In the Loop

Monthly Updates from OCHS

NOVEMBER 2026

SITE COUNCIL

We will be holding our Site Council meeting on December 2nd at 5:30 pm in the OCHS Media Center. The purpose of Site Council is as follows:

- Provide support to help us meet our school's mission and goals.
- Provide advice and counsel in evaluating the school performance goals and objectives.
- Provide advice and counsel in determining methods that may be employed by the school to meet these goals and objectives

If you would like to be added to our site council for the 26-27 school year please contact gmorgan@usd420.org

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/4 - Early Release - Teacher Collaboration
- 11/5 - ESU Fair and Miss Kansas presentation
- 11/6 - Washburn Art Day
- 11/7 - Debate and Music at SM North
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day and BOE meeting
- 11/12 - FHL StuCo
- 11/13 - FFA Leadership School
- 11/14 - 7 pm Play
- 11/15 - 2 pm Play
- Fall Athletic Buffer Week is November 9th-15th
- 11/16 - First Day of Winter Practices
- 11/19- Site Council - HS Library @ 6:00 pm
- 11/21 - Debate at Shawnee Heights
- 11/23 - 11/27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

DID YOU KNOW?

Students owe $10 a year for class dues. Students are asked to pay $10 their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade year. If Seniors have unpaid dues they owe a total of $40. These dues help pay for prom, senior shirt and the cookout! Please encourage your student to check with the high school office to see if they have paid their dues! Fees will have to be paid prior to Prom attendance for any student.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Thank you for attending conferences with your student! Our overall attendance rate at OCHS was 97%. Great job to everyone!

ACTIVITIES

- Scholars Bowl opened Oct. 27th at NHHS
- Girl XC completed on Oct. 31st at the state meet.
- VB concluded their season at Silver Lake in Regionals
- FB hosted bracket play Oct. 30th vs Riverton and continues on Nov. 6th TBD
- Fall Athletic Buffer Week is November 9th-15th
- Winter sports practices begin November 16th

BLESSING BAG BATTLES

OCHS StuCo is Co-Sponsoring this project. Food collected during this competition will be distributed into Blessing Bags for children in Osage County who struggle with food insecurities to take home on the weekends. The Blessing Bag Battles is a competition for 9th–12th grade students.

Competition Dates: November 2nd – November 14th

Each food item on the list earns points — the more you bring, the more your class earns! The class with the highest total points at the end of the competition will win a Pizza Party ��

Bulk Items - 15 Points **Small Pack Items - 5 Points** **Single Items - 1 Point Each**

FALL Play Info:

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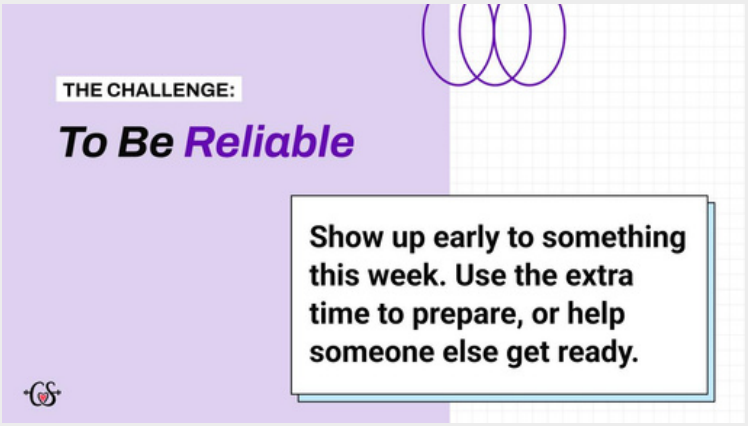
TO BE CHALLENGES...

Our Social Emotional curriculum, Character Strong, has "To Be Challenges" built into it. These challenges are focused on helping strengthen student's social emotional skills. Each challenge has a topic and instructions on how to accomplish it. We look forward to seeing how students rise to these challenges throughout the year!



COLLEGE VISITS

OCHS encourages students to get on campus and learn first hand what type of college environment will be a good fit for them. This can be signed up for online through the college website. OCHS Counselors are happy to assist! Juniors get 2 college visit days and Seniors get 3.

<u>To be excused:</u>

1) Parent/Guardian needs to call the office to let them know their child is going on a college visit,

2) Student is responsible for letting teachers know ahead of time and getting homework,

3) Student needs to go talk with a HS Counselor about their visit went.

These days do not count against their attendance.

Upcoming Events

November:

11/2- US Army Recruiter Lunch Visit
11/5- Emporia College Fair
11/9- Washburn University Lunch Visit

December:

12/3 Accuplacer - Dual Credit Entrance Testing
ALL Sophomores, interested Juniors
12/7- US Army Recruiter Lunch Visit

LATELY in the OC

OCHS and OCMS students enjoyed two great presentations this past month focused on making positive choices and supporting one another!

The Jones Project – Coach Parker

Coach Parker shared his personal story to remind students that mental health matters and no one has to face challenges alone. Students were encouraged to show empathy, ask for help when needed, and remember: You matter, you are not alone, and there is always hope!

Think Before You Post – Sports in Kansas

Students learned how social media choices can impact friendships, reputations, and future opportunities. The big takeaway? Think before you post because what you share today can follow you tomorrow!