

Newsletter

This School year is moving along fast as we pass the halfway point. The first semester went really well and high school students have completed their exams. Report cards are now done, please look on PowerSchool to see your child's grades for the first semester. Our next Parent-Teacher Interview night will be February 29 from 5-8 PM. This will be a great time to meet any teachers who are new to your child, and to get an idea of how they are progressing into the second half of the school year.

Pink Shirt day is on Wednesday February 24nd. This is to raise awareness about bullying and promote a safe and caring school. We hope to have every staff and student in the school wearing a pink shirt.

We also are offering a First Aid course for Senior High Students on February 23rd. Students who complete the course get Standard First Aid Certification and 1 high school credit.

Please read through this newsletter - there's a lot of important information in this edition!

Mr. Jespersen
Assistant Principal

February 2023

Please Note

Our doors are locked for the most part of the day for security and safety of our students and staff. If you need to come to the school, there is a doorbell you may ring for our office staff to hear - but it is always a good idea to phone ahead and book an appointment

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Or please visit our website onowayhigh.ca for all information and updates

Anyone who has questions about their timetable or are looking at their semester 2 classes and wanting course changes, please fill out a counsellor QR request form ASAP, to see Mr Bellerose or Ms Deacon. If you do this earlier than the start of Semester 2, then you won't have to wait so long to switch classes and get your questions answered!



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

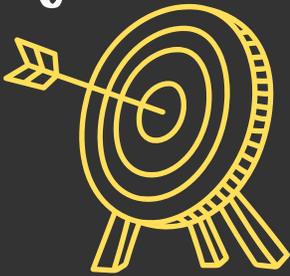
Congratulations to the following teams:



Sr Girls - Bronze

Jr Boys - Gold

Archery



Another season of archery has started. OJSH participates in the National Archery in School Program (NASP). This is a standardized program with extensive safety procedures and certified coaches. This year's coaches are Mr. Thiessen, Mr. Law, Constable Huang, and Mr. Jespersen.

The OJSH NASP Team will be practicing on Wednesdays in the gym from 3:30-5:30. Competitions start in mid-March. Permission slips can be picked up in the office. All students are welcome to come and try it out.

Congratulations to some of our very own students J Wells, Z Houston, E Truman and S Coley on their gold medal victory during Edmonton Minor Hockey Week! Way to go!



Upcoming Events

University of Alberta

IN SCHOOL VISIT

An Indigenous Student Recruiter is coming to your school!

Learn more about Indigenous Vital at the U of A along with programs, campus life, and admission requirements.

DATE: Monday, February 26

TIME: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

UAB.CA/FNMI



On **February 12th**, Youth Drug and Addiction session with Lisa Kimmerly at OJSH starting at 6:30 pm. All parents and caregivers from OJSH and our partner schools (Darwell, Grasmere, Rich Valley, and Onoway Elementary schools) are invited to attend this free session. Drugs are an issue in our community, along with other rural and urban communities. The more knowledge we have, the better we are to support our youth.

YOUTH AND DRUGS, ALCOHOL & ADDICTION

It doesn't just affect your life. It affects everyone.

Facilitated by Lisa Kimmerly
AHS Mobile Substance Youth Therapist
Children, Youth and Families
Addiction and Mental Health

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 12TH
WHERE: OJSH
TIME 6:30PM

Presented by Onoway Jr/Sr High School Council

Our traffic safety focus for the month of February is

Distracted Driving.

Driving is an highly complex task, as it involves operating a vehicle while simultaneously paying attention to traffic signals, other drivers and road users, road conditions, and weather. When a driver becomes distracted, their attention is diverted away from this task and this can have dangerous consequences. Drivers should always make sure to keep their eyes on the road and their mind on driving.

Facts



- Research shows that distracted driving plays a role in 20 to 30 per cent of all collisions, and distracted drivers are three times more likely to be involved in collisions than attentive drivers.
- Some studies have shown that texting impairs driving more than alcohol or drugs.
- Since distracted driving legislation was introduced in September 2011, there have been over 248,000 convictions.
- 94 per cent of these convictions were for using a hand-held communication or electronic device while driving.
- Drivers can stay attentive and alert by following a few tips: putting their phones out of reach; keeping both hands on the wheel; programming GPS units, radio, or audio systems before driving; and pulling over if needed.



February - Significant Dates

Feb 1	Semester 2 and Q3 Options begin
Feb 7/8	Teacher's Convention - No School for Students
Feb 12	Youth Drug and Addiction Session - 6:30PM
Feb 15	School Council Meeting - 6:30PM
Feb 19	Family Day - No School
Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 29	Parent-Teacher Interviews Meet your senior child's semester 2 teacher/catch up on junior high students' year long course progress 5-8PM
Feb 29	Grade 11 parent info session at 6:30PM- Earn points for your child's grad next year by helping out this June!



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