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Olathe East High School Parent Newsletter

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Important Dates

October

- 4 Last Chance Picture Day
Retakes or never-evers
7:30am-2:30pm
Theater Foyer
- 6-8 Fall Mainstage Play
Penny for Your Thoughts
7:30 Drama Theater
- 10 Fall Choral Concert
7:00pm - Auditorium
- 13 End of Quarter 1
- 14 **NO SCHOOL**
Professional Day
- 17 Quarter 2 begins
- 19 Assessment Day
Grades 9 - 11
8:00am - NOON
No lunch served
Senior Breakfast/Activities
8:00- 9:30am - Commons
9:30am-11:45 - Gym
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
4:30 - 8:30pm
- 20 Parent/Teacher
Conferences
11:00am - 8:00pm
Dinner Break 4-4:45pm
- 21 **NO SCHOOL**

2016 Homecoming Court



The 25th Homecoming King and Queen were crowned at halftime of the East-Liberty game on September 16. All-State Soccer player, Griffin Stone and Senior Class President, Katie Horton were announced as the royal couple. They were joined on the field by senior attendants Abby Lacy, Katherine Lacy, Taylor Woodsmall, Julien Denis, Sam Ockerhausen and Isaac Scott. The court was completed with underclassmen Lord-Jackson Blake; Lady-Savanna Perez; Duke-Jacob Elliot; Duchess Citlalli Covarrubias; Prince-Spencer Nelson and Princess-Ashtyn Stutzman. The King and Queen were received at the homecoming dance the next evening. This year's theme, "City of Fountains," was illustrated by a balloon fountain and a park-like setting which surrounded the dance floor. Congratulations to the 2016 Homecoming Court.

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A Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe Fall is here and first semester is in full swing. Homecoming was a great success and school spirit was abundant. I continue to be amazed by the intelligence, talents and character of our Olathe East students. I have enjoyed getting to know many of them and many of you. The parent support at Olathe East is also impressive. It is so nice to see so many parents supporting our talented students in a wide range of endeavors. I encourage you to feel free to introduce yourself and to always let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

We have already had mid-term progress reports and before long, we will be preparing for Parent-Teacher Conferences, on October 19 (4:30-8:30pm) and October 20 (11:00am-8:00pm, with a dinner break from 4:00-4:45 PM). Please take a few minutes to meet with staff and discuss your student's progress. Although ParentVUE is also available, it is nice to speak face to face with teachers about future learning and your child's strengths and possible areas of improvement at conferences. **Remember school will not be open on Friday, October 21.**

We have received exciting news that we have four seniors who are National Merit Semi-Finalists: Mason Crabtree, Brock Kaufmann, Matthew Miller and Travis Nebeker. What an amazing accomplishment for these students and their families. We wish them the best of luck in the next part of the process. It is important for all students to be academically challenged at Olathe East as we prepare them for their next steps after high school. The Olathe East faculty understands that when students have to grapple with a concept and work to learn, that struggle helps learning stay in long-term memory. It is important we give our students authentic learning experiences that are meaningful, relevant and timely. When we do this, our students retain the material instead of temporarily memorizing it only to forget it later.

We will be holding our annual Olathe School's Assessment Day across the District on October 19. Each grade level will have specific activities they will be taking a part in on that day. Our 9th grade students will be taking the ACT Explore that will provide valuable feedback regarding your student's preparation and career interests. The sophomore class will take the ACT Plan. This is a follow-up to the Explore. Juniors will take the practice ACT. All three grade levels had the option of also signing up for the PSAT, which is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. As the date of this newsletter, the registration date for the PSAT has passed. Seniors may use this day to visit a college, or they will need to attend school beginning at 8:00am. We have planned a special breakfast for them, they will meet with Jostens in regards to their caps, gowns, invitations and other items and should be finished around 11:45. For our freshmen, sophomores and juniors this is a half day of school as well, beginning at 8:00am and ending at noon. Lunch is not served this day. Busses will run and will be here at 11:45. Please make sure your student is in attendance this day. These tests will garner valuable data for you and your student.

Here is to a wonderful Fall season!

athletics corner

The Olathe East Cross Country teams are off to a fantastic start for the 2016 season! The varsity girls' team took 1st Place at the OE Invitational, 5th Place at the Ray-Pec Invitational, 3rd Place at the Turner Invitational and 10th Place at the Missouri Southern Invitational. The varsity boys' team, ranked 3rd in the state of Kansas, won 1st Place at the OE Invitational, 1st Place at the Ray-Pec Invitational, 4th Place at the Turner Invitational and 4th Place at the Missouri Southern Invitational.

The Olathe East Football team has started the season with a 1-3 record. After making the long trip to Hutchison during week one, the Hawks had a thrilling overtime win against cross-town rivals, the Olathe Northwest Ravens! The Hawks fought hard but fell short, losing 21-14 to the Liberty Blue Jays during week three and the Olathe South Falcons during week four. The Hawks Football team is on the road for weeks five (at SM South) and six (at SM East), but look forward to hosting the Lawrence Free State Firebirds for Senior Night on Friday, October 14 at ODAC. The playoffs for the post season start on Friday, October 28.



The girls' golf team is off to a great start. The varsity team is fresh off a second place victory at the Olathe Invitational and the JV team finished first at Sunflower League. The team is being led by senior leaders Kalli Elliot, Alex Scott and Emme Logan. The team has steadily improved over the last few tournaments and hope to make push towards state as they enter league and regional play over the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to the **Lady Hawks Gymnastics team** for their undefeated start to the season with First Place wins at the Olathe Invite, Hawk Invite, SM South Quad and Shawnee Mission Invite! Individual results include great routines by Anna Vogel, Shale Mohlman, Sam Bond, and Katie Wingate. Sam Bond and Katie Wingate placed 1st and 2nd Place in multiple events and several All-Around top placements.

The 2016 Hawks Soccer Program is off to a fantastic start! The varsity team is 9-0-0 and ranked first in the State, third in the Midwest and seventh in the nation according to the USA Today Soccer Poll. We look forward to the upcoming challenging schedule by continuing to work hard at practice and hope to be playing our best come the post-season playoffs towards the end of October! A special thanks to all of our young men on the varsity and JV teams that assisted with a clinic for foster children in September. *(continued on next page)*





It was a lot of fun for everyone and great memories were created for all as our OE Soccer family extended their love of the game to those less fortunate.

Congratulations to the **Olathe East Tennis team** whose season is off to a great start with the leadership of 11 senior players! Varsity highlights include placing 1st at the Olathe City Quad Meet - Congratulations to Olathe City Champs - Elise Byers/Daya Chimazadze (#1 Doubles) and Julia Brincks (#2 Singles) – and 2nd place at the Emporia Invitational! Season highlights for JV are Co-Champions of the Olathe City Quad! Remaining Matches - Varsity Regionals – 10/8 at CBAC Varsity State – 10/14,15 at Kossover Tennis Center (Topeka)



The Olathe East Volleyball team is currently ranked 10th in the State of Kansas with a 9-8 record. The Lady Hawks look forward to playing cross-town rival Olathe South at the Olathe Dig Pink event on Monday, October 4 at Olathe North. This event includes all four Olathe High School Volleyball teams playing simultaneously with a rose ceremony in between the varsity and junior varsity regularly scheduled games to honor cancer victims and survivors with a close connection to the players. The varsity games begin at 6:00pm and we encourage all fans to dress in pink! The Lady Hawks would also like to invite to you attend this year's Senior Night on Tuesday, October 11 at 5:00pm.

Looking Ahead

Winter Sports teams will start their tryouts/practices on Monday, November 14, with the exception of the bowling team whose tryouts begin November 30. Any student interested in participating in basketball, wrestling, boys' swimming or bowling must have a parent-signed and student-signed Physical Form (dated after May 01, 2016) and a parent-signed and student-signed Concussion Form on file in the office prior to participation – please do not wait until the last minute to get these forms turned in. Both forms may be picked-up in the Main Office or printed off the Olathe East website. Be sure to print all four pages of the Physical Form and sign the first and third pages and the Concussion Form. Forms obtained at the doctor's office typically only include the second page – students must turn in all four pages to be eligible to participate in tryouts/practice.



Join the OE Theatre department as they kick off the 2016-17 season with *A Penny for Your Thoughts*. Penny Ramsey has five Egos that assist her in all life-changing decisions. Unfortunately, when Penny overhears only one side of her boyfriend's phone conversation the five Egos battle and the hilarity ensues! **The show runs from Thursday, October 6 to Saturday, October 8. All performances have a 7:30 pm curtain and tickets run \$7.00 for Students and Senior Citizens and \$8 for Adults.**

Upcoming productions include *Curtains*, a musical 'whodunit' in November and the classic *Wizard of Oz*, with a unique OE interpretation in February! Visit our website, www.oetheatre.com, to select reserved seats or for more information about our 2016-17 Theatre season.

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Studying in Germany

Olathe East Junior Molly Carlson and three other Olathe students have been selected to spend the 2016-2017 school year in Germany as part of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship Program.

Initiated in 1983, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange was created to strengthen ties between Germany and the United States through citizen diplomacy. The program was founded in celebration of the 300th year anniversary of the first German immigration to the United States. CBYX is jointly funded by the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag, and in the U.S. is overseen by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Students undergo a rigorous selection process of essays and interviews. Throughout the United States, a total of 250 students were chosen to participate this year.

The students began their year abroad in July in an intensive language program near Magdeburg in north central Germany and then were placed in host families throughout Germany where they will attend school and learn about the German lifestyle. As student ambassadors, they will attend a reception at the German Parliament (Bundestag) during their stay, then meet with U.S. Congress upon their return in June 2017. Molly's host family lives near the city of Stuttgart, the capital of Baden Wuerttemberg in Southwest Germany near the Black Forest. She will be attending a Gymnasium, a college prep high school. The other students are Sean Yake and Arielle von der Heyde from Olathe South and Ryan Horn, a 2016 graduate from Olathe Northwest High School.



Sean Yake, Ryan Horn, Molly Carlson, Arielle von der Heyde



Bountiful Bowls!

Advanced and Independent Study Ceramics students and their instructors will once again offer a wonderful selection of handmade ceramic serving bowls at the OE Bountiful Bowls Silent Auction. The auction will be held during Parent/Teacher conferences in October.

Proceeds from past sales, anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$1,700.00, have benefitted local charities such as Ronald McDonald House, the Dream Factory, TLC and the Mission Southside Back Snack program. In the last four years we supported our very own OE Hawk Pack Program and will do so again this year.

The purpose of the Hawk Pack Program is to provide food for students who might have nothing to eat on weekends when they are not attending school. For many of these students (and their families) the only meals they receive on the weekends are from these packs. Our students are proud to support a program that offers vital assistance to students and their families in our very own community. Come join in the bidding fun and help us to help others!



Hawk Leaders



With the school year in full swing, Hawk Leaders have been working hard to provide meaningful and fun experiences for the Class of 2020. The basis of our organization is to connect with all of our freshmen to ensure they feel welcome as East Hawks. During the first mentor session, the freshmen were able to reconnect with their Hawk Leaders through fun games and lessons focused on achieving excellence in all you do. On September 22, the second mentor session occurred where Hawk Leaders taught the freshmen a valuable lesson: life is not always fair.

Through a combination of activities, game and conversation, Hawk Leaders helped ninth graders learn the importance of balancing competition and cooperation. On September 23, the Hawks football team played archrivals, Olathe South. Our freshmen student section was great at supporting our boys in orange and navy. With all the new chants the freshmen learned, we showed Olathe South why the best side really is the East side!

There are four mentor sessions remaining this semester as well as some events in the works that promise to be a good time. Stay tuned for upcoming information.



Olathe East Assessment Day

October 9, 2016/8:00 am-12:00 pm

Grade 9 Students will choose ACT EXPLORE or practice PSAT
Grade 10 Students will choose ACT PLAN or practice PSAT
Grade 11 Students will choose practice ACT, ASVAB or PSAT

On Wednesday, October 19, the ACT EXPLORE and ACT PLAN will be administered to most of our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students. These tests provide students an opportunity to assess their potential for success on the ACT. Some grade 9 and grade 10 students are registered to take the PSAT for practice.

Grade 11 students will have the opportunity to take a practice ACT, the ASVAB or the PSAT – the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. No registration for the practice ACT is required. Students may register for the ASVAB in the counseling office. The ASVAB will be administered at Olathe North High School this year. On-line registration for the PSAT was required in September.

ACT Prep

There are many opportunities throughout the school year to attend ACT Prep sessions. All opportunities are listed on the daily announcements, and on the OE website. Additional information may be available in the counseling office.

JCCC Updates

QUICK STEP PLUS COLLEGE ALGEBRA (QSPCA): College Algebra is a concurrent enrollment course set up with slight differences from College Now. Your high school grade is given by the high school teacher while the JCCC grade is given by a JCCC professor. Your high school enrollment still stands separately from your JCCC enrollment. Being enrolled in a class at the high school does not automatically enroll you in QSPCA. To earn college credit, complete the steps as outlined in materials from JCCC.

QUICK STEP PLUS COLLEGE ALGEBRA (QSPCA) DEADLINES SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

- Priority Application submission deadline (online – JCCC website). Students may apply after this date. Applications may take 3-5 business days to process.

- Your ACT score are on your transcript.

- ACT test score priority submission deadline. Please request transcripts to be sent to JCCC through www.parchment.com

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- COMPASS placement test deadline. An ACT math sub-score of 25 or higher exempts you from taking the COMPASS math placement test. Check the website for study guides and Testing Lab hours- <http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/testing/placement/index.html>
- Enrollment deadline – payment is due at the time of enrollment

Career & Technology Education Programs for Juniors and Seniors

Olathe Public Schools has several Career & Technology Education (CTE) Programs for juniors and seniors: Welding Technology, Auto Collision Technology, Auto Technology, Construction Trades, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Career Opportunities (ECCO), Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)

There are several upcoming opportunities for students and parents to learn more about these programs. The application window for students who want to be in a program is from October 30 – December 16.

CTE Program Information Meeting for Students: October 13 during Seminar B in the auditorium. Students will sign in at the meeting. Available for all grades.

CTE Open House: October 27 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at Olathe Advanced Technical Center (OATC).

This is a walk through open house for students and parents for all grade levels. Individuals may come and go at their convenience.

CTE Tours for Students: November 4 from 8:15 AM-10:30 AM: Students who are interested in applying for a CTE Program need to attend this tour. Permission slips are required and can be picked up in the counseling office or printed off the OE Counseling website after October 12th.

“Career Cruising”

Olathe East students continue to access “Career Cruising” – An Internet-Based Career Exploration and Planning” resource to:

- search for colleges and majors
- explore career and college options
- explore financial aid resources
- develop a career plan

Access Career Cruising from school, home, or wherever your student has access to the internet. Please ask your student to show you how to view colleges, career profiles, scholarship and financial aid information and their electronic portfolio. For more information on Career Cruising—go to www.careercruising.com and enter your username and password. Please let us know if you have questions!

Upcoming College Fairs

Shawnee Mission COLLEGE CLINIC

THURSDAY
October 13th, 2016
6:30 - 8:30 pm
SM East High School

For more information go to
<http://www.shawneemissioncollegeclinic.com/>

“Preparing for College – High School Counts”
Meeting for Parents and Students – Grades 9-11
November 7, 2016 - 6:30 pm - OEHS Auditorium

High school students and parents are invited to attend an informational meeting specific to preparing for college throughout high school. OEHS counselors will highlight available resources.

- Recommended Courses
- Admission Requirements
- Preparing for the ACT
- College Search – Choices and Comparisons
- College Visits
- Academic major opportunities
- Applying for Admission
- Financial Aid Resources – free resources on the web
- College Planning Websites

Kansas City National College Fair

Sunday, October 9, 2016
1 p.m.–4 p.m.

Monday, October 10, 2016
8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO



For a list of colleges attending or to register, use the QR code or go to
<http://www.nacacnet.org/college-fairs/FallNCF/Pages/Kansas-City-National-College-Fair.aspx>

THE FAFSA® PROCESS

Each year, the federal government provides more than \$150 billion in financial aid (grants, work-study, and loans) for college or career school. To apply for this aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Also, state governments and many colleges and career schools use your FAFSA information to award you their aid.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some schools won't consider you for merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents or skills) until you've submitted a FAFSA, so complete one even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

RELAX!

The FAFSA is designed to be simple to fill out. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. Most people finish filling out the FAFSA in less than half an hour!

Financial Aid Information

October 3rd in the OE Auditorium. The presenter for the evening will be Larry E. Moeder, M.S. Assistant Vice-President for the Division of Student Life Offices of Undergraduate Admission, Student Financial Assistance and Registrar

Scholarships = Free Money!!!

Be sure to check and the Scholarship web page which is updated weekly.

<http://schools.olatheschools.com/buildings/scholarships/>

Awesome Hawk Award

Awesome Hawk: The award is given out 24 times during the year, 12 in the fall and 12 in the spring. These students show

- Respect for property and others (staff and students).
- Kindness to others (staff and students).
- A positive attitude toward the subject taught in that department
- Cooperation in working with others (staff and students).



September/Week 1

Zaid Umar, Junior

Zaid has gone above and beyond during the early weeks of the school year, helping prepare for the Freshmen Orientation and Mixer. He is always willing to lend a hand and wants to be involved in any way possible that benefits our students and school. He is a great guy and we are lucky to call him a Hawk!



September/Week 2

Jacob Stofer, Senior

Jacob deserves the Awesome Hawk award because he's friendly and is willing to help other students. He is involved with school activities such as marching band and newspaper, and always demonstrates a positive and caring attitude. Jacob always has a smile and a kind word for peers and teachers.



September/Week 3

Savanna Perez, Freshman

Savanna is a student athlete that always gives 100% consistent effort and shows sportsmanship in PE. She attended summer weights. She always does what is asked of her and is a class leader. It is clear she enjoys physical activity and is a team player. Savanna is the type of student who raises the efforts of others around her!



September/Week 4

JoAnna Raetzel, Senior

Jo has started study groups after school during New Horizons. Jo genuinely wants students to do better in school, therefore she has come up with a solution. Jo always has a smile on her face and is always willing to help others. Jo is truly an Awesome Hawk!

OE Top Scholars



Back Row, L to R: Matthew Miller, Nicholas Aaronson, Brock Kaufmann, Travis Nebeker and Mason Crabtree. **Front Row, L to R:** Lindsey Hart, Andrew Ray and Calista Hoyer. **Not Pictured:** James Evans

Olathe East is proud to announce we have four National Merit Semi Finalists and five Commended Scholars this year. They scored among the top students in the nation on last year's PSAT. Our Commended Scholars are Nicholas Aaronson, James Evans, Lindsey Hart, Calista Hoyer and Andrew Wray, Mason Crabtree, Brock Kaufmann, Matthew Miller and Travis Nebeker have been named Semi Finalists and will now go on to compete for Finalist status and possible college scholarships. We're very proud of you all!





Project Graduation News

We are off to a great start with Project Graduation fundraising activities, but we still need your help!

What is Project Graduation? It is a drug-and-alcohol-free environment, in which our senior students celebrate one last time together as a class, on their graduation night. We are celebrating the 24th year of Project Graduation this year. Twenty-four years of keeping our students, throughout the Olathe School District, safe on their Graduation Night. We are looking for additional volunteers for many of our committees. Please consider getting involved.

Things to note:

- For anyone who purchased a Student Directory, please be sure to stop by our table at Conferences on October 14 and 15 to pick yours up. If you have not purchased one yet, they will be available for \$10.00, with all proceeds going to Project Graduation.
- For those of you who didn't get a chance to order Senior Apparel – no worries! We will be taking orders again in early

November. Please watch for announcements. Order forms will be in the main office.

- Our beautiful Holiday Poinsettia Sale will begin in October at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Orders will be taken through the third week in November and the plants will be available for pick up by the first week of December. Order forms will be in the main office. Questions? Contact the Poinsettia Committee Chair, Cathi Sanders 913-269-7615 or cathisanders@gmail.com.

Project Graduation is 100% parent supported. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Be sure to watch the newsletter, go to our Web site by clicking on Project Graduation Quick Link on the OE Web site or like us on Facebook for up-to-date information and changes in meeting dates/times.

Our next meeting is October 26 7:00pm in the Faculty Lounge (SW corner of the commons). Parents of all grades are welcomed to attend!

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2016 Powderpuff Football Game