

September 2024

**THE ONOWAY
JUNIOR SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL**

Newsletter



WELCOME BACK!

WE ARE BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR AND ALREADY OFF TO A GREAT START. I AM EXCITED TO TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN WORK WITH AWESOME STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THE OJSH'S FRONT OFFICE HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE SUMMER. I HAVE ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPALSHIP OF OUR SCHOOL, WITH MS. KARLA SCHMIDT-PETERSON AND MR. CHRIS HALLOWES MOVING INTO THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ROLES! I WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH GR. 10-12 STUDENTS, FOCUSING ON THEIR COURSES, CREDITS, AND GRADUATION AND I WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE OJSH'S WORK EXPERIENCE/OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS. MS. SCHMIDT-PETERSON WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HEAVILY WITH INCLUSIVE EDUCATION, AS WELL AS LEAD THE PROGRAMMING OUT OF OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM, ONOWAY GATEWAY ACADEMY. MR. HALLOWES WILL BE TEACHING PE IN THE MORNINGS, BUT WILL BE YOUR GO-TO PERSON FOR ALL THINGS GRADE EIGHT AND NINE!

I ALSO WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST OJSH STAFF MEMBERS:

- JESSICA GYLANDER- COSMETOLOGY/FOODS
- KATE HALLSON- LANGUAGE ARTS
- CHRISTINA ROWELL- ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- MCKAY STRAIGHT -PHYSICAL EDUCATION/LANGUAGE ARTS
- SARA HART- EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT
- ALISON RUTLAND- EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT
- CATHERINE SMITH-EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF WAYS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON. OJSH HAS FACEBOOK AND A WEBSITE, SO YOU CAN STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE SCHOOL. ON OUR WEBSITE YOU CAN CHECK THE DAILY BULLETIN TO FIND MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. NEWSLETTERS ARE POSTED EACH NEW MONTH AND SHOW UP ON THE MAIN PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE. I WILL BE SENDING A WEEKLY UPDATE EMAIL OUT TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS. FINALLY, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY PHONE OR EMAIL IF YOU HAVE INQUIRIES AS WELL.

PLEASE ENJOY OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER OF THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR. WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

SINCERELY,
PAUL JESPERSEN
PRINCIPAL

COUNSELLING CORNER



Scan the QR Code to make a Wrap-Around Appointment

GRAD 2025 - INFO

GRAD INTERVIEWS WILL BE HAPPENING TOWARDS THE END OF SEPTEMBER. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS AND THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE, ON THE GRAD 2025 GOOGLE CLASSROOM. ALL GRADS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM. EMAIL MISS DEACON IF YOU DO NOT.

September

SIGNIFICANT DATES



Thursday, Sept 12 – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30pm



Wednesday, Sept 25 – ‘Get the Scoop’ (Meet the teacher) 5-8pm



Monday, September 30 – No School



Thursday, October 10 – OJSH Awards Night



NEW STAFF

Mr. Straight

HELLO EVERYONE AT OJSH! MY NAME IS MR.STRAIGHT AND I'M BEYOND EXCITED TO BE JOINING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY HERE IN ONOWAY. I WILL BE TEACHING HALF GRADE 8 ENGLISH AND THEN HALF PHYS ED. A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF, I LOVE TO KEEP ACTIVE: FISHING, GOLFING, PADDLEBOARDING, HIKING, HITTING THE GYM ETC. I AM VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT HEALTH AND MAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY A PRIORITY IN MY LIFE. I'M A HUGE OILERS AND BLUE JAYS FAN, SO IF YOU CHEER FOR ANOTHER TEAM I'M TRULY SORRY BUT WE CAN'T BE FRIENDS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW AS MANY OF YOU OJSH STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE AND I HOPE YOU HAVE AN AMAZING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR! CHEERS, MCKAY



Mrs. Rowell

HELLO ONOWAY COMMUNITY! MY NAME IS CHRISTINA ROWELL, AND I'M THRILLED TO JOIN THE TEAM AT OJSH. WITH OVER SIX YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN CALGARY ACROSS PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MATH, SCIENCES, AND LANGUAGE ARTS, ALONG WITH A BACHELOR OF KINESIOLOGY AND A MASTER OF TEACHING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, I'M EAGER TO BRING MY SKILLS TO THE CLASSROOM AND THE FIELD. MY BACKGROUND IN COACHING VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TRACK AND FIELD, COMBINED WITH MY COLLEGE-LEVEL ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE, FUELS MY ENTHUSIASM FOR CONTRIBUTING TO OUR MUSTANG TEAMS. AS A PROUD ONOWAY RESIDENT AND PARENT OF CHILDREN THAT ATTEND OES, I LOOK FORWARD TO ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR.



Ms. Gylander

I BEGAN MY JOURNEY AT ONOWAY JR SR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2018 AS AN EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT. OVER TIME, I TRANSITIONED TO WORKING IN THE LIBRARY DURING THE MORNINGS, AND LAST YEAR, I TOOK A BREAK TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TEACHING. WITH A BACKGROUND AS A RED SEAL JOURNEYMAN HAIRSTYLIST, I'M THRILLED TO BRING MY EXPERTISE TO THE COSMETOLOGY CLASS THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH TEACHING FOODS. I'M EXCITED TO RETURN AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO AN AMAZING YEAR AHEAD!



ATHLETICS



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Athletics
Calendar

Cross Country

OJSH IS PLEASED TO BE OFFERING A FALL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETES ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE WEEKLY PRACTICES AND RACES - WITH PRACTICES HAPPENING 3:45 - 4:45PM ON MONDAYS AND MOST RACES OCCURRING ON THURSDAYS. SEE MR. HALLOWES IN THE GYM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Golf Dates:

SENIOR TOURNAMENT: MONDAY 16TH.
PRACTICE ROUNDS ARE SEPT 19TH AND 26TH.
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT: OCT 7TH.

Flag Football

PRACTICES WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16TH, SEPTEMBER 18TH, SEPTEMBER 23RD, SEPTEMBER 25TH, AND THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH.

Terry Fox Run

OCTOBER 2ND JUNIOR HIGHS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TERRY FOX OJSH SCHOOL RUN, RAISING AWARENESS AND MONEY FOR CANCER RESEARCH, AND COMPLETING THE FINAL 5KM RUN OF THEIR CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING UP TO IN PE CLASS.

Volleyball

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE OFFERING 2 SR TEAMS, A JV GIRLS TEAM AND 4 JR TEAMS AT OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR. FOR THE SPECIFICS ON DATES AND TIMES PLEASE SEE THE INFO LISTED UNDER ATHLETICS ON THE OJSH WEBSITE.

SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

We held our first School Parent Council meeting on September 12th, 2024. First, a huge thanks to Janine Mickey who has been the president for the past 5 years. Janine has donated a massive amount of her time to the school and has made a huge contribution. At the meeting we were able to elect our executive for this school year. It will be as follows:



Chair/President: **Amy Warren**

Vice Chair/Vice President: **Adelee Nielsen**

Secretary: **Sheila Albertson**

Treasurer: **Sandra Wouters**

Director/Casino Rep: **Christina Goodvin**

Social Media: **Christina Goodvin & Karen Seinen**

Financial Review/Auditors: **Joanna Szczucinski & Amanda Falls**

Thank you to each of the parents who put their names forward to take on a position. Our next meeting will be on October 24, 2024 at 6:30PM. All parents are welcome to attend and participate.

SPIRIT WEAR

Please Note:

- No money or order forms go to the office, all purchases go through the online store.
- The office does not have samples to try on.
- The store closes on **November 3rd**. No orders can be accepted after this date.



<https://ojshsfall24.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

JOB VACANCY

We're Hiring



➤ Responsibilities:

* **Must be able to work in a fast paced environment**

- Must be able to lift 20kgs
- Must be able to provide a vulnerable sector check
- Involves all aspects of kitchen/food service such as prepping, cooking, cashier and dishwashing.
- Positive and friendly manners is a must
- be adaptable to all needs of staff and students

➤ Requirements:

- Food Safe Certificate is an asset

Position

***Part-Time
Kitchen
Assistant***

14.5hrs per week

How to Apply

*Please send
Resumes, Cover
Letters and
References to:
**murray.galliford
@ngps.ca***

Applicants will be contacted if short-listed