

HOWL HIGHLIGHTS



Dear OESJ School Community,

As we enter month two of another exciting school year, I am thrilled to share our key initiatives aimed at enhancing the educational experience for our students. This year, we are dedicated to fostering character development, improving academic outcomes, and promoting regular school attendance. We also would like to be more deliberate with our communication with families about all of the things that are occurring in our building. As we move forward we would like to have a parent-teacher organization at the 7-12 building. If this is something that you have an interest in, please fill out the attached form: <https://forms.gle/VBurUoupq8PxqoE8A>

Character Education Initiatives

Our expanded Character Education program, along with the Sweetheart and Heroes program aims to cultivate a culture of empathy and support within our school community. We believe that everyone faces challenges, and by encouraging our students to recognize and support one another, we can create a more compassionate environment for all. We recently had several students attend a three-day summit where leadership skills were developed and empathy skills were refined.



Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and Additional Support

In our commitment to academic excellence, we are implementing a data-driven approach to improve student performance in Math and ELA. Our improved Academic Intervention Services will provide targeted support tailored to meet the needs of our students, ensuring that they have the tools necessary for success. Departments and administration are routinely meeting to review data and plan for support that our students may need to be successful. We also offer a Beyond the Bell program where students can stay until 4 PM to work with teachers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students may sign up with teachers who stay after hours for the program. Bussing is provided to students in need of transportation.



Celebrating Student Accomplishments

We are excited to announce our recognition program that highlights student achievements in character, attendance, and academic excellence. Parents will be invited to join us in celebrating students who exhibit high character, achieve perfect attendance, or make the high honor roll.

These quarterly assemblies will be held on the following dates:

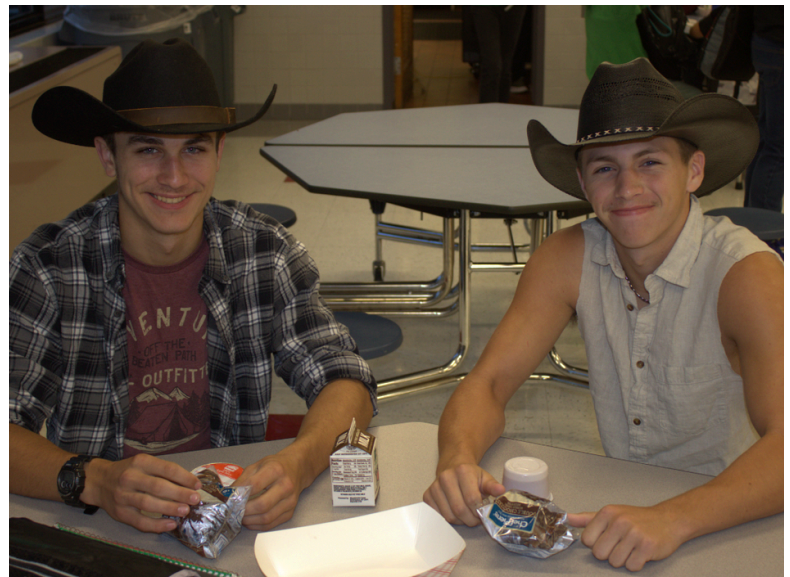
- November 21
- January 30
- April 11
- June 13



We look forward to celebrating our students' accomplishments with you and fostering a sense of pride in our school community.

Attendance Mentor Program

We recognize the importance of regular school attendance in academic success. To address this, we are introducing an Attendance Mentor Program designed to encourage and support students in attending school consistently. Together, we can work to ensure that every student is present and engaged in their education. Mentors and students will soon be matched to help facilitate a relationship that will foster support and assistance.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can make this school year truly remarkable!

**Warm Regards,
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