



# Owosso Middle School Newsletter

## March 2018



### Calendar of Events:

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| March            | Tornado Drills                             |
| March            | OHS Counselors visit 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| March 9          | Spring Pictures                            |
| March 14         | Half Day of School                         |
| March 16         | Fun Night 3-5/Talent Show                  |
| March 23         | End of Third Quarter                       |
| March 26         | OPS Board Meeting 7 PM                     |
| March 27         | IB Learner of the Month Breakfast          |
| March 29         | Half Day of School                         |
| March 30-April 6 | Spring Break                               |

### **Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**

On Saturday, March 3, the following Owosso students were recognized with a Scholastic Art and Writing Award. The Reception is held at Kendall College of Arts & Design. This is a great honor, as it celebrates the best young writers across the country.

**Rylie Baker**, Honorable Mention *Anxiety*: Journalism

**Paige Box**, Honorable Mention *a Voice*: Short Story

**Alana Dotts**, Silver Key *Words Matter*: Journalism

**Abigail Dryer**, Honorable Mention *Two Peas in a Pod*: Short Story

**Mya LaMay**, Honorable Mention *Peer Pressure*: Journalism and Silver Key *Melodies and Harmonies*: Short Story

**David Neese**, Honorable Mention *The town of Meld*: Short Story and Honorable Mention *Nagasaki*: Flash Fiction

**Jasmyn Palmer**, Honorable Mention *A girl in the Sunset*: Short Story

**Alayna Scriptor**, Silver Key *Wish*: Short Story

**Sydney Somers**, Silver Key *The Final Yard*: Short Story

**Samantha Thayer**, Honorable Mention *Teen Suicide*: Journalism, Honorable Mention *The Big Break*: Short Story

**Carly White**, Silver Key *Cyberbullying to Teen Suicide Pranks*: Journalism

And lastly, eighth grader, **Madisyn Ketchum** received a Gold Key for her Journalism article, *Cyberbullying*. Madisyn's piece will advance to the national competition. Writing that advances to the national stage will be considered for publication in Scholastic's annual book *The Best Teen Writing of 2017*.

## *Congratulations!*

Owosso Middle School had nine students earn the distinct honor of being named to the Class of 2022 Shiawassee Scholars! It is the mission of the Shiawassee Scholars program to provide academically talented high school students the opportunities, resources and support to reach their full potential. Selection is based on their SAT reading and math score in their 8th grade year. Contact Mr. Little at OMS to learn how your child can participate in this program.

*Left to right, top row* Kendall Anderson, Aaron Jafri, Victor Jones, Harrison Ketchum, Kevin Laskowski. *Bottom row:* David Neese, Alex Popovitch, Samantha Thayer, Kyra Waldner



### **January Student and Athletes of the Month**



*Front row:* Persephone Chapko, Jamie Elford, Gunner Flury, Dezirae Crooks, Alex Rust  
*Back row:* Alex Rust, Adam Adamski, Olivia Bierwirth, Kayla Keller, Hailey Beggs



# Congratulations Mrs. Koch!

Mrs. Koch retired from Owosso Public Schools on February 28 after 22 years of service. We will miss her smile and gentleness! Her grandbabies will be loving their time with her!

### OMS Yearbooks deadline: March 23, 2018

Order on line at: [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

Yearbook ID code **2385618**.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Michalec at

[michalec@owosso.k12.mi.us](mailto:michalec@owosso.k12.mi.us)

### OMS M-STEP Testing

The M-STEP test will again be administered this Spring. This testing will be done online during specific time periods given by the state. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking the M-STEP mid-April, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade testing will be beginning of May, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be testing mid-May. All testing will be done during student's English classes.

### OMS Talent Show

Friday, March 16 (during Fun Night)

Tryouts will be

Monday, March 12

Sign-up sheets available in Mr. Bird, Ms. Schaffert and Mr. Tolrud's rooms.



### After School Tutoring Program

After school tutoring continues to be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 PM until 3:45 PM and is free of charge. Students sign in and out and once present must attend the full session.

### OMS 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> gr. track starts March 26

If you don't have a physical get one now! If you had a physical for any other sport at OMS during the 2017-18 school year, you do not need another one.



### MORE WINNERS! OMS History Fair

On Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Owosso Middle School, and the OMS Individuals and Societies Department, hosted the Michigan History Day District 9 Junior Competition. Michigan History Day is a fascinating opportunity for students to move social science beyond rote learning. It is an educational competition (similar in organization to a science fair) designed to encourage students in grades 4-12 to explore historical subjects related to a broad annual theme. These students will be heading to the state finals in April! Michigan History Day exploration (building wide) at Owosso Middle School is just one of the many examples of passion driven learning that is encouraged and celebrated through the International Baccalaureate philosophy.



**Group Exhibit Winners:**  
Hannah Wisenbaugh & Paige Box



**Individual Exhibit winners:**  
Kate Grinnell  
and Joey Kaye, (missing: Jenaya Hill)



**Group Website Winners:**  
Keera Barnhill & Hannah Hudecek



**Group Website Winners:**  
Kayla Keller and Isabelle Dake



**Individual Website Winners:**  
Mya LaMay, Marley Marrah  
and Samantha Thayer

**Washington D.C.**  
**Spring Parent meeting**  
Tuesday, April 10 7:00  
OMS cafeteria

