

Newsletter

Another October is here. The leaves have changed color and winter is just around the corner. Students are off to a great start and we are now deep into another year of learning.

In September, we held a lot of exciting events: National Truth and Reconciliation Week/Orange Shirt Day, and Get The Scoop/Meet the Teacher Night and many sports teams have been competing in athletic events. Thanks to everyone who participated and contributed to putting on these activities. There is also a lot happening in October, like our annual awards night on October 13th at 7pm . Please see the details in the rest of this newsletter.

A special thanks goes to Tracey Noyes, our Indigenous Student Family Liaison. After 22 years of dedicated service to Onoway Junior Senior High School, Tracey has decided to move on. Tracey has been a pillar in the school and has played a prominent role in the success of many students over the years. Thank you Tracey, we appreciate everything you have done in the school.

Thanksgiving wishes to you and your family and a Happy Halloween.

Mr. Jespersen, Assistant Principal

October 2023

Please Note

Our doors are locked for the most part of the day for security and safety of our students and staff. If you need to come to the school, there is a doorbell you may ring for our office staff to hear - but it is always a good idea to phone ahead and book an appointment

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Gateway Academy



Gateway Academy Outreach has moved to a new location two blocks away from the main school campus. The new location provides flexibility for Outreach students as well as students at the main campus for course programming. Students complete courses at the Outreach the same as the main school and have the option of attending CTS classes at the main school.

The Outreach provides a unique environment for learning. Students work on individual courses online to provide flexibility in programming. Students have access to the core subjects at all levels of high school. Students receive support for their courses with several different teachers and an Educational Assistant.

Cross Country



It was a great day up in Whitecourt on Sept 27th. Our junior highs all had Top-10 finishes! Big shout outs to Jeff Johnson, Tyson Miner, and Maelle McFarlane who made the podium for their races.



Cheerleading

The Cheerleading program will be running again this year, for both seniors (10-12) and juniors (7-9). It will be starting up with a Try-Cheer practice on October 24th from 5:00-7:00 PM at Onoway Elementary School. Students interested in attending this practice must come and see Ms. Newton before October 20th to pick up a permission and information form, which must be signed in order to participate!



Myself and our community coaches can't wait to begin and hope to see you at our Try Cheer practice! - Ms. Gina Newton



DONATE



Students have started preparing and training for the Terry Fox Run that will be happening again this year at OJSH! Students will be working their way up to completing the 5km Terry Fox Run around Onoway the morning of Tuesday October 3rd. Please support Onoway Jr/Sr High School in their fundraising and raising money to help in cancer research. Our school donation page is <https://schools.terryfox.ca/30656/donate>.

Senior Golf

Congratulations to Hunter Muir, Kashton Mustus, James Brennan and Landon Walters who won zones and were invited to attend provincials in Lloydminster! Great job boys!



As a result of winning a provincial title in each of the last two seasons in NASP (National Archery in School Program), Fynn Harris in Grade 10 was invited to join team Canada to participate in the NASP/AGA Worlds competition in South Africa. In July, Fynn traveled with the team to Johannesburg, South Africa. Fynn competed on a junior team that was part of a larger team made up of three teams from Canada that competed in regular bullseye target and 3D target competitions. Fynn's team finished with silver in their competitions and team Canada won 1st overall for the combined score of all teams in all competitions. Congratulations to Fynn on being a part of Team Canada's win!



Fynn also got to enjoy some sites and see wildlife while he was in South Africa including: visiting grumpy lions, riding ostriches, seeing penguins, visiting the site of where Cool Runnings was filmed, visiting a mandarin orchard and taking in cultural food, song, and dance experiences.

For students interested in participating in NASP, we will be starting practices in January or early February. All students are welcome to participate.

Special shout-outs

We have a number of congratulations to send out to students who collected a variety of significant accomplishments over the summer of 2023.

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Mason Johnston, in Gr. 11, was member of the bronze medal winning fastball team from Alberta who participated in the North American Indigenous Games in Halifax. Mason played center field and is soon trying out for Team Alberta, who will play in the Summer Games of 2024.



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Grade 11 student, Winterstar Oslund was crowned as Miss Kamloops at the annual powwow in Kamloops BC in August. Winterstar was involved in dancing and fundraising as part of the powwow.

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Trey Saddleback, also in Gr. 11, spent his summer in the Junior Forest Rangers program experiencing a number of different activities while travelling around Alberta. Some of the various activities Trey participated in were flying in a helicopter and fighting forest fires.

School Talent Highlight

Kallyn is an extremely gifted artist who makes amazing creations through drawings and by using chenille stems (pipe cleaners). He frequently amazes his teachers and Educational Assistants with how quickly he can construct such creative and imaginative structures. When Kallyn is asked to make something unique and unconventional he will take a minute or two to think about it. He will then proceed to make an amazingly accurate piece of chenille stem art from scratch in a matter of minutes. Some of his creations are very complex and have moving eyes, accessories, and interchangeable parts that transform into different creatures. Kallyn's drawings and chenille art make him happy and bring joy to those around him.



OJSH Spirit Wear

Order forms can be found in the office. When ordering, please make cheques payable to "Onoway Junior Senior High School." Students may also pay by cash in the office.
*** Payment/forms must be made no later than the deadline!***



Deadline to order: OCTOBER 20th, 2023

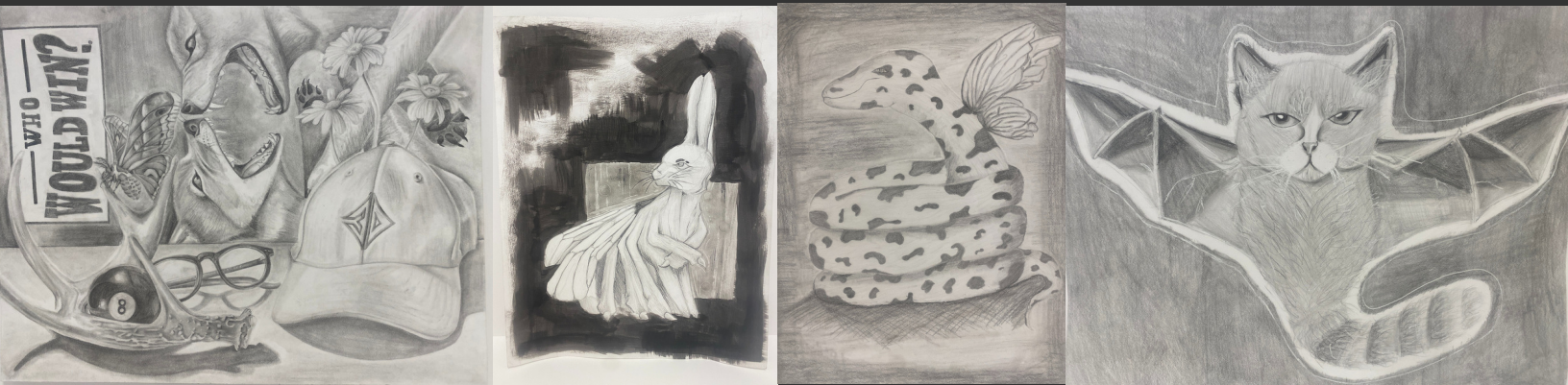


Art

Check out more photos, course outlines and sketchbook requirements at Mrs. McNeice's Art Room WebPage: <https://sites.google.com/ngps.ca/mcneice-art-room/home> and always check out the ART TV in our foyer

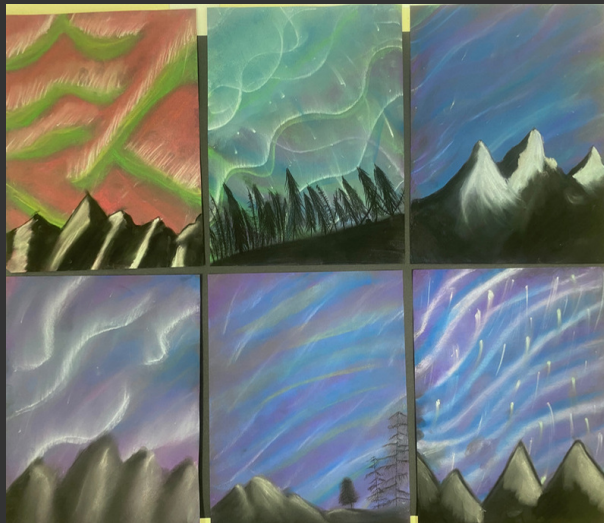
Senior Night Art

Seniors have just completed their first assignment and moving on to their art history inspired art pieces. Students can use traditional art history and are encouraged to look at Canadian artists and First Nations Artists.



Junior Night Art

Both Grade 8 and 9 students have completed a few smaller drawing projects and will be starting their watercolour unit before sculpture is explored.



NOTE ****Please be aware that students MUST post photos of their work and sketchbook pages into the PADLET for marking or risk late penalties.



Cafeteria News



We are back into the school year and October is going to be a beautiful and busy month, We have Thanksgiving and Halloween in this month and with the weather changing, we are also changing and adding to our kitchen menu.

Let's start at the beginning and introduce ourselves. First we have our Kitchen Manager, Mr Murray Galliford. As well as running the kitchen, Mr Galliford also oversees the lighting and staging at OJSH. Next we have Mrs Pat Babin-Doyle, better known as Grandma Pat. When she isn't working at the cash register and preparing food, you can find her baking bread, buns and making delicious jams and jellies that she sells. And lastly, Mrs Laura Harrison. I love making up new drinks (I had to say something Hunter, sorry) and I also love to hear from our students.

One thing that all three of us have in common is our love of working with food and the students! Each day we prep and prepare breakfast, from bacon and egg sandwiches to fresh fruit smoothies to yogurt parfaits. At lunch, we cook up cheeseburgers or poutines as well as wraps such as buffalo chicken or taco beef. And not to brag, but our espresso machine makes the most delicious coffees with favourites such as creme brulee and salted caramel.

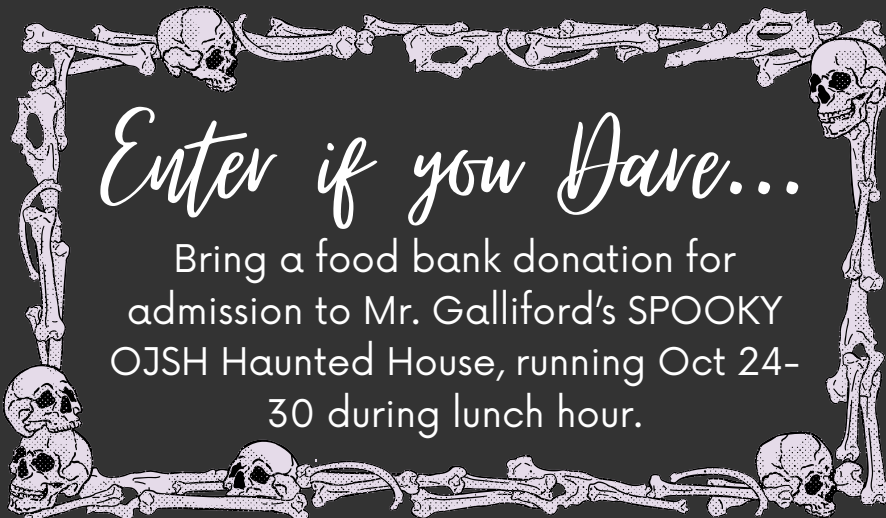
We have been adding to our menu with specials throughout the month. You can see Taco in a Bag, Mozza Chicken Burger and Fish n Chips, as well as many more coming up for the month of October. We have specialty salads, desserts, snacks and both hot and cold drinks throughout the weeks that add a variety to our foods and beverage menu that can be enjoyed by everyone.

It's not all about preparing and selling food to the staff and students though. Each day, we get high school students who come in and do work experience with us. Here they learn everything from food safety and prepping foods to all things health and safety related in a commercial kitchen. We also have students come in at lunch hour to help us serve. This is a great learning experience and we are still looking for more students to come and help us out. It's a great way to see how the food service industry works! Come see Mr Galliford to get set up!

The Kitchen has the ability to accept cash, debt, credit, ApplePay and most recently, gift cards! With the new program, www.freebeespay.com you can pick up a gift card from us in the kitchen and load as little as \$5. Then you can continue to reload it in the kitchen or online while monitoring its usage from the app.

If you have any questions about the kitchen or the food we serve, please feel free to come in and talk with us. And as always, we greatly appreciate when you use your manners when talking and ordering with us.

Thank you!
Laura Harrison



Enter if you Dare...

Bring a food bank donation for admission to Mr. Galliford's SPOOKY OJSH Haunted House, running Oct 24-30 during lunch hour.



Lost and Found

PLEASE NOTE:

Lost & found items will be displayed in the main foyer on the last Wednesday of every month to be looked over by students. The remainder of items left unclaimed will be donated by the following Friday.

At any other time, lost & found can be viewed in the main office.



Webs of Support Colour of the Month – **Orange (Tangible Strings)**

Last month we reviewed the color Red – The Rule of Five. The “Five” is based on research that has demonstrated that children need a personal village of at least five adult anchors in their lives. One of the things these anchors may use to build the web of support for the child are tangible supports or tangible strings. It doesn't matter whether we call them supports or strings, but when we do the activity in classes with students, we literally use string to make a web and use examples of tangibles to demonstrate the things adult anchors give to children to “web them up”. Tangible strings are things like:

- Nutritious food
- Proper clothing
- Safe, warm housing
- Medical attention
- School Teams and Activities
- Things to do
- Volunteer Work/Helping Others
- Education
- A place for homework/help with school work
- Faith community meetings/services
- Transportation



These supports are easy to see and measure, and are provided by and through anchors. These tangible supports can come from adults in the family, school, faith community, programs, and agencies.

Counselling Corner

The staff of the Wrap Around would like to welcome all the members of our school community back for another wonderful year here at Onoway Junior Senior High School.

We hope it was a summer full of fun, new experiences but also a time of rest and relaxation for everyone. September has long been a time of change and new beginnings and here in the Wrap Around, we have had our fair share of change this summer. Long time member and cornerstone of the Wrap Around and Counselling department, Ms. Dundas, retired in June. You would be hard pressed to find anyone in the Onoway and surrounding area who has not interacted with and been impacted by Ms. Dundas over the almost four decades of her time at Onoway High. Her guidance and advice, caring nature, thoughtfulness, dedication, professionalism, incredible work ethic and humor will not soon be forgotten by students, parents and staff. We wish her all the best in her retirement as she has certainly more than earned it.



Along with Ms. Dundas, Mrs. Noyes has decided that the time is right for her to move into a new adventure in her career path. Mrs. Noyes has been a vital member of the Counselling and Wrap Around team for the last 20 years and like Ms. Dundas, has left an indelible mark on the students and families of our school community and in particular, our Indigenous students and families. Mrs. Noyes combination of caring, concern, professionalism and humor paired with her uncanny ability to hold students accountable while also making them feel valued and cared for is irreplaceable. Our best wishes go with Mrs. Noyes as she ventures forth from OJSH.

With the departure of Ms. Dundas and Mrs. Noyes comes the exciting new addition of Ms. Deacon into the Wrap Around area. Ms. Deacon has been with us for the last 3 years as a member of the PE department and is a former student and staff member of Hilltop High School in Whitecourt. In keeping with her personality, Ms. Deacon is eager and enthusiastic to join the Wrap Around team to begin connecting and working with students by creating her own counselling role that best utilizes her unique set of strengths, qualities and abilities. Welcome to the Wrap Around Ms. Deacon. We know it will be an exciting, new adventure for you.



Among the many activities that the Wrap Around undertakes at the beginning of every new school year, our Gr. 12 Interviews are one of the highlights on our Counselling calendar. Wrap Around staff will meet with every Gr. 12 students starting on Sept. 25 to go through their Alberta Education transcript, review their Grad status, discuss their plans for post-graduation, talk about applying for post-secondary, scholarships and student loans and any other topics students may have questions about. After the interviews are done, the counsellors will call home to see if the students' parents or guardians have any questions or require further information. If students miss their appointment or are unable to attend, they can simply see one of the counsellors to reschedule another time.

The Wrap Around staff would like to ask any of our students who may be interested in doing some tutoring to come down to the Wrap Around and get an application form. We get many requests during the year, from both our school and the elementary school, for students to work as tutors for students who are having difficulty with their schoolwork. We act as the middle man between the tutor and the family. All the details regarding pay, hours and location are sorted out between the 2 parties and we simply connect the two. When students apply, they are asked to fill out an application form which includes having a teacher recommend the student as a tutor. Any student or parents that are interested are asked to come down to or contact the Wrap Around for more information. Two of the most highly regarded and valuable scholarships that are available to high school students in Canada are now accepting applications for their awards. The Loran Scholars Foundation and the Schulich Leaders Scholarships are open for application and interested Gr. 12 students are asked to inquire soon if they want to be considered for the awards. The Loran Scholarship has a deadline for application of October 11 and the Schulich Leader Scholarship is due at the end of January. Information for both scholarships is available in the Wrap Around or students may visit loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar or schulichleaders.com.



Significant Dates



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| Tuesday, Oct. 3 | Terry Fox Run |
| Friday, Oct. 6 | Staff Planning and Development Day |
| Monday, Oct. 9 | Thanksgiving Day - No School |
| Thursday, Oct. 12 | School Council Meeting at OJSH - 6:30pm |
| Friday, Oct. 13 | Awards Night at OJSH - 7:00pm |



Post-Secondary Information

October 1 marks the opening of post-secondary applications for Fall 2023. Schools begin taking applications from now until generally March 1, 2023. Students have worked on getting accounts for Apply Alberta and taken the early steps in creating their profiles. Any student who requires more assistance can make an appointment to see Mr Bellerose or Ms Deacon.

For all students in high school, there are a series of post-secondary open houses taking place in the coming months. It is a great opportunity to visit the campus, speak to students, and explore the vast array of programs available. Below are a few of the dates and locations and more information can be found online at the individual institutes website. Be sure to visit the websites to see programs available, schedules, locations, parking and to register for the open houses - many have prizes and incentives.

Concordia University - Saturday October 21, 2023 (In-Person 10 am - 2pm and Virtually 9:30 am - 1:30 pm) Register online at <https://concordia.ab.ca/future-students/open-house/>

King's University - Saturday October 21, 2023 from 10 am - 2 pm
<https://www.kingsu.ca/admissions/visit-kings/open-house>

Lakeland College - Friday October 20 and Saturday October 21, 2023 from 9 am - 3 pm each day.
<https://www.lakelandcollege.ca/future-students/open-house.aspx>

MacEwan University - Saturday November 4, 2023 from 10 am - 3 pm <https://www.macewan.ca/future-students/open-house/>

Mount Royal University - Saturday October 21, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm
<https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/OpenHouse/index.htm>

NAIT - Saturday October 28, 2023 from 9 am - 4 pm <https://www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/tours-events-and-info-sessions/open-house>

Norquest College - Saturday October 28, 2023 from 10 am - 2 pm <https://www.norquest.ca/about-us/news-and-events/events/2023/open-house.aspx>

Red Deer Polytechnic - Saturday October 28, 2023 from 9 am - 1 pm <https://rdpolytech.ca/apply-and-register/visit-us>

University of Alberta - Saturday October 14, 2023 from 9 am - 3 pm
<https://www.ualberta.ca/admissions/undergraduate/tours-and-events/open-house/index.html?>

University of Calgary - Saturday October 28, 2023 from 10 am - 2 pm
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/events/open-house>

Curriculum Update: Alberta Education



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Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary - Bow

September 18, 2023

Letter to parents – Resuming engagement on draft Social Studies curriculum

Dear Alberta parents and guardians:

Alberta's government heard clearly from Albertans that the province needs a strengthened approach for developing and engaging on curriculum, particularly Social Studies. I am pleased to share that we are returning to Albertans with an open, transparent and collaborative engagement process that reflects what we have heard.

Feedback received from Albertans and education partners during previous engagement on draft K-6 Social Studies curriculum indicated common areas for improvement, including volume of content and learning progression, developmental appropriateness, pluralism, diversity and inclusion, local and Alberta context, current events and First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives.

Using Albertans' valuable feedback, Alberta Education will be re-drafting the K-6 Social Studies curriculum to ensure content builds students' critical thinking and communication skills, enhances Indigenous and francophone perspectives and is age and developmentally appropriate. To inform the re-drafting process, the ministry is resuming engagement with Albertans, through a comprehensive and phased approach.

Phase one – Preliminary engagement

As part of the first engagement phase, we are gathering information about what Albertans, including parents, would like students to learn in Alberta's Social Studies curriculum through a survey and discussion guide on [Alberta.ca](https://www.alberta.ca).

We have provided a discussion guide that can be used as a tool to facilitate conversations within your community and to help you organize your feedback before completing the survey. The survey will remain open until **October 16, 2023**, and I encourage you to share it within your networks.

Phase two – Targeted engagement

Starting this fall, Alberta Education will meet with diverse education partners, teachers, multicultural organizations, Indigenous and francophone communities and other education specialists to inform development of the scope and sequence of K-12 Social Studies curriculum and content of draft K-6 Social Studies curriculum.

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