



# Oak Creek High School

## The Knightly News

*Building Successful Futures Together*

**October 2016**

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Outside of the Oak Creek Knights blue and white my favorite color is October! Where every fallen leaf has an opportunity to be a flower.

Parents let me express my gratitude on behalf of our entire staff for your attendance at our Open House on September 15th. Our educators greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to you regarding your sons and daughters and how we can serve their educational needs at a greater capacity. We look forward to seeing you and continuing those conversations at our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 18th from 4:00-8:00 pm.

We had a spirited, yet respectful and responsible, Homecoming week. Our students showed themselves to be capable, creative and passionate Knights. Thanks to Mrs. Lietz, Ms. Gauger and our Student Council for their organization and orchestration of homecoming.

On September 26th the Board of Education held a Committee meeting here at Oak Creek High School. They had the opportunity to meet and dialogue with educators and students from our School Grounds coffee enterprise which is operated by our students. They met with staff and students in the Academic Resource Center (ARC) where students can acquire personalized academic support. They also met with staff who represented Knights Advisory where students are presented with lessons and information to assure that we have a positive school culture and climate.

An essential focus for our educators this year was to create high engagement learning activities for our students. We are also aware that wonderful learning occurs outside of the walls of Oak Creek High School. So far this year many of our students have had the opportunity to participate in relevant and engaging external learning opportunities.

- ◆ Students in Knights Automotive traveled to MATC to meet with representatives from John Force Racing.
- ◆ Students in Knights Construction traveled to New Berlin to meet with professional craftsmen and bricklayers to sharpen their skills as they build their second home here in Oak Creek.
- ◆ Students in our German program established friendships and bonds with our German Foreign Exchange visitors where upon their departure from Oak Creek had many students in tears as they said "Auf Wiedersehen" to their new friends.
- ◆ Students in our Theatre Arts program traveled to the Skylight Theatre to attend a matinee performance of "Violet" to enhance their ability to interpret literature and the arts.
- ◆ Students in our Skills USA and manufacturing students visited with various community corporations such as PPG, AIM Transportation and Storage, and Yaskawa to enhance their understanding of manufacturing processes and organizational structure.
- ◆ Students in our Sales and Advertising met with high level officials at Miller Park to gain an understanding of how the principles of business apply to the Milwaukee Brewers.

If you had the opportunity to see Oak Creek's own Marching Knights halftime performance at Friday night's football game, what you really observed was a college level performance with all its pageantry and lighting! Thank you to our Marching Knights, students and staff Good Luck as you continue your journey to state! I too what to ride my "Bicycle, Bicycle!"

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*"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle."*

*- Plato*

October is the National Bullying Prevention Month. We believe that all students have the right to be safe and secure here at Oak Creek High School as they engage in the attainment of a quality education which will allow them to pursue their dreams and passions. [School Board Policy 411](#) states the following: if you feel that your son or daughter is the target of another student's misbehavior please contact one of our Associate Principals or our School Counselors so we can address your concerns immediately. Nationally students who endure bullying potentially develop school anxiety, social withdrawal and depression. I plead with you that if you have any concerns about your son/daughter's emotional or social well being please contact me. Last year we added another layer of intervention and support for our students and families with our Student and Family Assistants Program through Aurora Health Care.

I am asking that all families in Oak Creek make October the month of compassion and kindness. That we all reach out to someone and offer a sympathetic ear or simply a shoulder to help someone through a difficult time. Kindness and compassion can start anywhere: a smile, a word, or a pat on the back. Kindness and compassion is a personal choice that we can all choose, making Oak Creek a better community. Oak Creek High School a better school, and ultimately the world a better place! So pledge to be encouraging, considerate and supportive. Thank you!

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

*Michael Read, Principal*

**Working together to engage, challenge, and inspire every student every day.**

## Show Empathy

Can your teen walk a mile in another person's shoes? Having the ability to empathize with others will make your high schooler less likely to take part in bullying and more likely to respond if a classmate is bullied. Here are ways to develop empathy.

### **Use news to talk about feelings.**

Current events can help him practice putting himself in someone else's place. If tornadoes destroy homes elsewhere in the country, discuss how it would feel to lose your home in the blink of an eye. If he were in that situation, what would he want others to do?

### **Use feelings to solve problems.**

When conflicts occur, have your teen focus on the feelings behind them. If he and his sister argue, they could take turns using "I statements" to explain how they feel. ("I get frustrated when you close the tabs I had open on the computer.") He'll learn to see things from someone else's point of view.

### **Use names for feelings.**

Talk about emotions so it's easier for him to recognize them. ("I bet you were *disappointed*." "Do you think you may be *jealous*?") Being aware of his feelings—and naming them—will help him be more sensitive to others' emotions.



## Street Parking

Students who park cars along Knight's Way MUST be within the white lined spots. Any cars not within the lines will be ticketed.

Cars that are blocking driveway entrances will be ticketed and may be towed.

## Please Note . . .



Saturday, October 22, 2016

ACT Test Site 7:30 am

Friday, October 28, 2016

No School—Vacation Day

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Parent Informational Meeting 9:00 am

Thursday, November 3, 2016

Fall Choral Concert (Aux. Gym) 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

2nd Quarter Begins

Thursday thru Sunday, November 10 thru 13, 2016

Fall Play 7:00 pm and Sunday 2:00 pm

Friday, November 11, 2016

Inservice Day—No School for Students

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

Inservice Day—No School for Students

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2016

Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Parent Informational Meeting 9:00 am

## OAK CREEK HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION COMPANY

PROUDLY PRESENTS...



## It's Murder in the Wings!

Ever try to throw a party an hour after the host has been murdered? As editor of the Wings Publishing Company, Maddie discovers her boss has met with an untimely death just before a contract-signing party that will save the business. All she has to do is keep the murder under wraps until notorious author Lionel Upshaw signs a contract, bringing about a new loan which will save the company. Of course, there's the fact that someone at the party is also the murderer.

### Performances:

Thursday, November 10, 2016 thru  
Sunday, November 13, 2016

### Times:

Thursday thru Saturday at 7:00 pm  
Sunday at 2:00 pm

### Ticket Prices:

Adults - \$6.00  
Student/Senior—\$5.00

Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 7, 2016.

For more information email: [a.steeves@ocfsd.org](mailto:a.steeves@ocfsd.org)



The Oak Creek High School staff participated in the American Cancer Society Denim Day on Friday, October 7th.

For a donation of \$5.00 or more the staff was able to wear jeans for a day. All monies raised will go to the Oak Creek High School Relay for Life at the end of the school year. The total raised for this year was \$600.00.

Thanks to everyone who participated/donated to this very worthy cause!



The Oak Creek High School Marching Knights Band State Championships are being held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at UW-Whitewater Stadium. OCHS performs at 7:15pm. More information can be found here: <http://wsmamusic.org/marching-band/state-championships/>

## *ENCORE!*

Please join us for a command performance by

### **The Oak Creek Marching Knights and THE DEBUT of the Freshmen Band!**

All Oak Creek Band Alumni, Parents, and Friends are invited to join us for this special event including the final performances of the season and a special video presentation.

The show is FREE and we hope to fill the Stadium with alumni, parents, and friends of the Band!

Please spread the word! We would like to see Oak Creek Band Alumni from  
EVERY year since 1988 in the stands.

Reach out and tell classmates, parents, neighbors and friends!

**WHERE: OCHS Stadium**

**WHEN: Sunday October 16, 2016 at 7:00 pm**





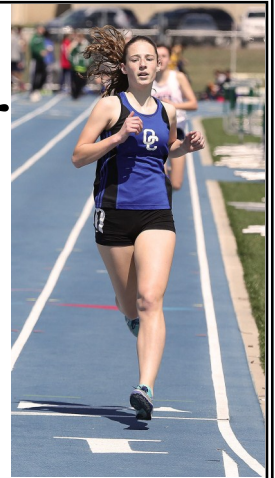
## ASVAB TEST

The ASVAB Test (military entrance test) will be offered to students on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:30am. This is a free test.

Students can sign up in the Pupil Services/Guidance office.

## Girl's Track & Field

*There is a Girl's Track and Field meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2016 from 3:10 to 3:35 pm in room 150A.*



*Any questions see Coach Tutas.*



## OCHS Fall Parent Teacher Conferences, AP Parent Night and Financial Aid Night

***Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 pm***

Oak Creek High School will be hosting their annual Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teachers will be located in either the Auxiliary Gym or the Cafeteria. Counselors will also be available during parent conferences. No appointment is necessary. Child care will be provided by the Oak Creek Renaissance Club in room 157. A representative from Meca Sports will be here for letterman jacket orders and information, and the School Store (Armory) will be open for your convenience, selling spirit wear.

The following presentations will take place during conferences also:

**Technology, Personal Electronics, and Web Safety Presentation** will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the Little Theater. Parents and students will receive information and updates from the school perspective.

**AP Parent Night** will also take place this evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Parents and students will gain insights into the AP Programs here at Oak Creek High School.

**Financial Aid** informational meeting for parents of college-bound students in the Little Theatre at 6:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences provide an excellent opportunity for parents to gain insight about your child's recent academic performance, discuss class grades, policies and procedures.



## Athletics

### Welcome to Oak Creek High School, Home of the Knights!

Happy Fall, Everyone! As we wrap up our 2016 fall sports season and teams head into postseason competition, I am very proud of the effort and dedication put forth by our student-athletes and coaches. Here is a rundown of where our teams were at as of the middle of October.

**Boys Soccer** is having one of the best seasons in school history. The team went undefeated in SEC play and clinched the conference championship on October 12th with a win over Kenosha Indian Trail. This marks the second conference championship for the program in the past three years. The team will likely earn one of the top seeds in their regional playoff bracket and it should be an exciting playoff run as we close out October!

**Girls Tennis** capped another strong season at the SEC Championship meet, finishing in third place. Advancing to the WIAA state meet for an incredible third time in her career was senior Kayla Stolz, who teamed with Junior Tori Lara at number 1 doubles to earn the state berth.

**Boys and Girls Cross Country** participated in the SEC Championship meet on October 15th. Coach Soto had high hopes going in that both teams could finish in the top three and possibly come out as conference champs! After that, the teams will set their sights on qualifying for the state meet in early November.

**Girls Volleyball** engineered a tremendous turnaround this season and finished in second place in the Southeast Conference with a record of 5-2 in conference play. The team earned a home regional playoff game on Thursday, October 20th vs. South Milwaukee at 7pm.

**Boys Volleyball** also made a nice jump in the conference standings in year two of the program, finishing in fourth place. The senior led team has been extremely competitive this season, including close losses to some of the top teams in the area. Their playoff seed had not yet been released as of press time.

**Girls Golf** finished the season on a high note by qualifying as a team for the WIAA sectional meet in only their second year of existence. This was an incredible accomplishment! Junior Alexis Hecker was one of the top players in the conference and finished 11th at the sectional meet, just four strokes shy of qualifying for state. The girls finished in 4th place in the Southeast Conference.

**Football** went into their final regular season game at Kenosha Indian Trail on October 14th needing a win to qualify for the WIAA playoffs. The team has been a part of some exciting games this season in route to a 5-3 overall record as of press time. We will update you on their finish next month.

**Girls Swim and Dive** has enjoyed one of their best seasons in recent history, and are 4-2 in SEC dual meets as of press time. Coach Schoen expected several swimmers and divers to qualify for the WIAA state meet in Madison in mid November. We will update you on their record breaking season and state tournament results in November!

*Scott Holler, Athletic/Activities Director*