

## OCHS Students Pack 90 Meals for Local Families in Need

Students from Oak Creek High School joined forces to pack 90 meals for hungry community members living in surrounding neighborhoods. This community impact project was part of the kickoff event for the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, a national high school leadership program that not only teaches students leadership skills, but also empowers students to put their skills into action.

The kickoff event, which took place after school on September 23, focused on how each student can have a positive impact on their community. Students were encouraged to share their dreams and goals for the future, as well as their fears and what might be stopping them from reaching for the stars.

Students participating in the program are expected to learn leadership skills and apply them throughout the school year to plan and implement an "impact project" that positively affects their local community.



The Chick-fil-A Foundation offers financial support to the impact projects and local Chick-fil-A Franchise Operators sponsor the program for the schools in their community and often serve as mentors

to the students involved. Danica Anderson, local owner/operator of Chick-fil-A in Oak Creek, attended the kickoff event and provided students with box lunches.

Each month, the OCHS Chick-fil-A Leader Academy meets to discuss a different leadership characteristic and learns how they can impact their community beyond the doors of Oak Creek High School.



## Businesses Recognized for OCFJSD Partnerships

Four local businesses were selected to be part of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) 2016 Business Honor Roll. The Business Honor Roll recognizes outstanding local businesses that support their schools. Both the Oak Creek and Franklin communities express great pride in their schools and the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District is very grateful to have a number of local businesses that generously donate their time and funds to support school programs and activities.

For the 2015-16 school year, PPG Industries and three other businesses who played a significant role in completing the Knight Construction house were nominated to the WASB Business Honor Roll.

**PPG Industries** has been an instrumental partner in education for

the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District. During the 2015-2016 school year, PPG donated over \$48,000 to the district including an \$18,500 donation to Oak Creek High School's Robotics Team, \$5,000 to Knight Construction, and \$4,600 for various scholarships. PPG's contributions have helped fund various educational field trips and have aided the district in purchasing equipment for libraries, playgrounds, engineering classes, and physical education classes. Contributions have also supported Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) programs, Safety Cadets, music programs and FIRST Lego League.

**Callen Construction** worked with Knight Construction students on window, cabinet and gutter installation. They did an outstanding job mentoring the students, explaining

each process in great detail, demonstrating how to do it and then letting the students take over and complete the work.

**Oak Creek Plumbing** also worked very closely with the Knight Construction students, demonstrating how to properly plumb a home. Oak Creek Plumbing gave students the unique opportunity to actually complete rough and finish plumbing work.

**Dairyland Energy Solutions** completed all of the electrical work for the Knight Construction house. Because of their presence on the job site, the students gained the invaluable experience of completing rough and finish electrical work on a residential home.

*Thank you for supporting our schools!*



## EMS Student takes First Place at Cultural Competition

East Middle School student, Maggie Stoving was awarded \$100 for her first prize finish in a German American Cultural competition on October 2 in Menomonee Falls. The contest was sponsored by the German American Societies of Milwaukee in cooperation with Germanfest. This year's theme was "Places Germans built in America". Maggie's project featured the Grand Carousel once located in Riverside Park in New Jersey.



## Cathy Cramer Reflects on her time at OCFJSD

Cathy Cramer, the District's Director of Business Services for the past twelve years, has officially retired from the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District. You can read Cathy's "farewell" blog post on the [Knight Vision blog](#). Thank you for your service and dedication, Cathy Cramer!



## Students Awarded at Chinese Speech Contest

Four Chinese students from East and West Middle School participated in the Annual Wisconsin Chinese Language Speech Contest at UW-Milwaukee late last spring. Jonathan Phung from West took second place and Erin Marshall from East took 4th place

for the non-heritage middle school beginner category. Mia Chen and Darren Chen from EMS took second and third place in the heritage middle school category. Congratulations students!

## STAR Assessments: Measuring Student Progress

This fall the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District implemented STAR 360 assessments for students in grades 5K-10. "STAR 360 is an intuitive assessment tool that will help all of us make well-informed decisions at the classroom, school and district levels," says Chad Evenson, the District's Coordinator of Curriculum and Assessment.

STAR assessments are computer-adaptive tests, meaning the questions automatically adjust based on how the student answered the previous item. Not only does this reduce testing time, it also limits student frustration by eliminating questions that are too difficult or too easy.

STAR 360 monitors student growth and progress throughout the year and tracks how students are responding to what is being taught in the classroom. Data provided by STAR 360 helps teachers determine what students have learned already and what they are ready to learn next. The results for the STAR assessments taken earlier this month will be shared at conferences.

## Virtual Backpack

The Virtual Backpack for Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District, is our "eco-friendly" approach to distributing information supporting the district's educational goals and mission. For more information and to view the Virtual Backpack visit: <http://www.ocfsd.org/parents/virtual-backpack>

## Important Dates

**School Board Meeting:**  
Monday, October 24th 5:30 PM  
at Shepard Hills

**Middle School Conferences:**  
Tuesday, October 25th 4:30 -  
8:00 PM

**NO SCHOOL:** Friday, October  
28th

**HS Play:** November 10th, 11th  
& 12th at 7:00 PM and Novem-  
ber 14th at 2:00 PM

**NO SCHOOL:** Friday,  
November 11th

**School Board Meeting:**  
Monday, November 14th  
6:00 PM at Meadowview

**Elementary School  
Conferences:** Thursday,  
November 17th 3:30 - 8:30 PM  
and Monday, November 21st  
3:30-8:30 PM

**NO SCHOOL:** Thanksgiving  
Break - Wednesday, November  
23rd - Friday, November 25th

**School Board Meeting:**  
Monday, November 28th  
5:30 PM at Meadowview



Interior drywall installation has started in the school offices, art, band and English classrooms, and media center. Click [here](#) to read the latest update.



**1** Congratulations to Oak Creek High School's 2016 Homecoming Court!

**2** Over one hundred special education students and staff from nine school districts attended the "Back to School Picnic" at Miller Pond. This special event gave students an opportunity to practice two-way peer conversations and build friendships with students from other districts.

**3** Deerfield celebrated Unity Day on October 19th! Unity Day sends one large message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are united against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

**4** The Oak Creek-Franklin Foundation for Education (OCFFE) stopped by Forest Ridge Elementary to deliver a Fine Arts grant! This funding will allow 4th graders at Forest Ridge to tour the Milwaukee Symphony, hear a concert, and tour the Milwaukee Art Museum with art docents! Thank you, OCFFE!

**5** Congratulations to the OCHS Marching Knights on their third straight WSMA AAAA state championship!

**6** The Knight Construction crew celebrated the ground breaking at the site of the 2016-17 house, located on E. Ash Court in Oak Creek.