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Orange High School Homecoming Weekend Brings Community Together in Celebration of Tornado Pride

ORANGE, NJ – October 6, 2025 – Orange High School celebrated a memorable Homecoming weekend that showcased the very best of school spirit, community unity, and Tornado tradition. The two-day celebration brought together current students, alumni, families, and community members for an unforgettable display of Orange pride.

The festivities began Thursday evening with a heartwarming Alumni Homecoming Gathering at Orange High School. Alumni spanning multiple decades returned to their alma mater to reconnect with former classmates, share memories, and tour the school's new facilities. The event provided a unique opportunity for graduates to see how Orange High School has evolved while celebrating the traditions and bonds that have remained constant throughout the years.

"Coming back reminds us of the strong foundation that Orange High School provides," said Superintendent Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II. "We may have come from Maryland, D.C., or Virginia to be here tonight, but I want you to remember that wherever you may be, you are always welcome here. This is your home" he concluded to a rousing applause.

The celebration continued Friday evening as the Orange community gathered under the lights at Bell Stadium for the Homecoming football game. It was a joyous occasion that exemplified the school spirit and unity that defines Orange Public Schools.

The evening featured outstanding performances and displays from multiple groups within the Orange High School family:

- The football team, under direction of new head football coach Dr. Akil Boucaud, competed with heart and determination, facing off against Newark Central High School
- The Homecoming Court of Orange High School and STEM Innovation Academy of the Oranges were announced before attendees



- The Mighty Marching Tornadoes Band debuted an nostalgic nineties soundtrack (and look) that got the crowd up and dancing
- The Navy ROTC demonstrated discipline and excellence with sharp formations at opening
- The Majorette Dance Team wowed spectators with stunning choreography and skill; meanwhile the flag squad delivered precision routines that captivated the crowd

From the opening kickoff to the final whistle, the stands were filled with enthusiastic students, proud parents, supportive staff members, and community members all united in their support of Orange High School.

"Homecoming is more than just a game; it's a celebration of who we are as a community," said Board Vice President Dr. Fatimah Turner. "Seeing our young people shine in so many different ways, from the field to the stands, and watching our alumni return home reminds us all of the special legacy we share as Tornadoes." added Mayor Dwayne Warren, Esq.

Orange Public Schools extends gratitude to all students, staff, families, alumni, and community members who participated in making this Homecoming weekend a tremendous success. The energy, enthusiasm, and unity displayed throughout the celebration reflect the values that make Orange proud.

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Orange Public Schools is committed to providing transformative educational opportunities that prepare every student for college, career, and life in a rapidly evolving world. Through dynamic partnerships, cutting-edge resources, and a dedication to innovation, Orange Public Schools is building pathways for student success.

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