



OLD TOWN HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

December 2009

School Information

We are doing our best to keep you informed as to what is happening at Old Town High School. Please visit the Regional School Unit #34 website at www.rsu34.org for daily announcements. Remember you can call us at 827-3910. Included below are a few facts or procedures that may affect your son or daughter while attending Old Town High School.

WHO TO CONTACT AT SCHOOL FOR ASSISTANCE – 827-3910

Mr. Scott Gordon, Principal – Overall school matters
Mr. Brett Hoogterp, Assistant Principal – Attendance, discipline, student activities
Mrs. Amy Ketch, Assistant Principal of Academics
Mr. Gregory Thibodeau, Athletic Director/ UTC/Coop Director
Ms. Colleen Fitzgerald – Guidance Counselor – academic counseling, personal problems, etc.
Mr. Nathan Gardner, Guidance Counselor – academic counseling, personal problems, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18, 2010 No School – Martin Luther King Day
January 22, 2010 End of 2nd qtr.
February 12, 2010 Winter Recess begins at end of day
April 16, 2010 Spring Recess begins at end of day
May 31, 2010 No School – Memorial Day
June 10, 2010 Class Night
June 11, 2010 Graduation

MID-TERM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 GREEN – Test periods 1 & 2,
Normal periods 3 & 4
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 WHITE – Test periods 1
& 2, Normal periods 3 & 4
Thursday, January 21, 2010 GREEN – Test periods 3 &
4, Normal periods 1 & 2
Friday, January 22, 2010 WHITE – Test periods 3 & 4,
Normal periods 1 & 2
**Monday, January 25, 2010 – Make-up day, if necessary **

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are currently available for pre-sale purchase. The cost of the book is \$60.00 each with additional fees for personalization. The final deadline for ordering books will be January 25, 2010. Very few extra copies of the book will be ordered; so pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee you receive a copy of the book in the spring. Order forms were mailed home with fall progress reports. Extra copies are available in the Main Office and in Room 209. Online ordering with a credit or debit card is also available. Please use the link on the Old Town High School web page.

The yearbook staff is still accepting senior baby photos. All photos should be submitted by January 8, 2010. Please submit original photos. Be sure to label the photo using a felt tip marker rather than a ballpoint pen.

We would also like to offer a unique opportunity open only to senior families! By placing a personalized message of affection, you can enhance your student's high school memories. Students are especially excited when these messages are a surprise to them in the spring, so we're more than happy to help you keep it a secret. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Kari White, Yearbook Advisor for a form. You can include a favorite photo or two of your Senior (or upload it to our website) and mail the form back before the January 11th deadline.

Any local business that wishes to advertise in the yearbook is welcome to do so as well.

We encourage you to upload photos – student activities, sports, music, and etc. – using our website! (www.rsu34.org - click on *Old Town High School*, and then *Upload Yearbook Photos*)

We sincerely appreciate your support of our yearbook. Please contact Kari White, Yearbook Advisor at kari.white@rsu34.org or 827-3910 x223 with any questions.

CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones by students from 8 a.m. to 2:22 p.m. is inconsistent with the educational goals of OTHS and can be distracting for staff and other students. Students are not

to make outgoing calls, send or check messages, or receive incoming calls while in school. Cell phones shall not be heard, be worn, or at any time be visible while in school.

All classrooms have a paging system and in case of family emergency, parents may reach students by calling the main office staff and having the student paged in class. (Parents should be aware that calling or texting their child during the school day places their child in an awkward position.)

Students who cannot abide by these basic expectations will have their phone taken away from them by a faculty member who observed the infraction; it will be kept in the main office until the end of the school day.

- 1st offense will be loss of the phone for the day
- 2nd offense is an office detention
- 3rd and subsequent offenses parents must pick up the phone at the end of the day. Students who refuse to give up their phone will be suspended for 2 days.

MUSIC NEWS

The following students have auditioned and have been chosen for Jazz All-State: Ben Segee – Baritone Saxophone and Caleb Ward – Trombone. These two students will represent OTHS at the Maine Music Educators Jazz All-State Festival on January 7, 8, and 9, held at Peaks Auditorium at Bangor High School.

The following students have auditioned and have been chosen for All-State: Caleb Ward –Trombone, Reid Horton – Horn, Annie Cashon – Alto Saxophone, Elizabeth Dvorak

– Clarinet, Sarah Murray – Clarinet, and Riley Marquis – Flute. These six students will represent OTHS at the Maine Music Educators Music Festival held at the Collins Performing Arts Center, University of Maine Orono on May 20, 21 and 22.

This past month the OTHS Concert Band was selected by the Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club to perform at the “All That Jazz” concert to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Peaks Auditorium on March 18, 2010. The concert band received a \$1,000 cash prize for being accepted and can win an additional \$2,000 with the support of the Old Town Community by attending the concert. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the proceeds will go to the Good Shepard Food Bank. Bangor High School and Brewer High School are the other schools involved. The Old Town Concert Band has won the \$2,000 prize for the last three years.

On December 1st the Old Town High School Symphonic Band received a clinic from the world-renowned conductor and composer Samuel Hazo. The Symphonic Band prepared his composition “Rush” for the clinic. He was an amazing speaker that was very motivating for the students. Funding for Mr. Hazo’s visit was by the Gifted and Talented Program and Old Town High School Music Boosters.

BOOSTER CLUBS

All of our Booster Clubs are in need of new members. If you would like to get involved, call the school and we will put you in touch with the appropriate people.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION

**IT IS CRITICAL TO OUR OPERATION THAT
WE BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES IN STUDENTS’
ADDRESSES**

If you have not already done so, please send us your email address for greater ease in communications between home and school: Student name: _____

Parent signature: _____ Email address: _____

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