Message from Superintendent Michael Christian



In many school districts across the Commonwealth, the local high school is a hub of community events. Frequently, these events include athletic competitions, school plays, band and choral concerts, and academic awards assemblies. Additionally, schools are utilized in the

evenings and weekends by community residents for adult education, youth leagues, and various community meetings.

On October 30, however, a comprehensive Owen J. Roberts community event was held in our high school. Led by our teachers and student clubs, the community enjoyed a wonderful safe "trick or treat" night for kids throughout the district. Over 900 children and 500 adults walked the halls of the high school in a safe and fun environment. The cost of admission was at least one can of nonperishable food per child attending. The collected food items were donated to the Coventry Food Pantry which has served families within the district for the past 30 years.

The original intent of the evening was to provide a safe night for children to trick or treat because there are portions of the district that do not have sidewalks and therefore Halloween night poses potential safety and logistical issues for families. However, what blossomed out of this evening was an outstanding combination of service learning and community building.

Each of the 7 OJR schools and Board of School Directors had representatives thematically dressed and greeting their students. Many of the district's local community organizations set up informational tables and distributed treats. About 40 student clubs, groups and sport teams volunteered to provide tours, organize games, provide face-painting, and help clean up the high school.

Our schools have many active service clubs who enthusiastically volunteered including Leo and Lions, Key Club, Wildcat Ambassadors, MS Builder's Club and NJROTC. In addition, many school groups who have focus in sports, the arts or academics also weave service learning into their programs. This culture of service was evident the night of October 30 when Girls on the Run staged a "Ghouls on the Run" activity, our championship wrestling team offered "crazy science fun", our show choir caroled through the hallways and our animal studies students set up a petting zoo.

Our lives, and our children's lives are filled with a lot of noise in this digital world. We have 24/7 news channels and non-stop social media that can be accessed throughout the day. It was refreshing to witness so many community members of all ages saunter through the halls chatting with the neighbors, friends, and acquaintances having conversations and enjoying a safe and relaxing evening.

I want to thank our students, faculty, and staff for contributing to the safe and caring culture for which we strive at Owen J. Roberts School District.

Kindergarten Registration Begins Soon!

Marching Band Successes

The Owen J. Roberts High School Marching Band was selected to appear in this year's Miss America "Parade of Shoes" on the Atlantic City Boardwalk on Saturday, September 14. The parade aired on television, but perhaps most impressive were some of the comments from spectators. Several people took the time to reach out to High School Principal Richard Marchini to complement the band and their performance.

Albert and Donna Brown from New Jersey wrote, "The Miss America Parade was a wonderful event for us, but your high school band was the high point of the parade. The parade stalled in front of us for 20 minutes and your students were both patient and entertaining. At first the students with the banner were in front of us and behind the Margaritaville float. They remained in place, but began to sway and dance to the music coming from the float. Next the band moved and was directly in front of us. A group of men began shouting, 'Play Louie, Louie.' The band members smiled but remained at attention. After 10 minutes the band director heard the shouts. He said to the band, 'We have to give our audience what they want.' He had the band turn to face us and the students played the best rendition of Louie, Louie we have ever heard."

This year, Owen J Roberts School District hosted the 43rd annual OJR Cavalcade of Bands in Wildcat Stadium featuring Millersville University "Marauder" Marching Band. A total of 14 bands performed including performances from our own awesome middle school marching band. The OJR Marching Band is well decorated with honors this season receiving "Superior" ratings at many regional cavalcades with drum majors Hendrik Burger and Cory Ardekani winning Best Drum Majors awards at Neshaminy and Pennsbury.

The Owen J. Roberts marching band will be performing in the upcoming West Chester "Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade" on December 6th. The parade will be televised live nationally on the QVC network on December 6th. It will also be re-broadcast on December 25th throughout the day.



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Techies Day

On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, East Vincent Elementary students participating in the Lego League attended Bentley Systems' Techies Day, filling spots usually reserved for high school students. Techies Day is an annual event, coordinated by the Chester County Intermediate Unit, meant to expose students to technology companies in our area. With colleagues in 50 countries, Bentley Systems Inc., a leading company for comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, has hosted this event for the past several years.

Students were able to get a glimpse of buildings and other structures from around the globe designed with Bentley software. Students had hands-on experiences working on "missions" throughout the day including designing a chair and building a



virtual house in 3-D virtual space using Bentley's MicroStation software.

This was a fun day for kids who are interested in technology. In addition to the hands-on training sessions, there was a tour of the Exton facility, which includes the 3D printer and the server room; a session with developers who discussed careers in the technology industry and what it's like to do what they do; and lunch with Bentley

folks and the high school students from five other schools. A Bentley colleague also shared information about electric cars owned by Bentley employees – Bentley colleagues working to help "sustain" the environment.

At the end of the day, the East Vincent Legonardo DaVinci's had the special honor of explaining their program and demonstrating their "under construction" robot to Bentley colleagues and all the high school students in attendance. Bentley has supported the Robotics teams at OJR through employee directed STEM grants. It was a great opportunity for those who had directed their grants to

the program to see the results. The students received a huge round of applause when they finished their presentation and demonstration.

East Vincent Renovation to Begin Spring 2014

With a dual focus on educational excellence and fiscal responsibility, Owen J. Roberts School District is moving forward with renovation plans for two elementary schools: East Vincent and East Coventry.

The renovations will be a phased project that will take place over the next several years, involving a complete overhaul of the East Vincent building first,

followed by renovation of East Coventry Elementary School.

The combined projects will address capacity issues and create equity among the district's five elementary buildings by providing adequate spaces for quality educational programs and systems that enhance learning. East Coventry and East Vincent Elementary both have growing student populations already over the 550-student capacity. Both have aging heating systems and lack air conditioning. Neither school has available large group instructional spaces or the technology infrastructure necessary of today's digital world.

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Architect Jeffrey Chambers, who is designing the p

save enormous interest costs over a 25-year period.

Architect Jeffrey Chambers, who is designing the project, has reviewed plans at several public meetings. The East Vincent project will include a primary wing, with a kindergarten drop-off area and playground. Grade level areas will contain a commons space for special projects or combined class lessons. There will be

flexibility for customized learning.

All classrooms will be provided with interactive projectors, and the building will be equipped with a wireless infrastructure to suit current and future technology needs.

Increased parking and an improved traffic flow, with parent drop-off and pick-up points separate from buses, will be part of the project. Science labs and full-size art and music classrooms will be included. A centrally-located media center will insure that all students have access to books, information and information technology. The cafeteria will be equipped with a folding

Educational programs to sustain the demands of critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity are driving renovation design. Thinking long term, spaces are being designed to maximize flexibility of use and adaptation over time. A tremendous amount of work has taken place to gather feedback from educators on the needs for the delivery of the educational program.

Several public meetings have been held addressing the projects. Nearly 50 people attended the Act 34 public hearing on the East Vincent renovation project on October 23. At that time, district Chief Financial Officer Jaclyn Krumrine explained that the district will use existing dedicated funds for the renovations, money it has purposefully saved over the last 10 years.

The most recent feasibility study was performed in 2011, but the district has been paying close attention to aging buildings and systems since a 2004 study. "Over the past decade we have been saving incrementally for this project," Krumrine said. "The only immediate tax impact will be those indirect costs associated with maintenance of the building." By paying cash, the district will

wall so that it can serve two groups of students simultaneously allowing for additional programming.

Best practice in school security has been addressed by featuring a number of security measures including electronic locks, monitored doors and multiple cameras. Air conditioning will be added to the building, and all heating, plumbing and electrical systems will be upgraded.

Jeffrey Chambers informed attendees at the Act 34 Hearing that maximum construction costs will total \$13,949,085, while maximum total project costs, including fees, permits and other expenses, will not exceed \$22,878,564.

A "Renovations Project" web page has been created in the District section of www.ojrsd.com. Artist renderings, building plans and presentations may all be found at that location.

We will provide an update for the East Coventry Elementary renovation project in a future publication since that project is scheduled to begin after East Vincent's.

Mr. Joshua Yoder Teacher of the Year

Mr. Joshua Yoder, social studies teacher at Owen J. Roberts
Middle School, has been awarded
Secondary Social Studies Teacher of the Year. The Pennsylvania
Council for the Social Studies
(PCSS) recognized Mr. Yoder as an outstanding secondary-level social studies teacher at the annual PCSS Conference Awards
Banquet in Harrisburg on October
17, 2013. Among the guests of honor was former Pennsylvania
Governor Ed Rendell.

Mr. Yoder was nominated by a peer for his demonstration of exceptional professionalism in fostering a spirit of inquiry in his students. As part of an extensive selection process, PCSS



reviewed a portfolio of work from Mr. Yoder's 11 years teaching with Owen J Roberts School District including lesson plans, projects, pictures, parent and administration feedback, artifacts from school activities, and performance reviews. Criteria included promoting the development of democratic beliefs and skills essential for active citizenship and professional involvement in the social studies. Congratulations to Mr. Yoder on this outstanding achievement.

Monarchs Tagged at EV



Students in Cathy Sacks' first grade class at East Vincent Elementary School carefully monitored the metamorphosis of a Monarch Butterfly.

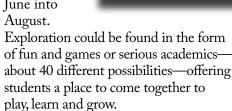
Pictured above are students with the milkweed plant and chrysalis. One student's parent is involved with Monarch Watch and he shared this milkweed plant, which is vital to Monarchs, and caterpillar with the class. The chrysalis formed and students were able to observe. After emerging, it was tagged so its migration may be tracked through the Monarch Watch organization, an outreach program dedicated to engaging the public in studies and conservation of monarchs.



Approximately 40 student groups volunteered on Halloween to provide tours, organize games and events and even sing to those who came to the Safe Trick or Treat night at the high school. Students in concert choir added to the festive atmosphere by caroling through the hallways entertaining the crowd of nearly 1500 people.

Summer Enrichment

Learning happens all year long at Owen J. Roberts. For the past two summers, the district has offered a variety of enrichment opportunities open to our students from mid-June into



More than 600 students took part in our summer offerings. On the academic side, many grade 7-12

students took advantage of course placement and acceleration opportunities in math and science. There was also a very successful College Application Bootcamp course for rising seniors.

Programs in the arts and technology captured the interest of students of all ages and Girls with Goals has continued as an active service group.

One of the most popular enrichment areas had Owen J. Roberts students fishing area waterways while participating in various Fishing Camps. Campers received personalized instruction on fishing

techniques including casting, tackle

techniques including casting, tackle selection, fish identification, safety and regulations. Campers also learn about basic entomology, knots, catch & release, leave-no-trace, and other lifetime outdoor skills. Wildcat Summer Fly-fishing Camp was also offered where campers learn fly-casting technique and fly-tying.



Fishing camps are among the most popular camps in the Owen J. Roberts Summer Learning Series. Camps are self-supporting. The fly-fishing camp was awarded an L.L. Bean Outdoor Experience mini-grant through the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation. The grant allowed for more fly fishing equipment and practice casting rods for students to use.

Science Discovery

Teachers at East Coventry Elementary took an innovative approach and created "Science Discovery" kits for kindergarten students this past summer. The inquiry-based tactic brings learning alive when students interact with the kits each morning. Put into action, the hands-on learning guides students to several amazing observations. Teachers have been pleased to witness students interacting with comments



such as, "Dinosaurs communicate by making different noises," "Magnets attract metal," and, "Let's sort these animals into groups."

8th Annual Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others. Held annually on the fourth Saturday of October, millions of Americans are rallied into a single day of action to help change the world. At Owen J. Roberts, schools, families and community are mobilized to make a difference in our area.

The Owen J. Roberts School District collected food and personal care items from October 14th to the 25th to benefit the Coventry Food Pantry. The Coventry Food Pantry services those in need in the Owen J. Roberts School District and surrounding area in Northern Chester County. Mrs. Krista Venza coordinates Make a Difference Day. Gross Bus Service donated a bus which drove to district schools and buildings on October 25th until it was absolutely filled to the brim.

Owen J. Roberts Middle School sponsored a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 26th in Wildcat Stadium to support Unite For Her, an organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of those dealing with breast cancer as well as providing wellness programs that educate, empower, and restore.

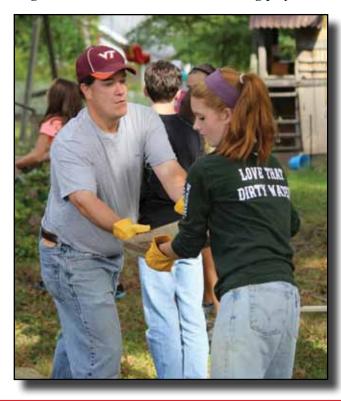
Thank you to everyone who took part in Make a Difference Day by taking some form of action to make our part of the world a better place.



High School Group Gives Family a Lift

On Saturday, September 28, 2013, High School Principal Richard Marchini worked with a high school Robotics Club on an exciting project

through a local organization called Designing4Hope. The organization works to help young patients forget about hospitals, treatments and needles for just a little while by designing and renovating comforting home spaces. The high school team worked on home improvements for Branden, an East Coventry Elementary student, who is receiving chemotherapy treatments every day until April 2014.



Friendly Competition

Matball is a fun Best Buddies event which Owen J. Roberts high school students help to plan and facilitate. The Best Buddies Club creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships for people with intellectual and

developmental disabilities (IDD). The Owen J.
Roberts Best Buddies Club invites schools from across the county each year, and has hosted Conestoga,
Unionville, Oxford Area,
West Chester, Downingtown and Spring-Ford at matball events in the past.

This year, students from Oxford Area, West Chester East, Fugett Middle School, and Spring-Ford school districts attended the event. The matball day activities



change each year to make it different and more exciting, and encourage all students to participate. The students often get to know one another across districts because of all of the Best Buddies events attended throughout the year, and that helps to instill a sense of friendly challenge between everyone. The actual matball tournament is everything a sport should be—challenging, exciting and dramatic—and all students have an amazing time.

West Vincent Morning Fitness

Starting in October the West Vincent Elementary School has conducted a morning fitness program for boys currently in grades four through six. The group, which meets once a week, has been advised by health and physical education teacher Mr. Hineman. Roughly thirty students have taken part in this program, which not only focuses on lifelong fitness concepts but also covers a range of topics from sportsmanship to positive decision making skills and even teaching leadership qualities. Students participate in sports like floor hockey, flag football, basketball, along with a variety of different team-building

activities to help students understand different concepts. Participating students are already developing new friendships, improving leadership and cooperative group interaction skills while enhancing their physical fitness levels. Mr. Hineman has had overwhelmingly positive response from the student participants who leave each session exhausted, laughing, and ready to apply the topic learned during the school day. Originally last year this program was started by a grant from the Owen J. Roberts Education Association while this year it is being continued through the West Vincent Elementary School.

Student Program Shines

In October, the Pennsylvania School Board Association Excellence Fair highlighted North Coventry's 2013 Dr. Seuss is on the Loose Math and Literacy Night. The goal of the evening was to build parents' knowledge of the curriculum, and to teach specific strategies families can use to assist their children with literacy and Every Day Math (EDM). Parents participated in reading and EDM activities led by their children. The event is organized by North Coventry teachers and funded by the PTA.



Inspiring Scientists

In October, Drexel University representatives provided professional development to 16 of our teachers on Science Inquiry and how to best prepare students for Science Research Competitions at local and regional levels. In addition to reviewing competition timelines, paperwork, and safety protocols, the presenters engaged our teachers with many hands-on activities to drive innovation, spark problem-solving, and increase collaborative learning opportunities.

District leaders in science also facilitated a parent seminar on science research experiments explaining that, instead of teaching young people about science, we want them to do science. In helping a child with a science experiment, a parent gets a chance to encourage a child's natural curiosity and willingness to push through problems while having fun. Parents were provided with many resources, many of which are available on the district curriculum webpage. Drexel University has assembled an excellent resource page to assist teachers and parents in supporting students: http://www.drexel.edu/dvsf/students.htm.

Safe, Caring Communities

Safeguarding our children and creating supportive communities within our schools is a priority at Owen J. Roberts School District. This summer, district bully prevention coordinating committee members were trained by a certified Olweus trainer and each elementary school expanded bullying prevention strategies based on the Olweus Bully Prevention Program (OBPP) model. Committee members were introduced to the research about bullying behaviors and the impact of bullying on students as well as the importance of bullying behavior prevention and intervention. Acquisition of key strategies to address bullying was a critical portion of the training.

Classroom meetings are a core part of OBPP and teachers are supplied with resources that help them build a positive classroom climate, identify hot spots, and build peer relationships. Many of the resources were purchased to build resiliency in students as part of a generous wellness grant through the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation.

Owen J. Roberts Middle School implemented OBPP several years ago. The Middle School uses many strategies to assure that students care for and respect one another. An annual experiential Challenge Day, which was featured at the Pennsylvania School Board Association Excellence Fair, leads students to understand and demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through the celebration of diversity. Students who participate take what they have learned to "be the change" within the full school community.



In the photo above, Thom Stecher and Associates visited East Coventry on September 18, 2013 to facilitate Unity Day with grade 6 students. Unity Day was meant to encourage students to recognize the differences in others while solving problems collaboratively.

Owen J. Roberts High School

Senior Citizen Holiday Tea and Afternoon Concert

Monday, December 9, 2013 - 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (Snow Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm)

OJR High School retirees, district senior citizens, and grandparents of high school students are cordially invited to attend a holiday concert and afternoon tea at the High School on Monday, December 9, 2013. The concert begins in the auditorium at 12 noon. Tea and desserts, provided by the Anchor Club immediately follow in the HS cafeteria. Wildcat Ambassadors will be providing ushering services.



Teacher Words to Describe French Creek Elementary



Above is word art created with words teachers used to describe French Creek Elementary School. The art was featured on the cover of the employee newsletter.

The Day the Crayons Quit

Fourteen high school art students facilitated a multidisciplinary learning experience called "The Day the Crayons Quit" to all Owen J. Roberts second grade students. The program was developed to immerse second grade students in a collaborative, common core learning opportunity. The art department worked to give second grade students an outlet for creative expression through the combination of visual and language arts. The high school students acted out a book by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, where a boy named Duncan finds a stack of complaint letters in his school desk that were sent to him by the crayons in his crayon box. The Red crayon complains of working too hard all year, coloring fire engines, apples, and strawberries. "I even work on holidays!"



(coloring Santas and Valentines). Beige crayon moans, "Let's be honest -- when was the last time you saw a kid get excited about coloring wheat?"

In the end, Duncan comes up with a brilliant solution for the dilemmas of his crayons. After practicing their listening skills, second grade students were encouraged to write stories of their own. The project was enhanced with a technology component so that students had an opportunity to narrate their writing. Students worked within the curriculum goals of the district English and Language Arts program which engages students in authentic literacy experiences and prepares them to be active and contributing citizens in local, global, and digital communities.

Rituals of Honor

Each one of our schools is involved in activities to pay tribute to veterans and those in the service of our great nation. Approximately 75 local veterans, active service personnel and National Guard personnel were honored at the high school for Veteran's Day as part of Owen J. Roberts High School's 8th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon. Several school groups participated in commemorating the valor and service of those who serve our country. The choir provided music and song, the Naval NJROTC presented colors and served as escorts. Several honored guests offered expressions of gratitude for those who sacrificed for our freedoms.

Before being treated to a luncheon purchased by student groups, NJROTC performed the ritual of the missing man table, reserved to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

"This table, set for one, is small -Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors

The table cloth is white - Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms

The single Red Rose displayed in the vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.





The Black Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the black ribbon worn upon the lapel and breast of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

The Candle is lit—Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit

A Slice of Lemon is on the bread plate— Symbolic of the families' tears as they

The Glass is inverted—They cannot toast with us this night

The Chair—The chair is empty. They are not here.

Remember!- All of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depend upon their might and aid, and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.

Remember!—Until the day they come home, Remember!"

After lunch, another ritual was performed. It has become customary that the oldest veteran in attendance and the youngest cadet in attendance cut the cake. At this gathering in 2013, the oldest was born on November 11, 1921 and the youngest was born June 28, 1999. Joining hands on the sword, the two carved cake which would serve all in attendance.

Best Practices in Cleaning

Several years ago Owen J. Roberts School District implemented a new training program for the housekeeping department which stressed best practices in cleaning for healthy environments. With the help of the Cleaning Management Institute (CMI), the department's monthly in-service meetings were conducted with a primary focus on the "Custodial Technician" program. Program topics such as "The Chemistry of Cleaning", basic and advanced cleaning of all types of surfaces along with various safety and green cleaning courses were all provided through the modules in the CMI program. Green cleaning topics included reduction and proper use of chemicals, improved techniques to save resources and supplies, understanding correct chemistry to avoid potentially dangerous misuse, and proper portion allocation with the math required for it. Congratulations to the twenty-three members of the Owen J. Roberts Housekeeping Department who were acknowledged for completing their training and received certifications in May of 2013.

Winter Concert Schedule

December	
December 3	EC and FC Winter Choral Concert
December 4	MS 7th Grade Concert
December 5	NC Winter Concert
December 10	EV and WV Winter Concert
December 11	MS 8th Grade Concert
December 12	Elementary Senior Band Concert @ H
December 17	EC Winter Orchestra Concert @ HS
December 19	HS Holiday Concert- 7 PM
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January 15..... MS Band Winter Concert @ HS

New State Accountability

Recently, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) released the School Performance Profile (SPP) scores for all public schools in Pennsylvania. This score reflects the new accountability system as required by PDE. The new SPP is a complex compilation of percentages in a variety of areas. Visit http://www.paschoolperformance.org for access to the school performance portal.

While we are pleased with the achievement and growth data of our schools, we understand our goal is to continually improve. The information at this time indicates that the SPP scores for our schools are as follows:

High School	*91.6 (preliminary calculation provided by PA Department of Education)
Middle School	90.4
East Coventry	86.5 and a Federal Designation of Reward - High Progress
East Vincent	90.8
West Vincent	88.9
North Coventry	89.3 and a Federal Designation of Reward – High Progress
French Creek	92.2

*According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, some scores are not available currently due to potential errors in the data. Additional school data will be incorporated into the scores and updated in January 2014.

Project Tomorrow Recognition

Project Tomorrow is proud to recognize:

East Coventry Elementary School
East Vincent Elementary School
French Creek Elementary School
North Coventry Elementary School
Owen J. Roberts High School
Owen J. Roberts Middle School
West Vincent Elementary School

as Speak Up 200 Schools.



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Tasty Tuesday



On October 15 and 22, students in all schools tasted apples from Frecon Farms as part of National Farm to School Month and Tasty Tuesday. Daily announcements prompted some students to consider color, texture and varietal sweetness, while others just enjoyed a snappy bite of Fall.

Ghouls on the Run



East Coventry Elementary School's Girls on the Run teams set up a "Ghouls on the Run" activity as a community service at the REA Safe Trick or Treat Night. Kids loved playing a pin-the-bone-on-the-skeleton relay which was a healthy alternative to candy.

Red Ribbon Week



Students at North Coventry Elementary enjoyed a week of spirit for healthy choices during Red Ribbon Week. Peace Out to Drugs and Alcohol was one of the themed days aimed at inspiring children to feel good about healthy decisions.

Supportive Environment



Matt Bellace, Ph.D., uses his background in neuropsychology and standup comedy to craft messages that reach the developmental stages of his audiences. On Thursday, October 10, 2013, he delivered two middle school student assemblies focusing on important messages about resilience, positive social support and making healthy choices.

"It's really about a supportive environment," Dr. Bellace informed the students. "You can't learn to your potential in an unsupported environment."

Dr. Bellace used comedy, audience participation and music to reinforce his points which encouraged middle school students to lean on healthy people for support, express themselves in healthy ways and not be afraid to take a stand.

Kindergarten Registration Notice

If you have a child who will attain the age of five on or before the first day of September 2014, your child is eligible to begin school in the fall of 2014. Please visit kreg.ojrsd.com to obtain additional information, locate your child's assigned elementary school building and complete pre-registration paperwork.

Kindergarten Registration Schedule - 2014-15

Complete pre-registration at kreg.ojrsd.com and call for an appointment to finish the registration process.

East Coventry	January 21 – 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Snow Make Up:
Laura Gunson	January 22 – 8:00 – 3:00 p.m.	January 24
610-469-5707	January 23 – 8:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
East Vincent	January 21 – 8:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Snow Make Up:
Karen Hydutsky	January 22 – 8:30 – 2:30 p.m.	January 23
610-469-5714		
French Creek	January 28 – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Snow Make Up:
Veronica Cousens	January 29 – 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.	February 4, 5 & 6
610-469-5710	January 30 – 8:30 – 3:30 p.m.	
North Coventry	January 28 – 8:15 – 8:00 p.m.	Snow Make Up:
Chris Ficca	January 29 – 8:15 – 2:30 p.m.	February 4 & 5
610-469-5709		
West Vincent	January 22 – 8:45 – 7:00 p.m.	Snow Make Up:
Diane Banks	January 23 – 8:45 – 3:30 p.m.	January 29 & 30
610-469-1402		

The following items are required for the registration appointment:

- Proof of Residency (deed, lease, property tax bill, current utility bill, tax bill)
- Driver's license / DOT identification card
- Birth certificate, hospital certificate, or baptismal certificate (no photocopies)
- Immunization records
- IEP, Chapter 15/Section 504, or gifted (Chapter16) paperwork or other Special Education papers, if applicable
- Complete the Parent Registration form, home language survey and health history form found at www.kreg.ojrsd.com

Wildcat Athletic Highlights

Fall 2013 was a successful athletic season.

The Girls Varsity Cross Country team won the Pioneer Athletic Conference (PAC)10 Championship. Jill Weston, a grade 12 member of the team, qualified for PIAA State Championships and placed 60th out of more than 200 girls.

In Golf, 10th grade student Maddie Sager placed 2nd at the PAC 10 Championships and qualified for the PIAA State Golf Championships where she placed 5th and was a medalist (only 5 medals are given).

Many teams and individuals qualified and participated at District level competition. Meredith Lee, a Wildcat freshman Girls Tennis player, placed second at the PAC 10 singles Championship qualifying her to play in the District One Championships.

The High School Girls Field Hockey team had an amazing season competing all the way to the PIAA State Championships. The team ended their regular season 11-1-1.

The overall season was competitive and our Wildcat students supported one another fiercely.



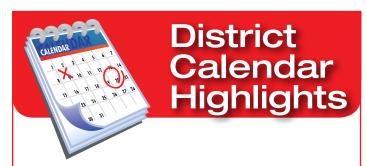
Rachel Bloemker from Owen J. Roberts High School was selected as a member of the 2013 NAfME All-National Honor Choir sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). Rachel joined about 300 of the most musically talented vocalists in the United States to perform at a gala concert on October 30, 2013 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Congratulations to Noah Edgecliffe-Johnson and Christian Wood who are National Merit semi-finalists, and to Helen K. Armstrong and Elizabeth Miller who received Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships which students enter by taking the Pre-liminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

OJR junior Maddie Matarazzo qualified for ITU Triathlon World Championships in Edmonton, Canada in 2014.

North Coventry Elementary School 6th grade student Matilde Heckler joins Emmy-winning composer Mark Wood (founder of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra) for a concert event called "We Are Hope" sponsored by the MuzArt World Foundation. Chosen for her playing ability and artistry, Matilde is one of only 10 student players from across the country to be flown to Salt Lake City to join Wood on stage where she will join the "Mark Wood Experience" with what he deems to be "the largest virtual electric rock orchestra in the world."

Kudos to Samantha Rice, an Owen J. Roberts High School Student, who just returned from Italy representing the USA. Sami is on the USA Kickboxing team and was in Italy for the World Kickboxing Association's 2013 World Championships where she earned a "Silver medal". There were 113 countries and 5 continents represented.



December 2 Elementary First Trimester Ends December 23-31...... No School for Students/Staff January 1...... District Closed January 20..... District Closed January 24..... Secondary Second Quarter Ends February 14Professional Development - No School February 17 No School for Students/Staff March 5-6Parent Conferences Half Day for Students March 11 Elementary Second Trimester Ends April 1 Secondary Third Quarter Ends April 16-21......No School for Students/Staff May 23 Professional Development - No School May 26 District Closed June 12-13..... Half Days June 13.....Last Day of School June 13.....Graduation June 13..... Elementary Third Trimester Ends June 13.....Secondary Fourth Quarter Ends June 16-17.....Professional Development

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