

Olathe West Families-

Solid week in the nest! The kids have been great and the year has been going fast. Yesterday, we held our annual OwlDulting event for upperclassmen during AI class. Students learned car maintenance, how to change a tire, what good credit means and how to get it, they heard from OW grads who spoke about different post high school opportunities, and learned about world travel, sewing, carpentry, renting, kitchen survival, college athletics, the world of sales, positive leadership, living with a roommate and many more! We love doing this every year to help our students learn some life skills before they leave us! Thanks to all of our parent experts who came out to work with our students!

I attended the district site council on Tuesday. There was a presentation over the dangers of fentanyl and how it is affecting young people right now. It was pretty eye opening and scary about how such a small amount of the drug can really hurt someone. It made me go home and talk to my own kids about being smart and being safe. We will be talking about it in Health classes, but I encourage you to speak to your kids about the dangers as well.

Last night was fun. Softball defeated a great Olathe North team 3-1. Baseball defeated SM South 3-0, and soccer beat Olathe South 2-1 in overtime! Golf finished 3rd in a huge metro meet and look to have a real shot at being great this year! Performing arts is gearing up for KSHSAA concerts and we know they will represent us well.

Things are going to be fun over the next 6 weeks!

Things you need to know this week:

1. 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!

2. Prom - April 12th! 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>

3. 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. 

4. 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 think that is it from me this week! I hope you all have a great weekend.

Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

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 [ACT Test Prep Flier-June.pdf](#) (255.8 KB)

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