

The OV Splash

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XC HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Boys Varsity Team places fifth out of thirty-eight teams at the prestigious McQuaid Invitational in Rochester, NY.
- Boys Varsity takes the Northern Tier League Championship, continuing their victory streak at the competition.
- Girls Junior High takes home first place overall at the NTL, with almost the entire team taking home individual medals.
- Junior Brandon Brabham qualified for states and will be competing there this weekend!

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The True Meaning of Homecoming

Homecoming at Oswayo Valley is not just another week of school. During these five days, school spirit really shows. Students and staff participate in many fun activities. Homecoming is an eventful, memorable week for all participants.

Every day throughout the week, students participate in dressing up in creative ways. This year's dress-up days were "Pajama Day", "Twin Day", "Wanna-Be-Wednesday", "Green and White Day", and "Disney Character Day". The middle school really stepped up their school spirit game, with the most students participating in the theme days. Pajama Day was a real hit in both the middle and high school!

On Monday, September 29, the

talent show had a number of fierce competitors. There were many amazingly talented participants, however, only three winners could place. Shayla Wilhelm took third place for her incredible skills as a pianist. Aaron Dailly's rendition of "Happy" along with his cheerful personality won him second place. Last, but certainly not least, senior Cameron Allen won first place with his original song entitled "Strong."

To end the week, Oswayo Valley hosted a formal dance on October 4. The theme of the dance was *Frozen*. While students showed off their stellar dance moves, voting for the 2014

OV Homecoming King and Queen was underway. Seniors Amber Mertssock and Coby Krajewski were crowned as Oswayo Valley royalty.

Amber Mertssock, 12

Megan Andrews, 12



Sophomore girls Kennedy Hallock, Jessica Edwards, Paige Tilley, and Sarah Malogrino prepare for the parade!

This is Halloween

On October 31, Halloween is celebrated with many traditions like trick-or-treating, costume parties, and the carving of Jack-O-Lanterns. Students here at Oswayo Valley celebrate Halloween in one of these many ways, however, only 30% know the origins of this spooky holiday.

Halloween originates from the ancient Celtic festival known as Samhain. Samhain was a celebration of the harvest season's end and the beginning of winter, also known as the year's "darker-half." Ancient Gaels believed that October 31 had supernatural powers; a day which allowed the

dead to cross into the world of the living. The Gaels asserted that on this day, the deceased would wreak havoc upon the living—ruining crops and spreading disease.

Kylee Cabisca, 12

Emily Miller, 12



Mr. Cummings in action.

The Spotlight's on you!

Mr. Cummings. When we hear that name at OV, one thing comes to mind: math. The most boring part of the day, right? Well, he does a lot more than teach the students of OV about the Pythagorean Theorem. In fact, he is the go-to guy for coaching the sports teams at OV. You may see him on the golf course, basketball court, or even in the jumping pits during track season.

Mr. Cummings has always loved sports, playing them for

all of his high school career. His love of sports has led him to coaching. We asked what he found most exciting about this past golf season and he said "Watching the golfers improve!" Although he's busy coaching three sports and teaching, in his free time he enjoys hanging out with his wife and watching reality cooking shows like *Hell's Kitchen* and *Top Chef*. Who knew?

When asked to share something interesting about himself,

he claimed "I hate heights, but love riding roller-coasters." What an anomaly! Mr. Cummings was surprised and flattered by his appearance in our teacher spotlight. Thank you for your devotion to the students of OV, Mr. Cummings!

Tiffany Dickerson, 10

"Senior Kayla Keech said the homecoming dance was her favorite part of the week."

Homecoming Week 2014

Homecoming week has come and gone! So many fun activities; so many things to do! Whether it was preparation for the dance or the homecoming parade, the students at OV were filled with school spirit. We at the *Splash* decided to get the inside scoop on our students' favorite parts of Homecoming 2014.

Hunter Lee said that the float

building and subsequent parade were his favorite parts of Homecoming week. Hunter was a member of the *Toy Story* float, built by the sophomore class. He dressed as a green army man, contributing to the authenticity of the float!

Senior Kayla Keech said the homecoming dance was her favorite part of the week. She loved the theme of Disney's

Frozen.

The winners of the float parade were as follows:

First place: the seniors with *Up*

Second place: grade 6 with *101 Dalmatians*

Third place: the freshmen with *Monsters, Inc.*

Destiny Green, 10

Chill in the Air: Autumn Poetry

Hot tea, chilly breezes, warm sweaters, and morning frosts; autumn has returned to Os-wayo Valley. We at the *Splash* asked the bright, young minds of our fair school for their autumn inspired poetic works. We received many brilliantly written pieces depicting the fear of Halloween, the colors

of the falling leaves, and the deliciousness of pumpkin spice lattes; but in the words of the great Tyra Banks "There can only be one. . ."

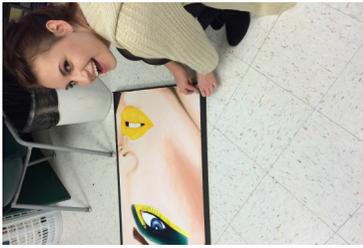
We give the middle school award to Shayla Wilhelm for her beautiful entry, and give special recognition to Miss Brooklynn Babcock for her

haiku. The high school winner is Ciarra Mix for her haunting "When Autumn Comes."

Thank you to all who entered! Happy Fall!

Virginia olds, 12

Portfolio Art Students: A Closer Look



Sara Mcgee proudly displaying her work.

What is a Portfolio art student? Portfolio Art students have typically taken all three of the art electives offered at our school. Because they have completed all these classes, they know how to do everything

and can work independently. They often help underclassmen with their projects as well.

Seniors Marie Bauder and Sara Mcgee both take the Portfolio class. When asked why she

chose Portfolio Art, Marie said that it was because she likes to display art and show people her talent. Sara told us that Portfolio was her favorite class because she's able to do any project she wants.

Miss Rinamon requires the Portfolio students to complete at least two projects every marking period, but they usually do more. Sara is currently working on an acrylic painting (pictured) and Marie is trying her hand at printmaking (pictured).

For Marie, art has been a life-long love. She recalls her sister teaching her to draw at the age of three. Sara claims that "art is personal" and should "make you feel something."



Marie works diligently on her print.

Jessica Edwards, 10

Halloween at OV Elementary

Halloween is fun for all ages but the ones who get the biggest kick, you guessed it, children. Oswayo Valley does the best it can to harness the kids' excitement, and make Halloween as enjoyable as possible. Our elementary school organizes special festivities the whole district can enjoy. On Halloween, all students are invited to wear their favorite costumes. They parade up to the

high school to showcase their Halloween spirit. According to the first graders I spoke with, you can expect to see at least one pretty princess, one tiny Batman, and one awesome video game character. Each class will then celebrate with treats! Overall, Halloween at Oswayo Valley Elementary School will be a day filled with a little bit of learning and a whole lot of sugar!

Ciarra Mix, 12



The OVES Band marches in tune.

"... Halloween at OVES will be a day filled with little bit of learning and a whole lot of sugar!"

Drown Out the Competition

On Thursday, October 2, 2014, the OV JV and Varsity volleyball teams took on the Northern Potter Panthers. After a good warm-up of playing the teachers earlier in the day, the Varsity team went in confident that this was going to be another win in the books. This would be the second time this season that the Lady Greenwaves would face the Panthers. After a tough loss in

the second game, the Varsity girls lit a fire, winning the next two games to secure another win for the season.

Tiffany Dickerson, 10



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Trick or Treat! Candy Competition

As a fundraiser for the *Splash*, we had a contest to see who could guess how much candy was in a jar. In order to participate, one had to pay a quarter for a guess, and the winner at the very end of the contest would be granted the candy. The winner of the contest would be the person whose guess was the closest to the actual amount of candy corn in the jar. Reese Osgood's guess of 220 won him the prize!

Adrianna Mesler, 10

Hope Duell, 10



Reese Osgood, cherishing his prize.

October's Student of the Month

The student of the month for high school is Chantal Cook. She plays the piano and lifts weights. Chantal's favorite subjects are art and math, Mr. Anderson, Chantal's shop teacher, says Chantal was nominated for the student of the month spot for her outstanding attitude. Many of her teachers appreciate her motivation and "can-do" attitude. Good job Chantal!

The student of the month for the middle school is Aaron Bennett-Dailey. He is very active in the school community. He participates in cross country, basketball, chorus, and

track. In addition to these activities, he performed for OV's Got Talent, and National School Lunch Week. Aaron's favorite subjects are reading, math, and PE. He wants to become a math teacher. Mrs. Chisholm describes Aaron as "a very determined

young man who is confident, caring, and respectful." He is a very good person and student! Keep it up Aaron!

Selena Kirby, 11

Ashley Rinamon, 11



Aaron Bennett-Dailey and Chantal Cook, basking in the spotlight!