

January 2025

# THE ONOWAY JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter



# ADMIN MESSAGE

## Welcome to 2025!

I am hopeful that the Christmas break was enjoyable for all of our OJSH families.

It is great to see all of the students back here and working hard. In just two short weeks senior high students will be done with Semester 1 classes and will be moving on to exams running from January 21st to 28th. Diploma exams begin next week on Tuesday! The exam schedule is shared again in this month's newsletter in case you missed it in December.

Classes still go as usual for all of our junior high students – the only change will be to their options classes which will be switching on January 29th. January 29th will also be the first day of Semester two for senior high.

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be on February 26th from 5 to 8PM. This will be a great opportunity to meet your senior high students' semester two teachers and catch up on your junior high students' year long course progress.

Please note the significant dates in this newsletter as well. There may be some important things coming up you will not want to miss.

Happy New Year to our OJSH Families!

Paul jespersen, Principal





# UPCOMING SIGNIFICANT DATES



- ➔ **Jan 9th**- School Council Meeting at 6:30PM
- ➔ **Jan 14**- Diploma Exams begin (English Part A)
- ➔ **Jan 15**- Diploma Exams (Social Studies Part A)
- ➔ **Jan 17**- Diploma Exam (Math 30-1)
- ➔ **Jan 20**- Last Day of Regular Senior High Classes, PowerSchool closes to students and parents for Report Card preparation.
- ➔ **Jan 21**- Exam week begins for Senior High Students
- ➔ **Jan 28**- Quarter 2 Ends for Junior High Options
- ➔ **Jan 29**- Semester 2 and Quarter 3 Options begin
- ➔ **Jan 31**- PD Day, No school for students. Report Card #2 released on PowerSchool at 3:30PM
- ➔ **Feb 6 & 7**- Teacher's Convention - No School for Students
- ➔ **Feb 13**- School Council Meeting - 6:30 PM
- ➔ **Feb 17**- Family Day - No School
- ➔ **Feb 26**- Pink Shirt Day & Parent-Teacher Interviews, 5-8 PM

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## COUNSELLING CORNER



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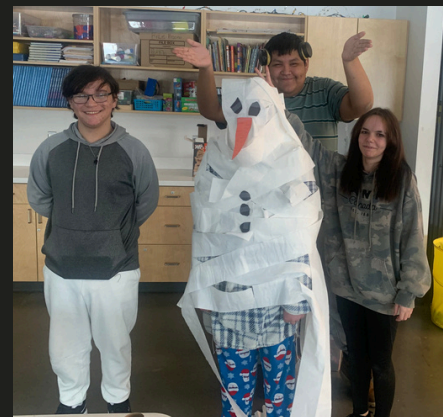
# LOOKING BACK ON 2024...

Every year our amazing cafe staff headed by Mr. Galliford puts together a delicious, traditional Christmas meal for staff and students to purchase. This annual Christmas lunch is always a memorable event. This year was no different, served by our jolly staff on Wednesday December 18th. We had another great turnout this year. Thank you to the cafe for cooking and putting this event together, the staff that helped serve up this incredible meal and to Pratts and Sysco food services for their generous donations towards making this meal for our students and staff to enjoy together.



## REINDEER GAMES

On the last day before the Christmas holidays the freezing rain and cancelled busses did not stop OJSH from having their annual junior high reindeer games. With limited numbers we still had a close competition between the grade 8's and 9's. Our afternoon was filled with thrilling activities such as a dance-off, a fashion show, sled racing and more exciting games.



## XMAS FUN

The Lifeskills class had a festive Christmas party before the break! Students enjoyed a fun competition where groups raced to turn a classmate into a snowman using only toilet paper and construction paper, playing "Pin the Heart on the Grinch," painting ornaments, and doing a Secret Santa gift exchange. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday season and wrap up the year!



# ATHLETICS

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# ARCHERY



OJSH Archery Team 2025—Another season of archery has started. OJSH participates in the National Archery in School Program (NASP), a standardized program with extensive safety procedures and certified coaches.

The OJSH NASP Team will practice on Wednesdays in the gym from 3:30 to 5:30. Competitions start in mid-March. Permission slips can be picked up in the office. All students are welcome to come and try it out.

# TOUR GROUP 2027

Attention Grade 9 and 10 students!

Are you interested in travelling the world with friends and spending 10 days seeing some amazing historical and modern sites in Europe?

The planning for Europe 2027 has begun and the first information meeting is on Thursday, January 16th at 6:00 pm.

We will be travelling to Greece and Italy and spending every possible moment exploring the most incredible sights with local experts.

If you are interested, please attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend or would like more information, please see Ms. McNalley or Mr. Missfeldt for more information.





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### SESSION #6

INCOME TAX FOR STUDENTS

PRESENTED BY: TAX PROFESSIONAL KATARINA SUNDSTROM

TEENS IN

GRADES 9 - 12

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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### When:

Session #6

Thursday January 23rd

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Pizza Supper Included

### Cost:

Free

SPACE IS  
LIMITED SO REGISTER  
TODAY!