CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the 2014 Homecoming Queen and her Court. Lucia Casaleno was crowned queen by Dr. Matthew Jamison and the 2013 Homecoming Queen Danielle Baruffi on October 3rd during half time of the game against Middle. First runner up was Maddie Brady and Caliope Yiannos was second runner up. The other members of the court were Brianna Holder, Sarah Hoffman, Rachael St. Clair, Maliha Chowdhury, Mikayla Utley. Special thanks to Senior Class Advisors Jen Dean and Katie Kline for coordinating this event. Thank you to Spinning Wheel Flower Shop for their generous donation of flowers for the queen, her court and their escorts.
Congratulations to this year’s Pumpkin Patch! Miss Pumpkin, Allison Zelinski and her Pumpkin Court Emma Bergman, Samantha DelSordo, Sarah Olandt, Shannon Oteri pictured at the annual Halloween parade.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Each student was chosen to be Student of the Month because of exemplary behavior, character and performance. We appreciate the support of each of the community organizations. There is a critical connection between a successful public high school and a strong relationship with its community.

BriarRose Ginn was the Rotary Club Student of the Month. Laura McKinley was the Exchange Club Student of the Month.

Breast Cancer Awareness month was observed by Ocean City High School’s students at many of the sports events. A “pink out” was held at the Ocean City v. EHT football game. The yard-line numbers at Carey Stadium were painted pink and pink ribbons were painted in the end zone. Football players wore pink socks to show their support.

Red Ribbon Week sponsored by the Upper Township and Ocean City Municipal Alliance was celebrated. This is a time when the community and school come together to present a united invisible commitment toward to the creation of a drug-free America. Every morning started out with students reading announcements about drug and alcohol awareness and education. Two large banners were hung in the front entryway to OCHS.

The Guidance Department hosted our fall edition of Junior Parent/College Night on the evening of October 23rd. Every year we tinker with the program and do things a little differently. This year we started in the Library, had an explanation of what was going to transpire, had a trivia contest (Mrs. Campo) and then broke into three groups. We had three 20-minute presentations going on simultaneously and then the groups rotated to the next session. This event was very well-attended with approximately 100 families represented and over 175 people. Below is a link to a slide-share site where our presentations can be viewed.
http://www.slideshare.net/mcdowellcampo/presentation2014-40775112
CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND VISITORS
TIES CLASSES WRITE TO BUSINESSES! – The students in Mrs. Cathcart, Mr. Earl, Mr. Mensinger and Miss Norton's TIES computer classes learned how to format a letter, add a page border, create a letterhead/salutation/closing, and research companies to find their mailing addresses. Each student selected two (or more) businesses (store, restaurant, brand) that they liked. They located the mailing addresses for each business and composed a letter introducing themselves/their project, explained why they liked their business/products and asked them to send them information about their business/products. As students received responses from their companies, they brought them into their class and shared their response with their classmates and teachers. Miss Norton's Period 1 class had the first response...from Rojos!!! All of our TIES classes are anxiously looking forward to their business responses and to the variety of information and letter enclosures each business sends!!! Check out some of the businesses our students wrote.

MISS NORTON'S TIES STUDENTS  "Think Positive" was the theme for our Week Of Respect here at OCHS! Miss Norton's TIES students used their Microsoft Word skills (alignment, page borders, page orientation, custom margins, fonts, font colors, saving pictures, inserting pictures, text wrapping pictures) and their Internet skills (examined Positive/Inspirational Quote web pages) to find two quotes that inspired them and were a positive inspiration! Each student created their own poster design (one in landscape and one in portrait) using each of their quotes. Miss Norton's Period 5 students also used their coloring creativity to design our THINK POSITIVE display letters!!
Their inspirational posters were displayed throughout our OCHS hallways hoping to promote positivity and inspire our staff and students!!! What a difference a positive attitude makes!!!
SPIRIT WEEK ACTIVITIES

Student Council members under the direction of Mr. Matt Purdue were busy organizing the spirit week activities. Monday: College Tee Shirt Day, Tuesday: Twin Day, Wednesday: Pink Day, Thursday: America Day, Friday: Underclassman Black Out---Seniors Wear Red. There was a hall decorating contest: 1st place: The Graphics Club, 2nd place: Class of 2015 and 3rd place: Key Club. A Pep Rally was held in the gym on Friday. The OCHS marching band played as the students entered the gym. The fall sport teams were introduced as they walked into the gym. The cheerleaders performed before the competitions begin. Faculty members and students participated in dodge ball. The Homecoming Dance was a success!
In coordination with the OCPD Traffic Safety Unit and the South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance, Kate Kline and Deb Cathecart have arranged for Matt Maher to make his presentation to our students. Matt was a star South Jersey High School Soccer player who went on to play professionally. His life was dramatically affected by a DUI incident and it changed his entire life. He now makes inspirational presentations to high school students.

**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

*Ocean City Cheerleaders, Girls’ Soccer, Field Hockey & Cross Country Teams at the Ocean City Half Marathon*

On October 19, 2014, the following American Sign Language students participated in the “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk. Students walked in support of one of our beloved Deaf community members, Mary Carolyn Flail who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is undergoing treatment. Mary Carolyn has been a huge supporter of the ASL program at OCHS for the past ten years. Erin Stremme, Anna Elmer, Gretchen Keyser, Caroline Neill, Julia Dragon, Erica Rolls, Samantha DelSordo, Sierra Schoenwald, Celena White
French and Spanish Clubs participated in a Car Wash recently at OCIS to raise funds for senior scholarships and annual club activities.

French and Spanish clubs also played Miniature Golf on the boardwalk!

The annual volleyball game between Spanish, French & Latin Clubs was also a great event! The Latin Club has won the past two years! The MVP of the game was Julie Kampf!
On Saturday, October 25th, **Key Club** students volunteered at the 29th annual Beach Sweep, with more than 3,000 volunteers at 72 beach sites from Cape May to Sandy Hook, as well as in watersheds throughout the state. The students started at the Music Pier in Ocean City and combed the beach for several hours to help rid the area of trash. Some of the items collected were plastic pieces, plastic shopping bags, cigarette filters, plastic caps and lids, and plastic straws.

**Monthly Fitness Challenge Begins**

Every month there will be a fitness challenge through our Ocean City Community team for students and staff. For October there was a push-up challenge. It was open to all students and staff during community lunch and after school on October 23rd & 24th in the weight room. Every month we will be doing a different challenge and prizes will be given out to the top performers. October Prizes: OC Local is sponsoring this month and free memberships to the gym will be your reward!

- Top Boy = **Dante Meola** 60
- Top Male Staff = **Mr. DiBartolo** 60
- Top Administrator = **Dr. Jamison** 40
- Top Girl = **Rachel Wright** 24
- Top Female Staff = **Mrs. DePasquale** 40

Next month we will be doing a pull-up and flexed arm hang competition!
Thank you so much to everyone who made our Hispanic Heritage Program on Friday, October 10, 2014 so successful! (Approximately 100 people attended the event.)

Many thanks to: Mrs. Santoro and her public speaking students who researched Hispanic topics, wrote their speeches, and performed for the first time in public. Mr. Cox and his jazz ensemble students who learned and performed Spanish music for the program. Mr. Valle and his select choir members who sang a Spanish song a cappella. Mrs. Dombrosky and her arts and crafts students. Mrs. Brennan and Briar Rose Ginn & Our custodial staff for the program set-up.

TIES STUDENTS CREATE RAIDER RETAILER ITEMS!
Miss Norton’s Period 5 TIES students have been working hard to create documents for our OCHS school store, Raider Retailers! It is an awesome way to use their Power Point creative skills, Google Image capabilities and collaborating with partners to create useful forms for our store!
The students created the following forms for Raider Retailers:
~Opening Shift Check-Off Sheet
~Regular Shift Check-Off Sheet
~Price List For Drinks/Food
~Flower Advertisement
French students along with our French exchange student, Fanny, made French Crepes and Galettes filled with ham, cheese, chocolate, strawberry jam, bananas and lemon sugar! Delicieux!
Best Buddies International Club

Students from the Best Buddies International Club attended the Hero Walk on the Ocean City Boardwalk October 5, 2014. This was the first organized group meeting for this new club. Best Buddies was started by Anthony Kennedy Shriver in 1989 and has grown internationally across six continents, establishing a global volunteer movement that creates one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Raider Marching Band sends a Big Thank You to Mr. Dan Weaver and Ms. Geralyn Williscroft for accepting the position as Guest Conductor for our October 24 game.
The students participated in a fundraiser with the winner choosing a special guest to conduct at one of our home games. The Color Guard section of the band won and they chose two outstanding leaders.
Freshman Conquering the Wall!