



# Oak Creek High School Knightly News

*Building Successful Futures Together*

**December 2016**

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The month of December is indeed a very busy month for many of our families as they prepare for the upcoming holidays. Our committed educators appreciated all the parents who included a visit to Oak Creek High School to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on the frigid cold evening of December 8, 2016. Parents, your efforts to communicate and collaborate with our educators are essential for your student's successful academic conclusion to their first semester. Thank you.

## *Tis the Season to Give Back to Our Community*

Once again, Oak Creek High School has just completed its' annual Generosity Project in which our students and staff worked diligently to make this a brighter holiday season for families in the Oak Creek Community. This year we will be able to make this holiday joyous and hopeful for 39 families, **AMAZING!** We often lament about what teenagers don't do: they don't work hard, they don't clean their room, they are irresponsible and they are totally self-absorbed. However, I can attest that our students here at Oak Creek High School are compassionate, thoughtful, and they represent themselves and this community with pride and dignity. They want to be contributing members of their community and the world. This month, not only have our students been involved in the Generosity Project, they have also participated in a food drive for the Salvation Army, created and delivered blankets and other household goods to the Sojourner Truth House in Milwaukee and other various charitable activities. One of the things that make the Generosity Project special is those who contribute. There are two special ladies from Greenfield and DeMort, Wisconsin who give of their time to handcraft blankets, caps, hats and scarves to be given to needy families in this community. We all remember the value and love that our family members put in anything that they create with their hands, whether it is our favorite cookies, cakes or scarves and hats that warmed our bodies and our hearts. Ladies, once again, thank you for your time and charitable hearts to make the holidays special for those you don't even know. Our collective thanks go out to those parents who dropped off gifts and donations here at Oak Creek High School and our business partners who also contribute to make the Generosity Project a success for all. The measure of our lives is not in what we get, it is in what we give. Thank you all civic-minded, humanitarian Knights.



*Aunt Carolyn*

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## The Best Gift of All is You

The months of December and January are filled with opportunities for our students to showcase their academic, athletic, musical and artistic talents. Please pay attention to the high school events schedule so that you do not miss an inspiring performance (*see page 4*).

The upcoming winter break allows our students a short respite from the challenges of their daily academic schedules, athletics, extracurricular activities, homework, and job responsibilities. It also offers our families the opportunity to engage in reflective conversations about their child's first semester successes and challenges and to create a personalized plan to conclude their first semester successfully. Parents, when school resumes after the winter break there will only be 16 instructional days until the completion of the first semester. Historically, for many students the end of the semester can be a source of enhanced stress as they struggle to manage their time and to complete their culminating projects and exams. Please set aside a moment during this winter break to identify and develop strategies to support your sons or daughters level of stress as we end the semester. The old adage that the holidays are the most wonderful time of the year is not always the case for adults and our students alike. The season's demands, promises, and expectations can create stress for our families and our students. If you find yourself needing support during this holiday season please be sure to utilize our [Student and Family Assistance Program through Aurora Health Care](#) provided by Oak Creek Franklin Joint School District. Our student's emotional safety is of paramount importance to our schools, this community, and to our future.

Next week in your son's and daughter's Knight Advisory their Advisors will begin to have the initial conversations related to course selection and career pathways. Students will learn about graduation requirements, college prep requirements, Youth Options opportunities, and High Credentials.

**ALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 3-6 , 2017(Your student can start entering classes on Infinite Campus beginning December 22, 2016)**

Visit the OCHS website [www.ocfsd.org/oak-creek-high-school](http://www.ocfsd.org/oak-creek-high-school)

Click on the Academics tab

Click on the Programming Guide

Click on grade-level Course Selection sheet

Register your course selections in Infinite Campus-deadline January 6, 2017.

Programming slides are found on school counseling website for reference.

If you would like to learn more about High Credential at Oak Creek High School, please join us at our Open House January 12, 2017 5:30-7:30 pm.

**OAK CREEK KNIGHTS**  
**GRADUATE WITH HIGH CREDENTIALS**

- Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
- Completed Algebra II w/Trig with a grade of C or higher
- Completed an Advanced Placement course
- Maintained a 90% attendance rate yearly
- Earned three or more college credits
- Earned an ACT composite score of 23 or higher
- Completed an occupational concentration
- Earned a professional certificate or licensure

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As Principal I am proud of what our dedicated teachers and support staff members have done thus far and look forward to what we can accomplish for the remainder of the school year. We continue to provide your child with an education that assures that our graduates are career and college ready and able to take on the challenges and the opportunities that await them upon graduation from Oak Creek High School - Working together to Engage, Challenge, and Inspire Every Student, Everyday. Wishing you and your family all the joys and wonderful memories that the season holds.

**Have a Happy Holiday and a Happy New Year. Knights thank you for making this a December to remember!**

**Today and always, It's Great to be a Knight!**

*Michael Read, Principal*



*Oak Creek High School Open House*

*January 12, 2017*

*5:30 pm -7:30 pm*

*We hope to see you there!*



## PSAT/NMSQT TEST RESULTS

Sophomores and Juniors who took the *PSAT/NMSQT* on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 were informed by the college board through email how to access their PSAT results online. Paper copies of these results will be mailed to Oak Creek High School beginning the week of December 19th.

On January 9, 2017 the paper copies will be distributed to students during a short “understanding your results” session in the Little Theater. Sophomores should report during 5A Advisory and Juniors during 6B Advisory.

## OCHS Holiday Jazz Knight



**Thursday December 15, 2016**

**OCHS Cafeteria**

**7:00 pm**

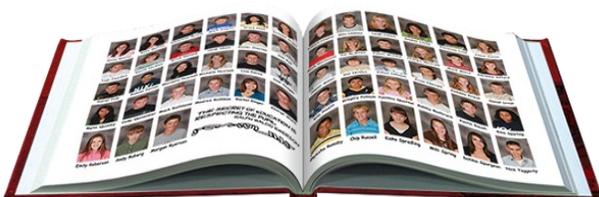
*Come out and enjoy the Oak Creek High School students performing in Jazz Ensemble 1, Jazz Ensemble 2 and the Minor Sevenths Jazz Combo.*

***Admission is free for all***

## YEARBOOK CLASS

Any students interested in joining the 2016-2017 Yearbook Publications class should fill out an application available at [www.yearbookOCHS.weebly.com](http://www.yearbookOCHS.weebly.com). This year-long one-credit elective class creates the yearbook while learning about photography, computers, journalistic writing, design, and teamwork.

Applications are due no later than December 22, 2016.



## All District Festival of Bands Concert

*Saturday, January 14, 2016*

*2 Show times: 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm*

*This band concert will feature over 1,000 musical students from 5th through 12th grade! Tickets are free, but are only available ahead of time for parents and students (3 per student).*

*All other tickets will be available at the door the day of the event.*

## Please Note . . .



Thursday, December 15, 2016  
**Holiday Jazz Knight Concert**  
(Cafeteria) 7:00 pm

Friday, December 23, 2016  
**Winter Vacations Begins—No School**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
**School Resumes**

Tuesday, January 3, 2017  
**Parent Informational Meeting 9:00 am (OCHS Office)**

Thursday, January 12, 2017  
**Open House 5:30-7:30 pm**

Saturday, January 14, 2017  
**District Festival of the Bands 3:30pm and 6:00pm**

Thursday, January 19, 2017  
**District Festival of the Choirs 7:00 pm**

Monday, January 23, 2017  
**Inservice Day-No School for Students**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017  
**Inservice Day-No School for Students; (Possible snow Make-up Day #1)**

Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
**3rd Quarter Begins**

Saturday, February 4, 2017  
**Winter Formal Dance (Aux Gym)**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
**Parent Informational Meeting 9:00 am**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
**American Mathematics Competition 8:00-10:30 am**

Thursday thru Sunday, February 23 thru 26, 2017  
**Spring Musical 7:00pm-Sunday 2:00pm**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
**ACT + Writing Test (Grade 11 Only)**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
**ACT Work Keys (Grade 11 Only)**

Saturday, March 4, 2017  
**Choral Winter Concert 7:00pm (Aux Gym)**

## AP Information

Oak Creek Students taking AP exams at Oak Creek High School must register for exams on the Total Registration site by 10:00 p. m., Friday, February 17, 2017. The site will close on that date at that time.

Payments are due by 3:00 pm on Monday, February 20, 2017. Any payments received after that date and time will incur a \$10 late fee per exam. This fee will be assessed through the office and be reflected on Infinite Campus-late fees will NOT show on Total Registration. There is a clarifying statement on student confirmation sheet about due dates and late charges.

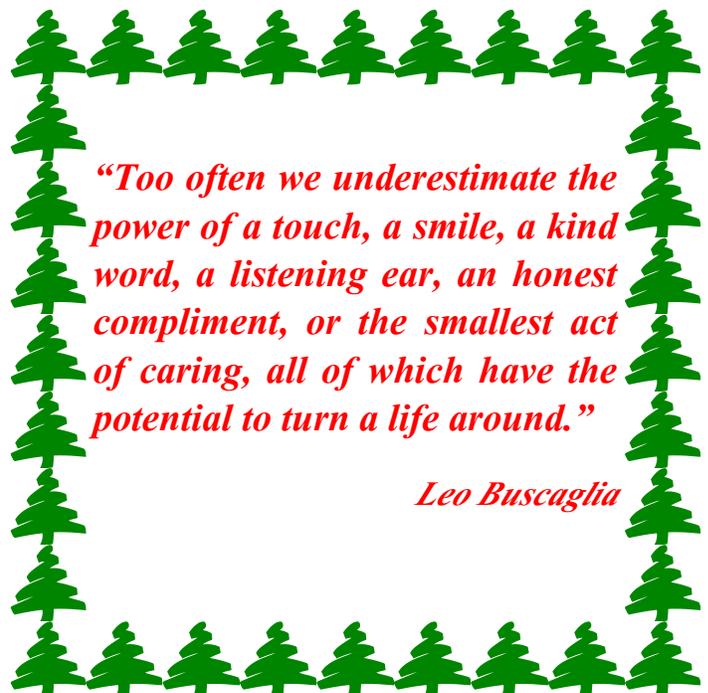
All final fees with late fee need to be paid in full by 3:00 p. m., Friday, April 7, 2017.

Starting 7:00 a.m.. on MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 students may log on to:

**[www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/502152](http://www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/502152)**

Price per AP Exam is \$93.00

Further details of the registration and payment process will be given to students by their AP teacher.





## *Athletics/Activities*

*Happy Holidays from all of the coaches and advisers in the high school athletics and activities department! We hope you enjoy this wonderful time of year with family and friends, and hopefully you find time to stop out to see one of our wonderful sporting events or activities here at Oak Creek High School.*

**Girls Basketball:** The team is off to a 5-2 start as of press time, including a 2-0 start in conference play. The girls are searching for an unprecedented 5<sup>th</sup> straight SEC championship this season, as they have currently won 58 consecutive conference games.

**Boys Basketball:** The boys squad is off to one of their best starts ever at 4-1 overall, and 2-0 in the SEC. The highlight of the season thus far occurred on December 9<sup>th</sup>, when the team traveled to Racine Park and knocked off the Panthers, 52-34. Park was the preseason favorite to win the conference and was ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the state when the Knights defeated them.

**Boys Swim and Dive:** This year's team features a nice blend of upper and underclassmen, including some talented freshmen swimmers. The team won their conference opener over Kenosha Bradford 104-82 on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and has high hopes of finishing in the top half of the conference this season.

**Wrestling:** Your three time defending SEC champs scored a major victory over conference rival Kenosha Bradford, 40- 37, in the season opener. That victory sets the team up well moving forward as Bradford was expected to challenge the Knights for the title. The Knights are once again one of the top ranked wrestling teams in the area and state this year under head coach, Matt Sommerville.

**REMINDER:** Just a reminder to all students planning on participating in athletics this spring, you must have a current physical on file in the OCHS office before you may compete. Please take care of your physicals before practice starts. Forms are available on the athletics website at:

<http://www.ocfsd.org/oak-creek-high-school/athletics-activities/athletics>

Per the WIAA, any physical taken after April 1, 2016 will be valid through the 2017-2018 school year. If you are unsure as to whether or not your physical is valid for this school year, please stop in the Athletic office to check. *OCHS athletic schedules and maps can be found at [www.southeastwi.org](http://www.southeastwi.org)*

*Scott Holler, Athletic Director*



## **Just-right Gifts**

Do you or your teen need gift ideas? Consider these easy, affordable presents that are fun to give and to get.

**Magazine subscriptions.** Magazines promote reading, and your family will get to enjoy new issues all year long.

**Framed photos.** Take snapshots from special outings or fun family moments, put them in an attractive frame, and presto! You've created a meaningful keepsake that friends and family will treasure.

**A gift of time.** Make a coupon for time together—for an hour or a whole day. The recipient gets to decide how and when to spend the time with you. Or consider coupons for a special service, like washing the car or grocery shopping.

## Oak Creek High School Information

Parents/Community:

### What do you want to know more about?

We are interested in putting together informational sessions, building an FAQ, or providing literature to keep you informed. Tell us what you want to know by copying this link <https://goo.gl/forms/aJ9zxCRGyxJWhhae2> into your browser.

### Need Infinite Campus help?

Go to <https://www.infinitecampus.com/audience/parents-students> to visit the help page. If you need to change your address contact Debbie Otto at our District Office at (414) 768-6164. For other changes such as phone number or email you may contact the School Counseling Office at (414) 768-6106 or email [G.Paine@ocfsd.org](mailto:G.Paine@ocfsd.org).

### Questions About the New Secondary School?

Please help us to keep our OCHS community informed. Submit your questions using the link below. We will use these questions to put an informational document together. This document will be available to all who have questions. Look for it coming soon... Tell us what you want to know by copying this link into your browser <https://goo.gl/forms/AYvPp0RG1vJyNSEy1>.

*Live Art Demonstrations*  
*KnightVision Productions Screening*



*January 11th 2017*  
*5:00 - 6:30 pm*  
*OCHS Lobby*

*OCHS*  
*Winter*  
*Gallery*  
*Night*