

Olathe West Families-

We had a great week in the nest! Last night we hosted OT and MT middle schools for a track meet. It was great to have our feeder schools on campus and see so many future Owls!

Emporia State visited us this week as well. We have 21 teachers who graduated from ESU - and the university gave each alum a scholarship valued at \$2000 that they could give to an Olathe West senior! 15 Owls were presented with giant poster board checks this week! It was pretty fun and is an awesome program from ESU!

Our heritage Spanish classes went to Ridgeview Elementary this week and worked as tour guides and translators for families during kindergarten round up. It was a great chance for our students to use their skills in a real world way!

Lastly, prom is Saturday! The weather looks great and Pinstripes will be a fun location! Please encourage our Owls to make good decisions and stay safe!

### **Things you need to know this week:**

**1. VIP Graduation Seating-** Going to graduation? Want a prime seat that you don't have to claim hours before the ceremony? Enter our OPO raffle to win reserved seating and parking for the big day! See attached flyer for more information!

**2. Finals Survival Bags** - Finals are quickly approaching, and a Finals Survival Bag is a great way to help your student finish the semester strong! Bags will be delivered during senior finals or freshman-junior finals and will contain a bottle of water and some snacks for an extra boost of energy, along with the best part – a note of encouragement from YOU. Bags are \$5.50 and can be ordered online and paid via Venmo. The order deadline is **Thursday, May 1st**. Please contact Ms. Russell (OW Orchestra, [krussell@olatheschools.org](mailto:krussell@olatheschools.org)) if you have any questions. Link to order: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpjdOCyqysV\\_tQjyVgIITwWECa1fhOo6-UB6ppsvoPbOXx6g/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpjdOCyqysV_tQjyVgIITwWECa1fhOo6-UB6ppsvoPbOXx6g/viewform?usp=dialog)

**3. Senior Parents** - See attached flyer if you would like to purchase a graduate brick to be installed around the owl sculpture near the commons entrance. They make a great graduation gift from mom and dad or even grandparents! Many families have added their grad to the legacy courtyard! Get your order in today!

**4. Prom** - April 12th! **Today is the last day to buy tickets! They will not be sold at the door!** Prom will be at Pinstripes/Prairie Fire from 8-11pm! This is a junior and senior event! Tickets can be purchased here: <https://gofan.co/event/3464742?schoolId=KS72380>

**5. ACT Prep Class** - Want to crush the ACT without dying of boredom? We've got you covered! Our **ACT Prep Camp** is like a boot camp for your brain—minus the yelling, but with plenty of strategy, snacks, and maybe even a victory dance.

- ✓ Master those tricky math problems
- ✓ Outsmart the reading section like a literary ninja
- ✓ Learn ACT hacks that make you feel like a test-taking wizard
- ✓ Laugh at least twice (probably more)

Join us, and by the end of camp, the ACT will be more scared of you than you are of it. 🤖

**6. Ernst Trivia Night** - May 5th at Red Crow Brew in Olathe. All funds raised go to the John Ernst scholarship given to one deserving OW senior each year! Tickets on sale NOW! To register and buy tickets send email with team name, captain's name and how many to [hernst@mankowindows.com](mailto:hernst@mankowindows.com). \$35 each includes trivia, dinner and dessert. Payment is via venmo or for a 501(c)(3) tax donation, please send check direct to the Olathe Public School Foundation instructions below for both types of payment. In comments. Teams are 4-8 people or we can add you to a fun team! Come dressed in your favorite festive attire or team uniform. 1st prize is \$400! Best/ most creative team name wins too!

I think that is it from me this week! I hope you all have a great weekend. Be safe at prom!

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek  
Principal

**Attachments:**

-  [VIPSeating.jpg](#) (72.1 KB)
-  [Brick\\_Flyer - 2025.pdf](#) (356.3 KB)
-  [ACT\\_Test\\_Prep\\_Flier-June.pdf](#) (255.8 KB)
-  [Ernst.jpg](#)