

Olathe West Families-

Prom was an awesome night! Pinstripes was a perfect place. The kids had fun dancing, bowling, and playing cards! The patio was great and the weather was awesome. We have already heard that the kids want to go back next year! Monday we had Exhibition Night. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our students and watch presentations! That night continues to grow! Tuesday, I watched our softball team defeat Mill Valley. Last night I watched the baseball team dominate Gardner. I am excited to go to Lawrence for the KU Track Relays today! Yesterday I finished my fellowship with Kauffman Foundation. It was centered around real world, client based projects. I learned a lot and hope to bring some it back for our kids at West. And I am also glad it is finished. Haha.

Next week is our underclassmen academic awards breakfasts. Invitations were mailed (US Mail) for those students receiving an award. We hope those families invited can attend their morning breakfast ceremony. These ceremonies are by invitation only.

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, our theatre department is putting on their spring play "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Come on out! It will be top notch as always!

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) if you have any questions. Link to order: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpjdOCyqysV_tQjyVgIIwWECa1fhOo6-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. 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. 🌀

5. 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. \$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 hope you all have a nice weekend and Easter. Hopefully the rain holds off for the egg hunting!

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

-  [VIPSeating.jpg](#) (72.1 KB)
-  [ACT Test Prep Flier-June.pdf](#) (255.8 KB)
-  [Brick Flyer - 2025.pdf](#) (356.3 KB)
-  [Ernst.jpg](#)