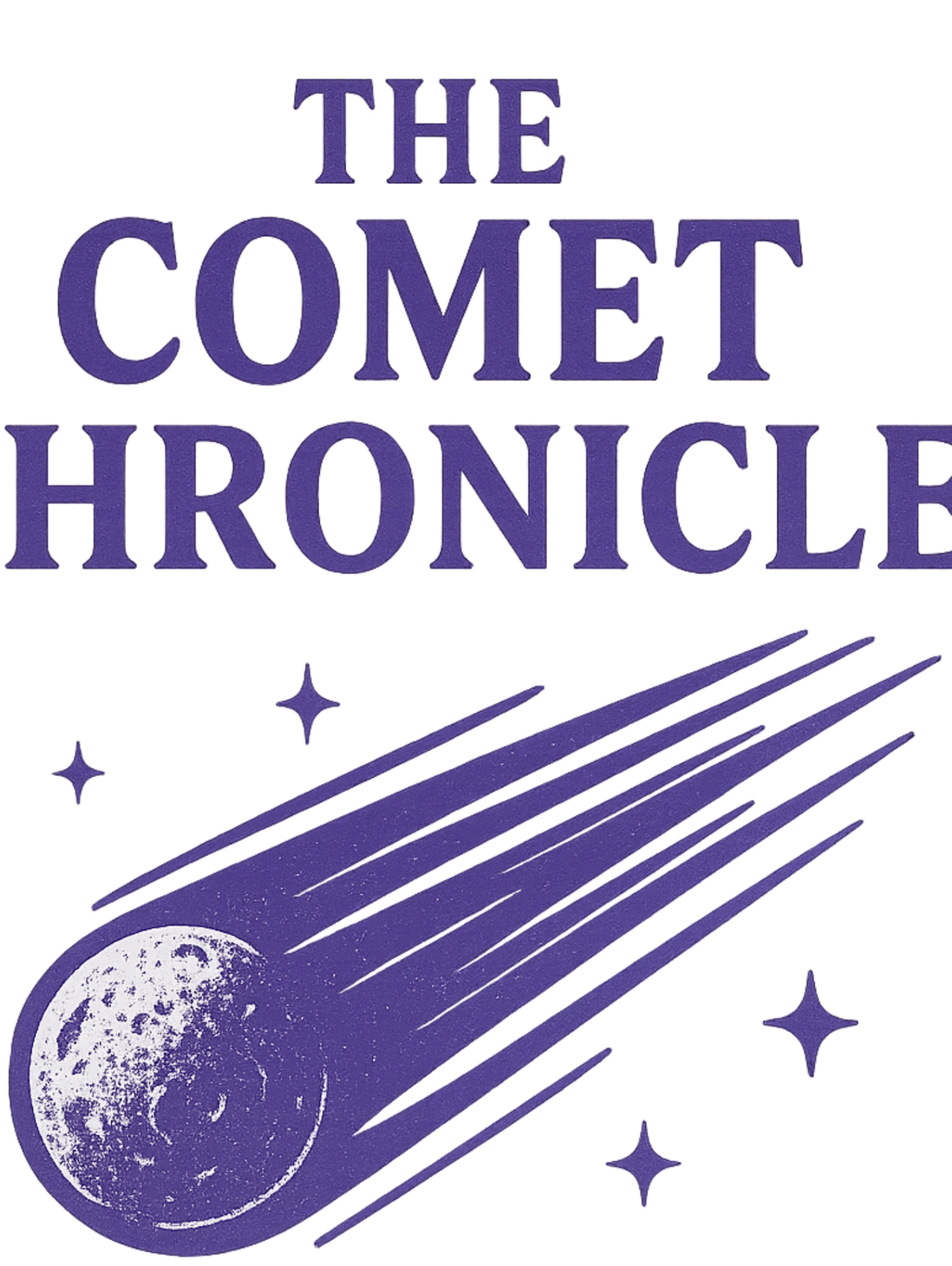
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NEWSLETTER

PYPER BOWEN MAKES IT TO IESA STATE IN CROSS COUNTRY



Coach Marsh says "Soooo proud of you Pyp!!! What a great day for running! This XC season was definitely a new and interesting experience for me but I am so glad I got to experience State today with Pyper!! She ran a new PR 13:18 and finished 64th overall for class 2A Girls!! She is such a great leader and is so determined! It makes my coach heart happy to see hard work pay off! I hope to be back at State next year with more kids! ?"

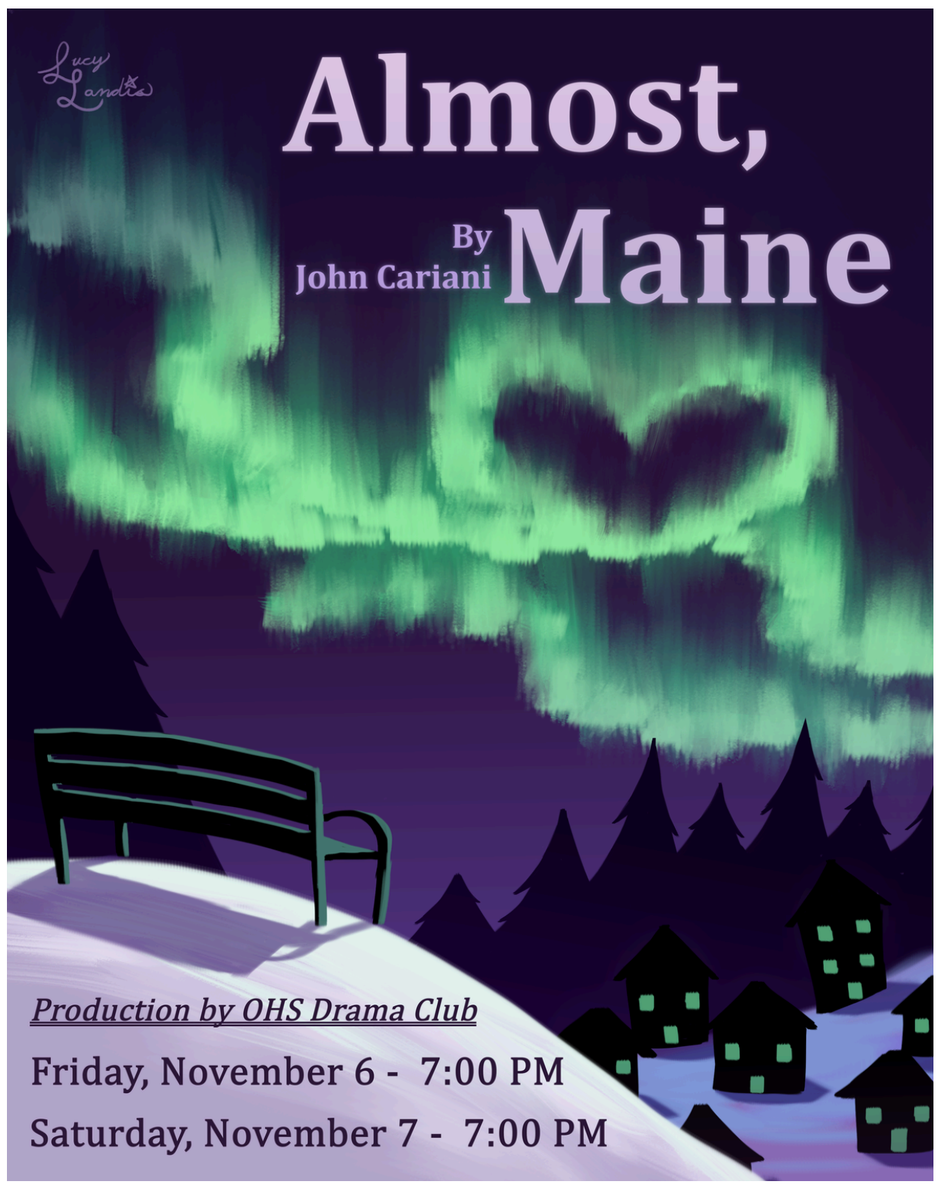




JOIN THE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB FOR THEIR FALL PLAY

A woman carries her heart, broken into nineteen pieces, in a small paper bag. A man shrinks to half his former size, after losing hope in love. A couple keep the love they have given each other in large red bags, or compress the mass into the size of a diamond. These playful and surreal experiences are commonplace in the world of John Cariani's Almost, Maine, where on one deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, the citizens of Almost -- not organized enough for a town, too populated for a wilderness -- experience the life-altering power of the human heart. Relationships end, begin, or change beyond recognition, as strangers become friends, friends become lovers, and lovers turn into strangers. Propelled by the mystical energy of the aurora borealis and populated with characters who are humorous, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and sincere, Almost, Maine is a series of loosely connected tales about love, each with a compelling couple at its center, each with its own touch of sorcery.

Tickets sold at the door -- $5 for students and seniors, $10 for adults, Free for children 5 and under. Doors open at 6:30PM and curtains rise at 7:00PM!



New Sports Complex

The new Oakwood Athletic Complex has been a long time coming for our schools, our students, our athletes, and the entire Oakwood community.

We are incredibly excited about what the future holds and believe our students deserve high-quality athletic facilities that provide them with the opportunity to compete, practice, and grow at a high level. This has been a long process that has required many difficult decisions, countless hours of planning, and a great deal of work behind the scenes. However, seeing this project come together has made the journey completely worthwhile.

This new athletic complex represents an investment in our students, our schools, and our community. We are excited about the opportunities these facilities will provide for our junior high and high school athletes for many years to come.

We hope construction will begin soon, and we look forward to the day when we can welcome our athletes into their new facilities. Our goal is to have the new Oakwood Athletic Complex ready for our students and athletes in the fall of 2027.

The future is bright at Oakwood, and we are excited to see this vision become a reality!

-Mr. Steele



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COMET CALENDER

Already Happened:

Fright Night

Dot Day Assembly

Teach Like Dolly

Alphabet Parade (Kindergarten)



Hog Wallow Farms (Kindergarten)

Revolutionary War Day @ Forest Glen (5th,7th,8th grade)

(10/8) Dairy Barn @ Fair Oaks (2nd Grade)







(10/30) Halloween Parade

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Harry potter

My Harry Potter collection continues to grow, lol, especially with the 25th Anniversary of the first movie being celebrated this year. Library specific we have a Harry Potter area planned at the Family Reading Night (a photo op is a definite and some crafts like wand making are likely). I decided to include a Harry Potter area that night because so many of our "littles" love to come see the HP collection in the 7/8 Library. Having an HP craft or two available will allow them to take their own little piece of the Harry Potter fandom home. I also have a lot of parents who stop in during school events to check everything out.

Mrs. McGee and I also want to plan a "Book Bedazzling" event. People would bring their favorite books and decorate them with rhinestones, crystals, gems, foil, etc.

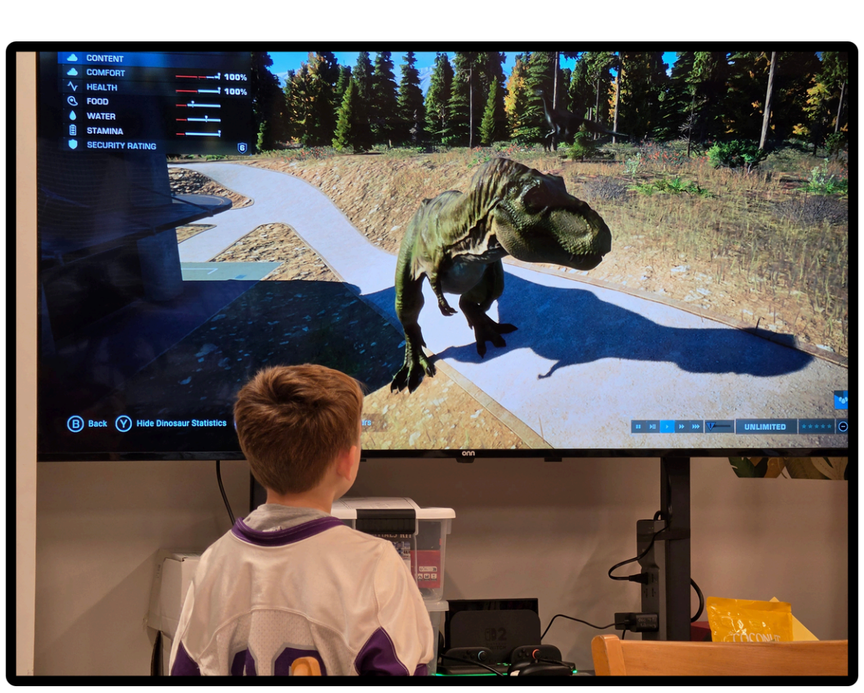
Mrs Grimms Library









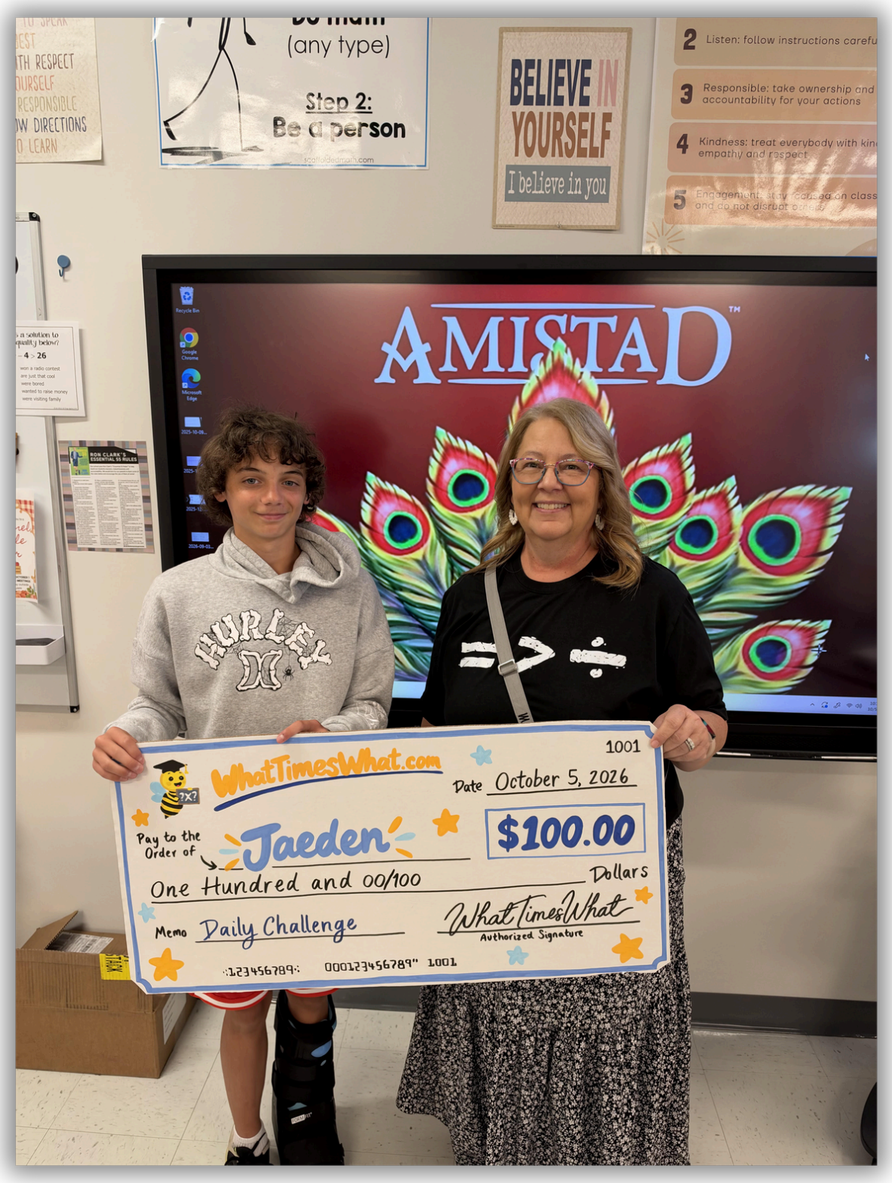


Lennox Lee

Spending time with Lennox is just a fabulous way to start my day! When one (or more) of your parents works at a school you usually end up spending a lot of time there by default. I always want students of all ages to feel welcome in the 7/8 Library, so I have often "hosted" students before and after school as my schedule allows. There is always something fun to do here! Lennox learned last year that we both love dinosaurs (but he does way better job at knowing their names than I do!) and he loved to watch videos on my phone from my visits to the Jurassic Park area at Universal Studios or just playing with my dinosaur toys. This year Lennox comes early in the morning with Mrs. Lee most days and we progressed to watching dinosaur videos on YouTube from various games. He then pointed out that I have a Nintendo Switch 2 in the library and that we could buy Jurassic World Evolution 2 for immediate download. As a big kid at heart, but with grown-up money, I agreed and we purchased it. It is a park management simulation game where we are working on building our own Jurassic World and hatching our own dinosaurs.

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One of our Oakwood Grade School students, Jaeden, recently demonstrated exceptional speed, accuracy, and confidence by taking on the WhatTimesWhat.com Daily Challenge. In just 30 seconds, Jaeden successfully completed an impressive 52 multiplication problems. This accomplishment reflects not only his strong math skills, but also his ability to remain focused and work efficiently under a time constraint. His achievement is a wonderful example of the academic growth and determination we strive to encourage in all of our students.



We are incredibly proud of Jaeden and the dedication he has shown in developing his multiplication skills. Accomplishments such as this demonstrate the value of consistent practice, perseverance, and a willingness to challenge oneself. Jaeden's success serves as an excellent reminder that continued effort and a commitment to growth can lead to outstanding results. We are pleased to celebrate his achievement and recognize the hard work that made it possible. Congratulations, Jaeden, on this well-deserved accomplishment!



New House Apparel Designs











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At Oakwood Grade School 5-8 will compete for a trophy. As the OGS House systems continues to grow, they'll focus on building relationships, as they compete with each other, to win the big trophy at the end of the year.



Over the past 4 years they have been focusing on student leadership, and show how students can lead a classroom.

Every Wednesday they'll do a wheel spin, along with community projects, and competing for house points.







OGS Houses

Building relationships and student leadership

Harlow, Rylan, Bella

OAKWOOD Christmas Program

Mrs Farris and Her seasonal Christmas program!





Mrs Farris's goal for the Christmas program each year is that it will be entertaining, meaningful, and hopefully, an unforgettable experience for both the students performing and the people watching. Of course, because it is our Christmas program, I also want it to be a fun way to celebrate the season together and give our students an opportunity to share their talents.





All about the Christmas Program

Mrs Farris said one thing that makes this event special each year is the number of students who come together to create one big performance. Students have a variety of different roles--singing, acting, speaking, dancing, or helping bring the story to life in some way--but in the end, everyone involved has contributed to the same program. There is something special about seeing it all finally come together.

Mrs. Farris also says she has simply a challenge of opperating and organizing, she says "One of the biggest challenges is simply organizing and managing hundreds of students! It takes a lot of practice, patience, and teamwork. Student behavior and keeping everyone focused can definitely be challenging when you have that many students involved. It is also a challenge to figure out where everyone will stand each year...fitting them all on the stage can at times feel like putting together a big puzzle!"

We asked mrs farris how she specifically picks her positions for the christmas program, Mrs farris said, "i hold tryouts for most of the larger roles. I try my best to look for students who fit the part, can speak or perform confidently, and are willing to put in the work it takes to learn the role. "



Harlow, Rylan, Bella

OAKWOOD
Christmas Program

We asked mrs farris what her favorite moment is about her christtmas program! she says, “I don't know if I can name one specific favorite memory, but I have a favorite moment every year. You may remember that until dress rehearsal, I practice with the students mostly in their individual classes. The first time I stand in front of everyone together for dress rehearsal day and hear close to two hundred of them singing together is always an incredible feeling. After weeks of teaching the same songs over and over to separate groups or grade levels, suddenly I get to hear what all of that work sounds like together when multiple grades combine. It energizes me every year to keep believing the efforts are worth it. “



Words from Mrs Farris!

More than anything, I hope the students enjoy the experience of performing together and make memories they will carry with them. I hope they feel proud when they see all of their hard work come together. Years from now, they may not remember every song or line, but I hope they remember the feeling of performing and what it felt like to be a part of something special with their classmates.









Comet Football

As a fan being able to watch the football team is amazing. Friday night lights at Oakwood are like no other. The whole community shows up and supports the Comets. The atmosphere at the home games are crazy and fun.





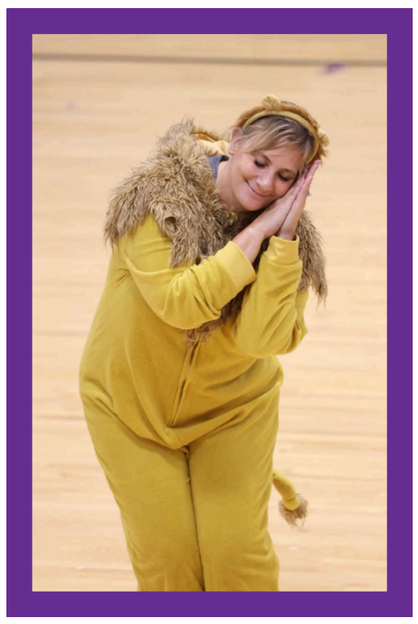
Oakwood Football is 6-3 entering the playoffs with 3 very tough losses. They lost one game by 8, one by 3, and one by 1. Oakwood football is excited to keep playing and carry momentum into the playoffs.

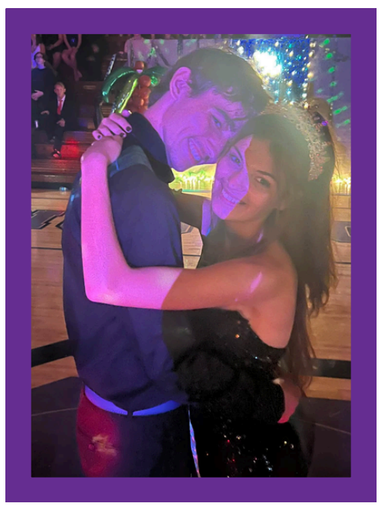
We interveiwed Cale one of our players. He said that the season started out good but they hit a rough patch. He also said he is excited because the comets started stacking wins and now host a playoff game with a record of 6-3.



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OHS Student Council and Homecoming Week







Homecoming Week

This years Homecoming week was a major success for OHS Student Council. Student council advisors Tiffany Bruens and LuAnn McMasters think so too. Mrs. Bruens stated, " It went really well, some changes need made, but overall it was very successful." Mrs. McMasters also stated, " It went good. We had a good plan for decorating, and most of our people showed up. Although some people didn't like the song choices at the dance." This year student council also offered a pre-song request form, so make sure to look out for it next year if you want specific songs played at the dance. Student Council President Sydney Dunavan said, " I think it went really good this year. We did change a lot of things, but they worked well." Student Council Member Madelyn Lapenas had some thoughts about homecoming week too. "I feel like this was probably the best homecoming week that we have had, at least in the years that I have been in highschool." The overall consensus from student council officers and members is that homecoming week was a success and big hit this year.





Senior Citizen Dinner

This year's Senior Citizen Dinner will be on December 2nd, 2026, at 11:00AM. Upon entering there will be door prizes for each person that shows up. There is not yet a specific theme so be sure to keep up with OHS Student Council Facebook to see when it is posted, although it will be some form of Christmas. Student Council Historian Kenzie Carpenter, who is in charge of the dinner, told us that there will be lots of fun prizes and raffles at the dinner. The food provided will be that of a traditional thanksgiving meal like turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and more. Some of the prizes included in the raffle are soaps, candies, and decorative hand towels. The OHS Choir will aslo be preforming at the Senior Citizen Dinner, so make sure to come out and support them!





Sports Update

As the fall sports come to a end winter sports are going to come to a start. We interviewed Mr. Vetter to see how he thought fall went and what he is looking forward to during winter season.





He said that football had many Ups and downs but likes the season overall and how close everyone is with each other. He said he was glad with how volleyball was going for such young group. He was overall pleased with soccer as well.

For winter he said that he was excited to see how basketball goes with a new coach. He also mentioned cheer and how good they have done in the past. He was also curious to see how wrestling is going to do.



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Comet Classic

Interviewed Mrs. Marsh

How does the Comet Classic work? There are 8 tourney teams with the option to renew a contract. If new teams want to play, which hasn't happened in a long time, another team would have to not sign their contract.

What have you done in the past that you do differently now? Used to be 10 teams in the tournaments. At that time, we would have more games in the weekdays but now we only have two games during the week nights and we start on Saturday when we used to start on Friday. We switch who is in what pool every year so the same teams are not playing each other every year.

What are you going to do that's the same? The Oakwood players work the concession stand because it is our fundraiser so we can raise money for our program. Days and times of the games all stay the same.



What are you planning for this year?

What dates?

Nov. 21-27

What Teams?

Covington

Heritage

Oakwood

Rantoul

Casey Westfield

Hoopeston

Tri County

Westville

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What's the most exciting part from a coaches perspective? Getting to see a lot of basketball in a short amount of time and we get to learn a lot

Are you excited on a scale from 1 - 10? 8/10 EXCITED BUT NOT TOO EXCITED. I like the tournament but it is a lot of work to organize everything.