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OLD TOWN HIGH SCHOOL

October 2011 School Board Report

Student Enrollment – (as of October 14, 2011)

Grade 12	136
Grade 11	132
Grade 10	104
Grade 9	120

TOTAL 492

Student Enrollment – A closer look...

In my September report, I erroneously told you that we had about 540 students at Old Town High School this fall. I misread some information that I received on a report from Infinite Campus. Due to another small incoming Freshman class, and a large graduating class in June of 2011, it leaves us just below the 500-student mark. I thought this might be a good time for us to take a look at the number of “available” students in our local choice communities, and the number of those students that are actually enrolling at Old Town High School.

Dr. Lewis S. Libby School, Milford	33
Helen S. Dunn School, Greenbush	19
Indian Island	10
LMS	84

A grand total of **146** students were available in the area for this year’s freshman class.

For next year –

Dr. Lewis Libby School, Milford	35
Helen S. Dunn School, Greenbush	17
Indian Island	11
LMS	100

This is a total of **163** available for next year's Freshman class. It is reasonable to think that we will rebound back to 500 students or slightly more for next year.

Testing, Testing, Testing.....

On Wednesday, October 12th, all Sophomores and Juniors at OTHS took the PSAT (Preliminary SAT). This is a great opportunity for students to get practice taking a test, which is basically identical in format to the SAT – which our Juniors will take in May of 2012, and our Sophomores will take in May of 2013..

The PSAT is also a National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, so it could result in one or more of our students earning money toward college if they did well on the exam and continue to perform well during their high school career.

During the same time frame, our Freshman class took the ACT Explore test, which tells our grade 9 students a little bit about their knowledge, skills, interests and plans. This information can help them plan their high school coursework, and get them thinking about college and what they need to do now to be ready for life after Old Town High School in four years.

All of the testing lasted until about 11:00, and we needed all of the building and all of our staff as proctors. After 11:00, we continued the day with a modified schedule. Seniors did not have to arrive until 11:00 on that day.

Brown Bag Lunches

We have scheduled our first two “Brown Bag Lunches” for the 2011-2012 school year. Kevin McPhee, Old Town Recreation Director, spoke with about fifteen students on Tuesday, October 11th. He spoke about the field of recreation, and opportunities for students who are interested in that field after high school. In addition, he talked about what students could do right now to prepare themselves. On Tuesday, October 25th, Vicky Clay, who is a reporter for WABI-TV will be visiting with our students.

Fall Sports

Our fall sports season is quickly coming to a close, as our soccer teams are playing their final regular season games this coming week. Both teams should qualify for post-season play. Our football team has struggled a bit more this year in Class B, and looks to be out of playoff contention. Though our golf team did not qualify for state competition, we did have one student, Sam Peabody qualify to play in the State Golf Championship at Natannis Golf Course in Vassalboro on Saturday, October 15th. Our field hockey team ended its season recently, and our cross-country team will begin post-season running in the next couple of weeks.

The winter sports season will begin on November 21st.

Upcoming Events

*	October 20	JROTC Change of Command Ceremony
*	November 1	JMG Initiation & Installation
*	November 4	End of 1 st Quarter
*	November 4 & 5	Pokeberry Players – Fall Show
*	November 14	Financial Aid Night
*	November 21	Winter Sports Season begins

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gordon

Principal