

December 2, 2024

## OOBHS School Community,

The holidays are here and along with these days come hectic schedules, preparations for family gatherings and challenging weather days. This may also be a time when our students sometimes lose focus on their academics. Together let us remind our students to remain focused on their studies and keep their eye on their academic plan. It is only a couple of months before our Seniors graduate and our Juniors become 12th graders. I wish everyone a safe and very special holiday season.

**Quarter 1 Honor Roll List:** [24-25 Q1HonorRoll OOBHS.pdf](#)

## Early Release-

Wednesday, December 11th will be an early release day. Please make arrangements to pick up your student at 12:00 pm unless they take the bus home.

## Dean of Students- Paul Santamore

I want to update you all on the three core pieces of the student experience I promised to work on this year at OOBHS. In general, things have continued to move in a positive direction this month.

- 1) Cell Phone Use/Procedure: So far, Mr. Rodriguez and I, along with teachers, have been extremely impressed with student compliance. I have had very few cell phone violations come across my desk over the past two months. When students are called down or addressed by me in reference to cell phones, they have been respectful and understanding, often apologetic. Our kids are feeling the benefits of the policy.
  - o 18 Students (9.5% of our student body) have violated our procedure
    - i) 10 students (5.3%) have received a first warning from staff (only 2 of those students have had another violation)
    - ii) 10 students have had their phone confiscated for the day (2 due to a 2nd violation, 8 due to concealing their phone from adults and getting caught)
    - iii) 2 students (1 twice) have had their phone confiscated for an extended period of time (1-2 weeks)

## 2) Tardiness:

- We had 30 individuals show up late and unexcused to school during our first six weeks of school. That is about 16% of our student body, but on the bright side, that means about 84% of our students have been on time every day that they've attended.
  - i) Only 9 students, or about 5% of the student body, have had a second tardy violation. That is an amazing piece of data in my opinion.
  - ii) 3 students, or 1.6% of our student body have had a 3rd tardy violation, which is when students are given a consequence of detention.
- We are now in our second six-week tracking period for attendance. 26 students have shown up late and unexcused to school.
  - i) Once again, only 9 students, or about 5% of the student body, have had a second tardy violation. That is an amazing piece of data in my opinion.
  - ii) 2 students, or 1% of our student body have had a 3rd tardy violation, which is when students are given a consequence of detention.
  - iii) 1 student had a fourth tardy violation, which resulted in a half-day of ISS being given.

3) Excused vs. Unexcused Absences: At this point in the year, we begin to see chronic truancy rearing its head. Our school and district has a plan to address this problem, but it certainly is not easy to fix. If your student is struggling with coming to school regularly, please partner with us and help them get re-connected.

## School Counseling- Sarah Preston

The FAFSA officially opens on December 1. Any student applying to attend a post-secondary educational institution should complete the FAFSA. Students planning to attend community college must file FAFSA in order to qualify for the free tuition program.

I am hoping to finish up senior meetings this month and seniors should continue to pay attention to the google classroom and emails for up to date information.

I recently sent an email update to keep families in the loop about the school counseling program. I will send these emails monthly to keep families informed and send out specific information regarding upcoming events and initiatives important for each grade level.

## Scholarships-Karen Murphy

Seniors should be checking their school email for scholarship announcements. There is a notebook in the guidance office that also has outside scholarship information. Please make sure your student comes and looks at it.

## QTR 2 Progress Report

Qtr 2 Progress Report grades close December 6th. Grades will be available for viewing in the Powerschool Parent Portal. If you need assistance with accessing the Powerschool Parent Portal, please contact Karen Murphy at [ksmurphy@rsu23.org](mailto:ksmurphy@rsu23.org) for assistance.

## Brownrigg Library - Michael Lewis

November went by with a blur. Brownrigg Library maintained good circulation numbers as students began to check out instruments from the Brownrigg Instrument library and our new Student Selections The Crown of Thorns and Roses and Zelda Legendary. In December the library will be working in tandem with the English faculty to celebrate some of the quieter moments allotted to us all during the winter months by focusing on Haiku.

For more information on what is going on at the library, check out this month's edition of the [Brownrigg Record](#).

## Month-At-A-Glance- December

- 12/6- Qtr 2 Progress Report Grades close
- 12/11- Early Release
- 12/13- Qtr 2 Progress Report Grades available in Powerschool
- 12/23 - 1/1 Winter Break

[OOBHS Winter Sports Schedule](#)

**Make it a Great Month!**

**Michael A. Rodriguez**

**Principal, OOBHS**