

ADMIN MESSAGE

Welcome to December!

Things at our school have already started to look and feel very festive! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who stayed late on a Friday night to turn our school into a Winter Wonderland! I have been finding it incredibly inspiring that during this already busy time of year our students, staff, and community have undertaken so many charitable endeavours, which are already in full swing! It has really allowed me to see and appreciate the giving spirits that are being fostered in our young people. In addition, our school council and other groups have planned a range of fun and festive activities that will be taking place throughout the month.

As December opens upon us (I swear it comes up faster every school year!), I am reminded that this time of year can create a lot of strain, too. People who are already busy are trying to fit in more. Our high school students know that final exams will be upon them far too quickly after we return from break. We all feel the pressure of trying to create positive experiences and long-lasting memories with the people we care about. It is also a time of year we are keenly aware of people and things that are missing from our lives. With this in mind, I am hoping we are kind to ourselves and others this month - even more so than usual. Pause for a moment and reflect on what is truly important and on how fortunate we actually are. I know I have been. I am extra grateful this month for the amazing people I have the privilege of working with! Thank you all for making my job feel like a Gift the whole year long!

The Warmest of Wishes,
Karla Schmidt-Peterson
Assistant Principal, OJSH



COUNSELLING CORNER



Scan the QR
Code to make a
Wrap-Around
Appointment

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE CHANGES

With two months left of the semester, it is time to crack down on completing assignments and missing work, staying on top of studying and the courses you are in, so that you can get credits for your courses this semester! If you are wanting changes to your timetable for Semester 2, please send Ms. Deacon or Mr. Bellerose an email to book a time to change your timetable and go over your course requirements. Keep in mind some of the courses are at capacity or filling up fast, so take a look at the course availability for Semester 2 prior to meeting with an academic advisor to make changes.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ScholarTree is a website where they always look for various scholarships that apply to as many different types of students as possible. They have found that the more unique a scholarship criteria, the more likely a student is to apply and, more importantly, win that particular scholarship. They have made a concerted effort to add more unique scholarships last month, adding over 20 brand-new scholarships in the last couple of weeks.



<https://scholartree.ca>

Norquest College Presentation

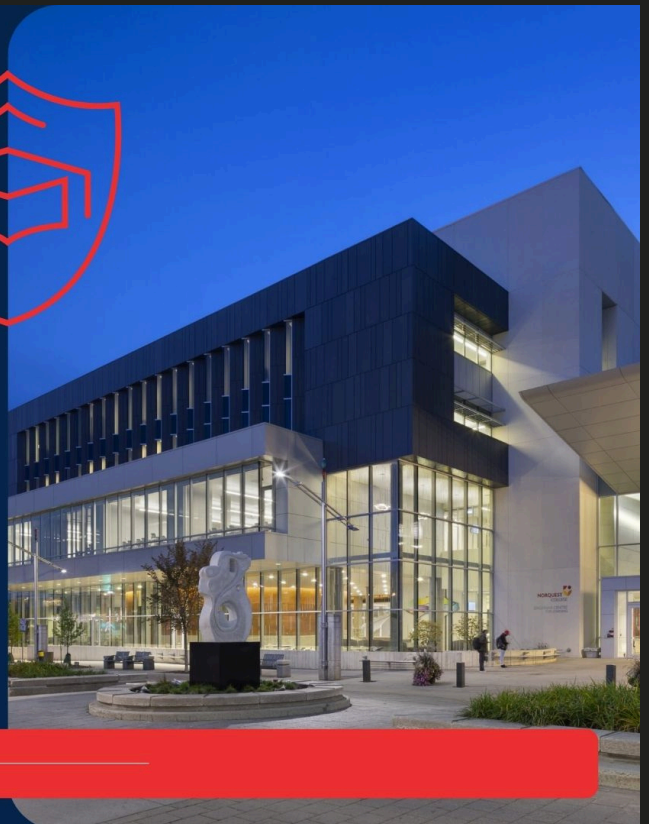
There will be a booth in the foyer at lunch for any students that want more information after the presentation, or did not have a chance to attend the presentation.

This is a great opportunity, as Norquest is a local Edmonton College that provides many diploma courses, transfer programs, and upgrading options, for a range of students looking at potential future paths after grade 12.



**Thursday December 12th an
11:00am presentation.**

Use the following QR code to access the Google Form to sign up for the presentation.



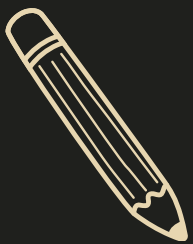


GRAD NEWS

All grade 12s planning on graduating this Year, should have completed their Grad Interview with either Miss Deacon or Mr Bellerose. If you haven't, please reach out through going to the Wrap Around or sending an email to book a time to meet to go through your credits, diploma requirements, and plans.

Make sure to keep up to date with the Grad 2025 Google Classroom, so that you know the decisions being made for your grad class, the fundraisers being done, and the important dates for Grad Pictures, ticket deadlines, etc.

We are under two months away from Diplomas and exams. Make sure to rock your upcoming diplomas and work hard in your classes to have the best grade you can before going into the diplomas. There are Diploma Prep Courses available to help students prepare for diploma exams. Information is posted on the Grad Google Classroom. Ask one of the Academic Advisors (Mr Bellerose or Miss Deacon) or your teachers if you have questions.



UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES



- ➔ **December 12** - Evening of Winter Enchantment Market Fundraiser
- ➔ **December 23 - Jan 3** - Christmas Break
- ➔ **January 6** - First Day Back for Students



EVENING OF ENCHANTMENT

DECEMBER 12,

6:30-9PM

This event is being hosted again by the Onoway Parent Council and Onoway Parent Educative Association with collaborative help from other groups in the school. Some of the other groups we work with for the evening include the travel club, foods class, band/music class, art class, and the current grad class.

The evening includes a vendor market, silent auction, music played by the school band, Santa photos put on by the Student Grad Executive, food class has dry ingredient treats for purchase, the travel club sells popcorn, and an item in the silent auction, and the art class has had displays for viewing from the current students in the class.

Our group helps with any enhancement that improves the school environment for all who attend. And all proceeds fundraised from this evening will be used towards this goal. We are hoping that this evening may see more of our community members, and parents attend as the school has students from this end of Northern Gateway Public Schools, that this event raised funds go towards.

If you have any questions or would like to donate or be a vendor, please contact **onowayhighparents@gmail.com**



TOUR GROUP - REMINDER

We have a very important meeting coming up on Thursday, January 9, 2025 (right after the holidays). Make sure to bring your Passport, the multi-page 'Student' form from NGPS and the long legal sized document that we are getting notarized that night. Your parents should also be in attendance for the notary.

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have any skates, helmets, or hockey sticks that you would like to donate to OJSH for students in PE classes to use who do not have the necessary equipment, please drop off at the OJSH office to be stored at the school for Physical Education class use.



ATHLETICS

The month of November was a very exciting month for our athletic teams.

Congratulations to the senior girls for placing 3rd in zones! The senior boys got 2nd in GCAAs league, and won zones, experiencing the 2A Boys Provincial Championship Tournament! The Sr boys also made it to Provincials in Peace River and finished 11th overall. What a great experience and season for all athletes.



The junior girls finished 4th in zones and the boys finished 5th overall. The JV teams, and junior B teams also had a great season with lots of great rallies and exciting matches!

Basketball season is starting up this month. Please see our Athletic page for up to date scheduling for all practices, league games and tournament play, or scan the QR Code below to view the athletics calendar.

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CROSS COUNTRY



Mr. Hallowes and Mr. Law would like to extend a massive congratulations to our Jr. High XC team. Both individually and as a team, our athletes saw success throughout the season. Of note, our group defended their GCAA title and repeated as champions for 2024! Runners also established personal-bests at the 2km and 3km distances in addition to many top-10 finishes at our 6 races. The ASAA Zone race in Hinton proved to be the apex of the year, as Onoway runners won 3 of the 6 junior high races - a special note to Jeff J, Will R, Tyson M, and Taya H who were medalists at GCAAs and this prestigious event.

STAFF VS. STUDENTS VOLLEYBALL



During lunch hour the junior and senior volleyball teams challenged the staff to a volleyball game. There was a lot of fun, laughs, awesome attacks, great digs, and fabulous memories! A lot of close sets, but the staff team came out with the Ws against all teams!

