

# OREGON-DAVIS<sup>TM</sup> Schoolhouse

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## Superintendent's Message

With a growth mindset in mind, our corporation continues to grow with opportunities for our students. What is a growth mindset? Watch the video "Growth Mindset: What is it? How it Works. Why It Matters." (<http://trainugly.com/portfolio/growth-mindset/>)

Listed below are several opportunities that we have for our students:

- All K-12th grade students have access to a 1-to-1 device.
- We have a full-time SRO on campus each day.
- Our tele-health center is available to all K-12th grade students.
- We held our first community service day on Nov. 13, 2017, and are planning for another in Spring 2018.
- Our swimming pool is utilized by all first through 12th grade students.
- A lifeguarding course is available for our high school students.
- Our Bobcat Pep Band creates excitement at our athletic events.
- Our Drama Club is growing and has exciting plans for the future.
- Each school day, a free breakfast is available for all students.
- Our teachers meet after-school monthly for two hours to collaborate on curriculum and other professional development items.
- Our Pre-K has 20 students enrolled this school year.
- An after-school remediation program is offered to students in the spring.
- An after-school enrichment program is offered every Wednesday this school year.
- Our agri-science programs continue to grow and impact our students.
- We have an active FFA program with 30 members.
- Our SRO leads our SADD program at the Jr./Sr. High School.
- The Jr./Sr. High School art program continues to produce dynamic art displays and our art students

continue to receive awards and scholarships.

- Our construction courses at the Jr./Sr. High School are growing.
- The student-driven LEAD program creates an opportunity for various students to be in a leadership role and impact our schools and community.
- Our athletic programs continue to grow with student participation and continue to be competitive on the court, field, course and pool.
- Our "Bobcat Blast" continues to grow. This is a weekly e-mail with news about the corporation and is sent to those who have provided the corporation with an e-mail. If you wish to receive the "Bobcat Blast," please contact our Central Office at 574-867-2111 or e-mail me at [dharman@od.k12.in.us](mailto:dharman@od.k12.in.us).
- Our new gold card program is for all 60+ year old individuals who wish to receive a free entry pass to all Oregon-Davis School Corporation events. If interested, please contact our Central Office at 574-867-2111 or e-mail me at [dharman@od.k12.in.us](mailto:dharman@od.k12.in.us).

This is a partial list of the excitement and growth that our corporation is involved with each day for our students. The Oregon-Davis School Corporation continues to foster a B.O.B.C.A.T.S. environment everyday for all students: Bring Our Best Character, Attitude, Teamwork and Scholarship!

I encourage you to visit the Oregon-Davis School Corporation's website ([odschools.org](http://odschools.org)) for information as well as follow and access information at the Oregon-Davis Elementary Facebook page and the Oregon-Davis Jr./Sr. High School Facebook page. And remember, if you know someone who would like to receive the "Bobcat Blast" please have those individuals contact our Central Office at 574-867-2111 or e-mail me at [dharman@od.k12.in.us](mailto:dharman@od.k12.in.us).

—Dr. Donald E. Harman, Superintendent



At Oregon-Davis School Corporation, we aim to instill a love of learning in all of our students.

## Final Exam Schedule

Monday, Dec. 18 .....	Final projects/Presentations/ Part 1 of 2-part final exams
Tuesday, Dec. 19 .....	5th–8th period final exams
Wednesday, Dec. 20 .....	1st–4th period final exams

## Sports Announcements

On Jan. 13, 2018, boys varsity basketball will be playing at Hoosier Gym, 355 N. Washington Street, Knightstown, IN 46148. The boys will be playing Elkhart Christian at 4 p.m. CST. There are limited tickets for this event. Call the athletic office at (574) 867-4561 for tickets.

On Jan. 27, 2018, girls varsity basketball will be playing at Banker's Life Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. The girls will be playing Elkhart Central. Game time will be announced. Tickets can be obtained either by calling the High School Athletic Office at (574) 867-4561 or by visiting <https://www.pacersgroups.com/tickets/1384/> and using the code "pacers."

## Dual Credit and Vocational Opportunities Available

Oregon-Davis has many vocational opportunities and dual credit options available for students, which prepare students for life after high school. Vocational courses and industry certifications equip students with marketable skills that can be used to get a job after high school graduation. Dual credit courses allow students to earn college credits while still in high school, saving money in two ways: by earning college credit through less expensive courses in high school and by helping students graduate college faster, minimizing the college tuition bill.

O-D students are encouraged to pursue dual credit and vocational opportunities while in high school to prepare for success after graduation, no matter the path they choose.

As students begin to look at scheduling for the 2018-19 school year, they should be aware of the various vocational programs offered. Oregon-Davis Jr-Sr High School has a partnership with the North Central Area Vocational Cooperative (NCAVC) to offer several half-day courses that provide students with an opportunity to earn dual credit through Ivy Tech and Ancilla College, as well as industry certifications. Visit the NCAVC website for more information: <http://ncavcindiana.weebly.com/>.

Available vocational classes are:

- Automotive Services Technology I & II
- Construction Technology I & II
- Cosmetology I & II
- Criminal Justice I & II
- Culinary Arts and Hospitality
- Early Childhood Education I & II
- Graphic Imaging Technology I & II
- Health Science Education I & II
- Industrial Automation & Robotics I & II
- Networking I & II
- Precision Machining I & II
- Welding Technology I & II

Interested students should speak to their counselor about taking advantage of vocational and dual credit opportunities.

## New Lifeguarding Course Offered

Students now have the opportunity to learn how to be a lifeguard. Last summer, Health and PE teacher, Jim Ash, completed lifeguard instructor training through Valparaiso University. As a result, an elective PE course is now offered to students with the aim to become lifeguard certified through the Red Cross. In this course, students learn basic first aid, CPR and demonstrate several rescues. Students must complete classroom work as well as an online blended learning course. Upon completion of this class, students have the requirements needed to become lifeguards.

"I'm excited about having the opportunity to teach this course," lifeguarding teacher Jim Ash said. "The skills they learn in Lifeguarding can be used after they graduate from high school."

Students must be over 15 years of age to enroll in this course. If interested in taking this course next year, see Mrs. Ecker during scheduling.

## Opportunities Abound for Oregon-Davis Students

Oregon-Davis is committed to providing students with as many opportunities for success as possible.

One of the opportunities available to Oregon-Davis students is the High Ability program. Oregon-Davis School Corporation now offers an enrichment program for students in first through 12th grade, which allows them to brush up on their critical thinking skills, engage in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities, and develop their creativity. Sessions are Wednesdays, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Another program helping students is the Starke County

Youth Club (SCYC), which provides after-school and summer programs to students in K-12th grade. Students in SCYC participate in homework assistance, cultural activities, life skills, recreation and fine arts.

Students interested in fine arts can develop their skills by participating in yearbook and pep band. The pep band is comprised of current high school band members, select junior high band members, past Oregon-Davis band alumni and parent volunteers. They play at all home basketball games and also travel with the basketball teams during sectional and regional games. They are known as "small, but mighty," as they can fill a gym with sounds of just a few players.

Yearbook is a high school course that meets every day during eighth hour. Typical activities include: photography, graphic design, narrative writing and learning about grammar. Interested students must put in a request to their guidance counselor.

There are so many opportunities available to Oregon-Davis students. Take advantage of as many as possible!

## Motivational Speaker Visits Oregon-Davis

Staff and students alike were wowed when motivational speaker Jeff Yalden visited Oregon-Davis on Oct. 25. Yalden spoke about living life as a journey while striving for excellence. One of the top youth motivational speakers in education in the world, Yalden suffered from low self-esteem, a stutter, facial tic and a learning disability as a teenager before he turned his life around, winning the titles of "Mr. New Hampshire Male America" and Male America's "Mr. Personality." He also enlisted in the Marine Corps. The feedback from students and staff about his presentation has been very positive.

His talk was followed by a convocation on Oct. 26, organized by Becky Bailey, where two local residents spoke to students about making good choices and steering clear of drugs and alcohol. The convocation reinforced Yalden's message of making good choices to create the best life, and both presentations underscored Oregon-Davis' emphasis on character. Oregon-Davis encourages all our students to be BOBCATS: "Bringing Our Best Character, Attitude, Teamwork, and Scholarship!"

## Christmas Concerts

The Oregon-Davis Elementary Christmas Program will be held on Monday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym. The program will feature the second, third and fourth grade students performing holiday songs new and old, known and unknown. Shortly after the elementary program, the Oregon-Davis Bands' Christmas Concert will be at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The concert will feature the beginning band in their first public performance, the junior high band and the high school band, all under the direction of Amanda Lester.

The band concert will also have a canned food drive. Attendees are asked to bring canned or non-perishable food items.



*There is something to smile about in the Oregon-Davis School Corporation! Wouldn't you agree?*



## You're Invited!

The Oregon-Davis School Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 5998 North 750 East, Hamlet, IN. You are invited to attend these meetings.

## Board of Education

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## Feedback Is Welcome

We welcome our readers' letters, comments and critique. Write to us at Editor, *Oregon-Davis Schoolhouse*, Oregon-Davis School Corporation, 5998 N. 750 E., Hamlet, IN 46532, or call (574) 867-2111.

## Contact Us

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## Our Administrators

Dr. Donald Harman ..... Superintendent  
Timothy Pletcher... Jr.-Sr. High School Principal  
William Bennett ..... Elementary Principal  
Greg Estok..Dean of Students/Athletic Director

## Our Website Address

<http://odschools.org/>



*Our goal is to help students gain the skills needed to be successful in the 21st century.*

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## All School Calendar 2017-18

Dec. 20.....	2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends
Dec. 21-Jan. 3.....	Holiday Break
Jan. 4.....	Second Semester Begins
Jan. 15.....	Make-up Day/Flex/E-Learning Day
Feb. 16.....	Make-up Day/Flex/E-Learning Day
Feb. 19.....	No School/Make-up Day
Feb. 26 - March 9 .....	ISTEP+ Part 1
March 9.....	3rd Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends
March 15 .....	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 16 .....	Planned E-learning Day
March 26-30 .....	Spring Vacation
April 16 - May 4.....	ISTEP+ Part 2
April 20 .....	Make-up Day/Flex/E-Learning Day
April 23 .....	No School/Make-up Day
May 24.....	Last Student Day/4th Nine Weeks Grading Period Ends
May 25.....	No School
May 28.....	Memorial Day / No School
June 1.....	Commencement