

Oliver Ames High School

Monthly Newsletter



October 2023

A Note from Principal Cavanaugh

Dear Oliver Ames Community,

The school year is off to a great start! The energy in the building is very positive and our teachers have shared that this has been one of the best starts to the year in recent times. Oliver Ames is proud of our strong, supportive community and we are all very thankful to have your students as a part of this positive school culture.

Below you will find many important updates as well as pictures and stories of things happening around the school. I hope that you find it helpful and enjoy seeing the wonderful things happening at OA in action!

Happy Autumn!

Warmly,

Upcoming Events

- October 5, 14, 17, & 28:** Senior Pictures
- October 6:** Professional Development Day (No School)
- October 9:** Indigenous Peoples' Day (No School)
- October 11:** Applied Learning Project Community Night
- October 14:** PSATs
- October 18:** Parent/Principal Coffee Hour
- October 21:** TIGERAMA
- October 25:** Tri-M Induction
- October 26:** 8th Grade Open House

*Please reference the OAHS Official Google Calendar linked below for information on events throughout the year

Parent Advisory Council for Multilingual Students

The district is organizing a parent advisory council for students who are multilingual learners/english learners. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information on the district's upcoming ELPAC inaugural meeting.

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OA Clubs/Organizations Booklet 2023-2024

Senior Pictures

OA's new photography company, Coffee Pond Photography, will be offering senior pictures at Queset House Gardens on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 2 pm - 4pm
- Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10 am - 4 pm
- Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10 am - 4 pm

For scheduling, please use the following link, <https://coffeepond.as.me/oliverames>.

Anyone with questions should email lifeguards@coffeepond.com or seniorportraits@coffeepond.com.

If you choose to use another professional photographer (not Coffee Pond), photos must be submitted to the yearbook with certain specifications.

Mrs. Sweeney has sent an email out with these requirements, but please feel free to reach out for additional questions or concerns, ssweeney@easton.k12.ma.us.
Please do not send pictures directly to Mrs. Sweeney

****All photos must be submitted by November 1st***

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Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is Friday, November 3, 2023 between 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM – students who need retakes will be called down to the Library by grade. Please email lifeguards@coffeepond.com with any questions or concerns.

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OA Clubs/Organizations Booklet 2023-2024

Please take the time to review our new [Clubs/Organizations Booklet](#) for the 2023-2024 school year. Our student clubs/organizations provide opportunities to learn something new, empower creativity, and encourage collaboration with fellow classmates. We even have some new additions this year including Sewing Club and Astronomy Club!

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Fitness Center

We are very excited to share with you that we are opening the Fitness Center to students every day after school from 2:30-3:30 and the Nixon Gym for students to play ball before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15-7:15.

Parents/guardians must fill out this consent form from **their own email address** in order for the student to participate:

[Oliver Ames High School Fitness Center/Gym Consent & Release Form 2023-2024](#)

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Nurse Updates

Meningococcal Vaccine

Any student 16 or over must receive a second meningococcal vaccine known as a meningococcal booster. This is not to be confused with a meningococcal B vaccine which is not needed for high school. Please send in proof of the vaccine to the health office.

Grades 11-12

2 doses; second dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) must be given on or after the 16th birthday and ≥ 8 weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement

Epi pens/ Life Threatening Allergies

All students who are prescribed an epi pen for life threatening allergies must have an epi pen available during school and at all school sponsored events. A medical order from a prescriber and parental consent form must be sent in each school year. Please send in the [forms](#) and epi pens asap so that your child has access to this life saving medication. Please print and send to the health office upon completion.

Tylenol, Advil (Ibuprofen), and Tums Consent Form

If you have not yet completed the form giving us your permission to administer Tylenol, Advil (Ibuprofen), or Tums, to your child please click on and use [this form](#).

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Music and the Arts

Please check out our [Marching Band Preview Show for Friends and Families!](#)

Art 3 and Art 4 artists started the school year with a team building activity making friendship bracelets celebrating their advanced art era and love of art in general:



Ceramics students are getting their hands dirty making coil pots in Mrs. Sap's class:



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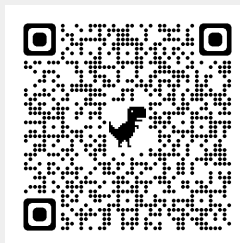
Early College and Career News



Are you interested in getting the latest news about early college and career opportunities for Oliver Ames students? Be sure to join our Google Classroom page! The code to join is k6e6fsh. Jennifer Tantillo is the early college program coordinator, and you may email her directly at jtantillo@easton.k12.ma.us if you have specific questions about the program.



On Saturday, October 21, 2023, Stonehill College is holding an [open house](#) that features their photonics certification program. This 12 month course of study is available to high school students who are interested in learning valuable, in-demand skills in the growing field of photonics. A significant amount of the cost of tuition may be covered by early college grants. Interested students should register using the QR code below.



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Math Department Updates

The math department is taking a field trip to Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Friday October 20th to participate in WPI's Annual Invitational Mathematics Meet:

"The contest will consist of two rounds of competition. The first round will be individual competition and the second round will be a team effort. Both rounds will consist of interesting and challenging questions based on the secondary mathematics curriculum up to, but not including, calculus. Following the meet, there will be a short program to introduce the students to WPI, as well as a talk about pursuing degrees and careers in the mathematical sciences. In addition, WPI will provide lunch and a free WPI Mathematics Meet T-shirts to all the participants and their advisors."

Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League Competition and the Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics Competition:

The Math Team has started to meet every Thursday from 2:30-3:00 in order to prepare for their first travel competition on November 2nd. The Math Team participates in the Southeastern Massachusetts Mathematics League Competition, where students travel once a month to local schools and compete against other students. The team also participates in the Atlantic-Pacific Mathematics Competition, meeting once a month and working on 6 challenging math problems at OA. The students submit their scores online to see how they stand up to schools in our area and across the country. The first home competition is scheduled for November 16th. In addition, there are opportunities to learn about math topics beyond the high school curriculum, and to volunteer with helping students in the lower grades with Math skills during the year.

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Science Department Updates

AP Bio students used collaborative, inquiry-based lab design skills to investigate why termites follow a line.



Anatomy students worked on their relative terms of position and were introduced to dissecting tools through a "pickle cadaver" lab. Students got to use their investigative skills and creativity to determine the cause of death (which included acidic blood or falling into a sandwich!)



Physics students started the year with a Tower-building challenge using minimal materials to simulate Team problem-solving skills and the Engineering process.



Oliver Ames Athletics

Winter Sports Registration

Opens on Monday, October 23, 2023

Winter Sports Offerings

Boys/Girls Basketball

Boys/Girls Indoor Track & Field

Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving

Boys Ice Hockey
Girls Ice Hockey (Co-op)
Girls Cheerleading
Girls Gymnastics
Coed Skiing
Wrestling

Support for Gender Diverse Students

We are excited to share two new resources available as options for students who are gender diverse.

The Gender Identity Support Plan is a resource for transgender and other gender diverse students to communicate information that they wish to share about their gender identity, and to talk through all of the support that they might need to feel safe and welcome at school. This optional form can be requested by students and filled out with any of the OA counselors (guidance counselors, school adjustment counselors, or school psychologists). Filling out a Gender Support Plan is student driven and counselors will work with the student to identify the process for including parents/guardians in the process.

Please reach out to any member of our counseling staff with questions about these documents, or if you would like more information on the Gender Support Plans.

Photos from Around School

Send Silence Packing

Oliver Ames' Active Minds Club attended a Send Silence Packing conference.

The Send Silence Packing initiative inspires action for suicide prevention and connects participants with local and national mental health resources. Send Silence Packing catalyzes conversations that contribute to a community's overall positive climate for mental health. For more information on Send Silence Packing or how to support Active Minds' mission, please visit their [webpage](#).



Transition Students Participate in EXCEL Program with BSU

Oliver Ames transition students (pictured left to right) Mike Orsinger, Andre Hood, and Lukas Soares, are participating in EXCEL (Extraordinary Expectations for Career, Education and Life) at Bridgewater State University for the 2023-2024 school year. Through this program, the students are immersed in college, taking a college course, participating in an internship and participating in campus activities:



Classes completing labs in the cafeteria during the heatwave

Physics students completed a constant velocity data collection and digital graphing activity.

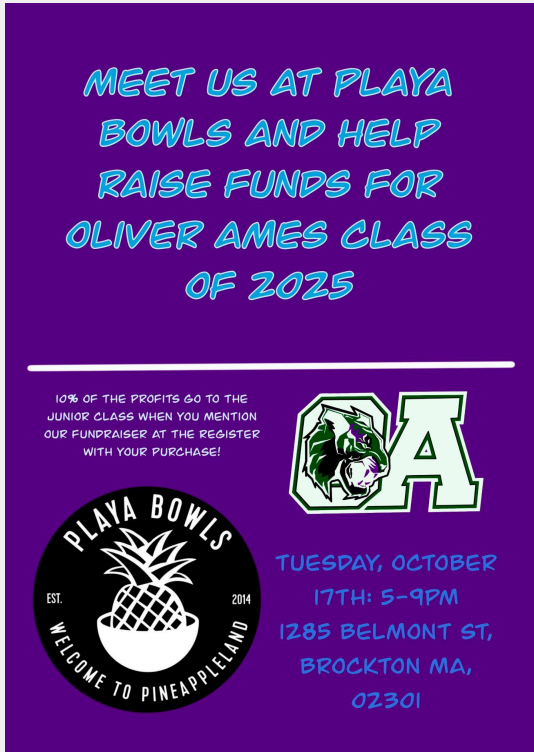


Community News

Fundraisers

October 9th - 13th Show Choir is fundraising through TEMPO by selling the World's Finest Chocolates! For more information on how to support the Show Choir, please contact Mr. Benson, benson@easton.k12.ma.us.

October 17th, Class President (2025), Eesha Merchia, coordinated a fundraiser evening with Playa Bowls from 5PM-9PM on Belmont St in Brockton.



Curriculum Updates

Massachusetts has adopted a new Health and PE curriculum. If you are interested in learning more about it, please click here: [New Massachusetts Health and Physical Education Framework](#)

Senior Project Community Night

Simmons Lecture Hall - Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 PM

The purpose of this event is to share with parents, teachers, mentors and the community the amazing individualized work Senior Project students plan on completing during this school year.

Easton Open House, Tricentennial Committee

EASTON IS TURNING...

300!

YOU'RE INVITED

OPEN HOUSE



2025

Photo by Kristopher J. Ventresco M.Photog., Cr.

Wednesday, October 11th
6:30pm-8:00pm

First Day
Arts Weekend
Town Picnic
Fireworks

Parade
Block Party
Bonfire
Anniversary Gala Ball

Tricentennial Committee

JOIN US

presentation at 7pm

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS REFRESHMENT SPONSOR...



BILL'S PIZZA

A Yearlong Celebration!
Please join us for an open house, refreshments and a short presentation at Frothingham Hall on Wednesday night, October 11th from 6:30pm-8Pm to learn about the Tricentennial Celebration!

Frothingham Hall, 15 Barrows Street

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Reminder of Calendar Links:

- [OAHS School Events Google Calendar](#)
- [Easton Public Schools Google Calendar](#)
- [Easton Public Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar](#)
- [Human Rights Committee Holiday Calendar](#)

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