



## OZAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The high school staff continues to work on our literacy program and curriculum. Teachers continue to make adjustments in classroom practices to improve student learning. You should have received trimester 1 grades with this newsletter. The three week trimester 2 progress reports are scheduled to come out before Christmas.



Our WKCE days were a great success! Our sophomores who took the WKCE had an excellent testing environment to do their best. The freshmen went to the zoo on Tuesday, November 10, while junior and senior teams participated in Ozaukee's version of the amazing race from UW-Milwaukee to Marquette University. On Wednesday, November 11 out students assisted in the area through volunteer work. The freshmen and juniors went to the Mequon Nature Center. Our seniors were split between Riveredge Nature Center, Harrington Beach and on-site.



Winter is coming, and with it cold weather and snow. For the safety of students and staff, it is important that we all understand the Board snowmobile policy, F1-4. "The use of all snowmobiles and motorized sporting equipment, such as mini-bikes, is hereby forbidden on any school premises of NOSD". This and other motor vehicle violations will be monitored by the Fredonia Marshall. Snowmobiles may park off NOSD property and the riders may walk to the school buildings.



Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 12 at 1:00 pm. The ceremony is scheduled to take place indoors. In January, seniors will meet with Jostens to order cap and gown, as well as other graduation materials. Watch for further information.



Attendance and reporting absences is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. If your child is absent, we require a phone call the same day as the absence. In an effort to accommodate everyone's schedule, you have the option of leaving a voice message 24-hours-a-day by calling the high school office, 262-692-2453 ext 401. If we do not receive a call, the absence will remain unexcused, and consequences may be issued. As a reminder, any student arriving after the 7:35 must stop at the office, sign in and receive a pass to class. Likewise, any student leaving before the end of the school day, must sign out at the office window. Thank you.



On December 11, the high school improvement team will meet for the morning. This group of students, teachers, parents, and me will discuss how to improve Ozaukee High School. If you have any items you would like discussed, please contact a class officer or me.



We are trying to use the website as a weekly communication tool. If you haven't done so, please sign up on the website to receive emailed information from school officials. When you review a calendar, make sure that you are not on the default "all" calendar. Be sure to choose the specific event calendar you need. This will prevent duplication of events and confusion.



My next scheduled PAC (parent advisory council) meeting is Wednesday, December 9. Look for the agenda on the website. Hope to see you there!



Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season.

## NEWS FROM THE NURSE...

As the first trimester draws to a close the Health Room continues to be a busy place. The H1N1 pandemic has increased our monitoring of fevers and other symptoms but the school has not experienced great rates of illness. Our hand washing lessons and use of hand sanitizers in every room has helped. We also have UV light that is used in our class rooms to kill various viruses and bacteria.

The Ozaukee County Health Department planned to do school based H1N1 vaccination clinics last month but as the vaccines were in short supply these plans changed. At this time the vaccination target groups have been expanded as follows:

- **Children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years.**
- Pregnant women (Requires a prescription from their physician).
- Persons who live with or provide care to infants less than 6 months old.
- Health and emergency medical service personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material.
- **A new group was added to include all persons aged 19 – 64 who have underlying medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.**

There is a clinic planned for Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ozaukee County Administration Building from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There are additional clinics planned for December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> but the locations and target groups are to be determined. Information changes so quickly. The best source is the Ozaukee County Web site (<http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/PublicHealth/index.hotmail>) or calling the Flu Hotline at 262-268-7735 for updates.

**School based clinics are not planned at this time but that could change based on the availability of the vaccine.** I have saved all the consent forms that were returned so they will be on file if school based clinics are rescheduled.

Thank you for keeping your children home when they are sick. This is a huge help in controlling the spread of this novel virus. Please call me if you have any questions about the vaccine or the illness (262-692-2401 ext.204).

Happy Holidays!  
Pat Robinson RN

## AFS

Ever wonder what you can do to help change the world?? Open your home and family to a high school student from another country and help build bridges of intercultural understanding at a time when the world really truly needs it.

AFS is looking for a host family for students coming in for the second semester of this year in January through June. Also for the next school year. Host families provide a bed and meals, and the same guidance and support to the student as they would to their own son or daughter. Host families receive support from local AFS volunteers. Family life, eating meals together, playing sports and exploring the community makes all the difference for a young visitor.

Nicola Zanker from Germany is being hosted this year by Joanne Arndt-Haag and daughter Kristen Ternes. Here are two of the foreign students are available for placement in the Milwaukee area beginning in January. You and your family could host one of them.

**Immo from Germany** enjoys playing soccer and basketball, reading fantasy novels, listening to music, and swimming. According to Immo, "my friends would describe me as a gentle, cheerful and peaceable boy." Immo lives in a small town with his parents, sister, and brother. In the future, he'd like to be a pediatrician, so he can combine his interest in the natural sciences with his love of children.

**Maria Laura from Paraguay** is a calm and relaxed person who is also extroverted. With a deep love for water sports, Maria Laura also plays soccer and basketball. You can find her with her friends listening to music, cooking, dancing, and going to concerts. Maria is a very good student and has been class president for 3 years. She helps organize school activities and service projects in her community. Due to allergies, she requires a cat and bird-free bedroom

AFS was founded after World War I by American ambulance drivers in Europe and has led student exchanges for more than 60 years. For more information, please call Ginny Brown at 414-429-1588. I have hosted several students and can answer your questions.

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE...

### FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday, January 6, 2010, the Ozaukee High School Counseling Department will be hosting its annual Financial Aid Information Night for parents of college bound and tech school bound seniors. Topics slated to be covered during the presentation include the Financial Aid Process, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Form and its worksheet, and the different types of aid available. The meeting will be held in the OHS/OMS Library and will begin at 7:00 p.m. All seniors and/or parents of seniors who are looking to pay for college in the fall of 2010, are strongly encouraged to attend this informational event. Colleges and universities will not formally provide financial aid packages to students until they have received the financial report that results from filling out the FAFSA.

The on-line FAFSA form can be submitted as of January 1, 2010. Prior to making application, students will need to apply for and receive a pin number. That number can be obtained at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) at any time. Please note: the Federal Application (FAFSA) website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) **not** [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com). The government site is free, the commercial site is not. You do not have to pay to have your form processed!

## Juniors and the ACT

All juniors who have even a slight inkling to attend a four-year college/university upon graduation from high school should plan on taking the ACT this spring. Virtually all four-year colleges and universities in the state and nation require the ACT or SAT. The ACT is the more popular test taken in Wisconsin, yet some colleges/universities out-of-state require the SAT. If you are thinking about applying to an out-of-state school, it is important to check with the school regarding their testing preference.

Available 2010 ACT testing dates are February 6, April 10, and June 12. Advanced registration is required (see ACT test and registration dates listed below) and is accomplished on-line at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Testing is always done on a Saturday and is typically administered at several larger nearby high schools as well as at the UW-Washington County and UW-Sheboygan campuses. Taking the ACT exam more than once has become a popular choice for many students. As a result, more students are choosing to take their first ACT in February, review their results, then take the April or June ACT again if deemed necessary.

How a student performs on the ACT depends primarily on the rigor of the classes taken by the student. A student who takes a college-prep curriculum stands a better chance at performing well on the ACT. The other factor that aids a student's ACT performance is actively engaging in test prep (See Following Article). I see many students that prepare minimally at best for their first ACT and find that their results fall short of their true potential. This is the student that typically ends up taking the ACT again.

Lastly, the cost for the basic ACT exam is \$32. The optional writing portion increases the cost to \$47. Any junior who is looking toward admission to UW Madison needs to know that the writing portion *is required* along with the basic ACT exam.

## ACT TEST PREP OPPORTUNITIES

Whether we like it or not, a student's ACT score is a very important element of a transcript considered by college admission professionals when making admittance decisions. Students need to perform their best on the ACT, even if standardized tests are not their preferred mode of performance. To help improve their chances of doing well, students need to consider engaging in a formal ACT preparation program. I would like to discuss several options available to our students.

A first option involves picking up the free ACT prep guide in the OHS office and using the tips and full practice exam as your preparation. A second option includes using the full practice exam from the free ACT prep guide along with using additional resources from your local library or those referenced on the back cover of the free ACT prep guide. A third option is to utilize free on-line test prep resources. One excellent resource is located at [www.wisconsinmentor.org](http://www.wisconsinmentor.org). Click on the Plan & Prepare for College tab, select Test Prep, and click on Begin Test Prep. This option will provide students with practice tests that are scored instantly, offering them instant feedback. Practice tests are a comprehensive method of preparing for the ACT.

No matter which option you feel appropriate, please choose one to increase your chances of performing your best the first time you take the ACT. Please don't hesitate to call me at 692-2453 ext. 421 if you have questions.

ACT TEST DATE INFORMATION	
<i>Registration Dates</i>	<i>Test Dates</i>
January 5, 2010	February 6, 2010
March 5, 2010	April 10, 2010
May 7, 2010	June 12, 2010

