



## OZAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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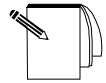
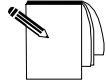
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### NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! Ok, it's a little early, but I know it's on your mind to some degree. As you read further, if you have any questions, please contact me at school. I am looking forward to another successful school year at Ozaukee High School.

School registration is on Wednesday, August 12 from 12:00 - 8:00 pm and on Thursday, August 13 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. When registering your child for the 2009-2010 school year, you will receive his/her schedule, a student/parent handbook and other information pertaining to the upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please contact the high school office.

Many of our Fall co-curricular activities will begin in mid-August. If you have any questions regarding student eligibility and what is needed to participate, please contact the high school office. Mr. Baldwin, our athletic director, is mailing all athletes a physical or alternate year card. These cards are due **before** an athlete begins practice. This year we are trying something new...on Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m., we will hold an "Athletic Participation Parent/Athlete Meeting". This meeting is designed for all student athletes and a parent/guardian who are interested in any co-curricular (athletics or non-athletics) activity throughout the school year. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce our coaches and advisors, cover the co-curricular code, and answer any questions you may have about participation in our co-curricular activities. Please plan to attend this event. If you cannot make it, please contact the high school office.

In our handbook it states "Students "In Good Standing" are afforded all of the privileges Ozaukee High School has to offer including but not limited to: open campus lunch, attendance at and participation in co-curricular activities, field trips, parking, and the work-study program." "In Good Standing" is defined as a student who is meeting all of his/her responsibilities, including school expectations, without any outstanding obligations, including but not limited to: classroom expectations, missing work, detentions, fees or fines. The purpose of these statements is that we all have a responsibility in the education of our students.

On Monday, August 10, 2009, seniors may register a vehicle and receive a parking pass from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Juniors may register a vehicle and receive a parking pass from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Beginning Tuesday, August 11, 2009 any student eligible to register a vehicle and receive a parking pass may register in the high school office. All parking passes are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, August 27, is the date for the Back-to-School cookout. Free food and beverages will be served for district students, employees and their families from 5:00-7:00 pm.

**September 1 is the first day of school for freshmen only.** In order to create a better transition for grade 9 students into the high school, a day of activities, classes, and other events will take place just for our grade 9 students.

This year Ozaukee High School will be holding an open house on Thursday, September 10. The purpose of this evening is for you to "walk in your child's shoes" for a bit. We will run a shortened schedule where you will hear from each teacher their expectations and requirements for the trimester. We will have a large group question and answer period in the gym. A schedule for the evening will be in the September newsletter.



Finally, our school goals for this year include: literacy, learning/authentic work, and school culture. Our literacy approach will continue to focus on reading and writing strategies and expand into a more concentrated effort on vocabulary across each discipline including implementation, to some degree, of the L to J concept. For learning and authentic work, we will look to expand course offerings, and create more relevance in our classes, including more cross-curricular course work. Our school culture piece will expand on Rachel's Challenge including holding Rachel's Challenge II and creating a FOR (Friends of Rachel) Program. We will also concentrate on our pyramid of interventions for academics and behavior. We strive for continual improvement through tie ins to the district framework.

### Ozaukee High School, 2009-2010, Class Schedule

Period 6 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will be structured differently than in the past. Students in good standing will be in a POD with a group of teachers. There will be a mandatory study hall for work completion and a tutoring room as well. In addition, yearbook and Warcy students will be assigned to their respective advisors.

<u>Regular Schedule</u>		<u>Early Release</u>	
<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	7:35 - 8:42	1	7:35 - 8:41
2	8:46 - 9:53	2	8:45 - 9:51
3	9:57 - 11:04	3	9:55 - 11:01
Lunch	11:04 - 11:34	Lunch	11:01 - 11:31
4	11:37 - 12:44	4	11:34 - 12:40
5	12:48 - 1:55	5	
6	1:59 - 2:49	6	12:44 - 1:50

The student handbook is currently going under some revisions. I've asked a few families to review the handbook for input. At this point, it's necessary to bring some possible handbook changes to light. This information may change with notice. Changed items will be specifically reviewed with students on the first day of school. We are trying to eliminate interruptions of class time during the school day. To this end, we have scheduled student pictures during our registration days on August 12 and 13.

You will notice a number of changes at the high school when you return in the fall. We will have new lockers and floors in the two main hallways of the high school. It will be important for students to understand the work and money put into making this a reality. Respect the property that is in place at the high school for your use. In addition, the price of master locks has increased. A replacement lock will now cost \$7.00.

Attendance is an important issue. I think we can all agree that if a student isn't here, they will not learn as well as when they are present in class. We have decided that missing 15 days in one trimester is not acceptable. Fifteen days amounts to 25% of the course. To this end, any student missing 15 or more days in any one class (excused or unexcused absences) will fail that class. I am also asking for the cooperation of each parent regarding the notification of a student absence. It is imperative that you contact the office the **same day** as the student absent. This will keep assist in us in keeping accurate records. Without a call, e-mail ([JKrepsky@nosd.edu](mailto:JKrepsky@nosd.edu)), or message, the same day, the student will be marked unexcused. We need to work together, and all we need from you is a phone call.

The consequences for violation of the electronics policy at the high school are changing. When an electronic device is confiscated in the classroom for the first time, it will be kept for 3 school days. Upon a second offense, the confiscated electronic device will be kept for 10 school days. Upon a third offense, the electronic device will be kept for 30 school days. In each instance, an appointment must be made to pick up the electronic device. A parent and student must both be present at this appointment for the item to be returned. If there is a fourth or greater offense, it is up to the discretion of the principal to determine the consequences.

Lastly, the fine for not serving a detention has been increased to \$10.00.

If you have any questions or constructive comments regarding anything in this newsletter, please contact me at school. Be well and enjoy the remainder of the summer.

