

Old Town High School

School Board Report ~ January 2012

Principal Scott Gordon

Upcoming Events at OTHS

* January 13-20 - Mid-Term Examinations

* January 20 - End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

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* Upcoming Home Athletic Contests at OTHS:

*** Boys Basketball

1/20 vs. Wash. Acad.

1/26 vs. Orono

1/28 vs. MDI

*** Girls Basketball

1/24 vs. Hermon

2/1 vs. Ellsworth

*** Ice Hockey

1/23 vs. Brewer

1/30 vs. Messalonskee

2/10 vs. Orono

*** Swimming

1/20 vs. Brewer

2/3 vs. Bangor (girls)

*** Indoor Track

1/21 @U-Maine (7:40 am)

1/28 @ U-Maine (3:10 pm)

Enrollment Numbers as of January 13, 2012

Grade 12	135
Grade 11	136
Grade 10	103
Grade 9	117
TOTAL	491

Academic Awards Breakfast

On the morning of Tuesday, January 10th, we recognized 75 students for their academic accomplishments at our annual Academic Awards Breakfast. Students earn an invitation to this ceremony by consistently making honor roll status over the course of their career at OTHS. Each quarter that a student earns honor roll status, they also earn a given number of points. When students reach a certain point level, they earn a letter or service bar to be placed on their letter. Parents were invited as well, and we had an excellent turnout.

NEASC

Our faculty continues to work hard on completing their committee narratives for our self-study. Rough drafts were due on January 17th, and we will spend some time making sure we have included everything necessary to meet the requirements of each indicator, and that all statistics are correct.

We will then invite students and parents to give input into what has been drafted, and help us further refine the product. We will be assisted further by statistics obtained from the Endicott College survey, which is a part of the self-study process. The survey is required of all staff and students, and something that is strongly encouraged for parents/guardians. We will close the window for responses this week, and await results, which should help add

statistical evidence to some of the claims that we make in our narratives.

All State Music

Congratulations to Kate Rawson (clarinet), Riley Marquis (flute) and Reid Horton (horn) for being accepted into the All-State Music Program. They auditioned in the fall and received outstanding scores that qualified them



to represent Old Town High School at the All-State Music Festival that is being held at the University of Maine on May 17,18, and 19.

Thousands of music students across the

State auditioned for placement in the All-State Band, Chorus and Orchestra.

Honor Roll/On a Roll

On our last school day before the holiday break, we honored all students who made the honor roll for the first quarter (52% of the school), by treating them to ice cream sundaes. Faculty members served students and helped make sundaes in assembly line fashion. We also included students who were “on a roll,” these students were identified by staff members for showing continuous improvement throughout the quarter.

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Jeff Priest

Congratulations to Jeff Priest for being recognized by School Band and Orchestra magazine as one of 50 Directors in the nation that make a difference. Mr. Priest's time, effort and commitment has made our music program one of the finest in the state. Here is the link to the online version of the

publication: <http://www.sbomagazine.com/current-issue/>

However, if you choose to purchase it – Barry Manilow is on the cover – “Even Now” you can't go wrong with Barry !

8th Grade Parent Night

On Wednesday, January 11th, we held our first parent night for incoming 8th graders. The topic was “myths and realities of high school.” This lesson is less about pitching Old Town High School and more about providing parents with an opportunity to see what concerns their sons & daughters have about attending high school, based on their conversations

with our counselors during visits to area middle schools. In addition, it provided parents, particularly those who have not had a child go through high school, and an opportunity to ask questions and meet our administration and student services staff. We had over 50 people in attendance for the hour-long event.

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