



**NORTHERN OZAUKEE
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Spring/Summer 2026

WARRIOR CONNECTION



100%

Class of 2026
Graduation Rate

122

Open Enrolled-IN
students from
9 different school
districts

\$1.2M +

Amount Bruce Krier
Foundation has
gifted NOSD over
the last ten years

\$174,370

Scholarship money
awarded to the Class
of 2026

62.49

District in
Square Miles



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Hello NOSD Community,

Thank you to our students, families, staff, and community who worked together to make sure our students had a successful completion to our school year!

As part of our District's Annual Budget Meeting (October 2025), the Board of Education passed a budget that included five potential buildings and grounds projects here at NOSD. Each of these projects have been identified as important buildings and grounds needs within the District and have been considered and deferred over the years. Planning for each of the projects required significant time by our buildings and grounds committee to develop a scope and have our team bring these projects through an extensive bid process. Contracts for each of these projects have been individually approved by the Board, as summarized to the right.

A majority of the work related to these projects is taking place during the summer of 2026 in an effort to limit the impact on students, staff, and our school community.

It is exciting to see these projects moving forward for our District and our community.



Thank you and go Warriors!

Sincerely,

Dave Karrels
Superintendent

SUMMER PROJECTS

1. New Fire Alarm System

- Work began: 3rd week of April 2026
- Anticipated completion: Mid-August 2026

2. Bathroom Updates

- 4 sets of bathrooms (8 total)
- Work began: June 2026
- Anticipated completion: Mid-August 2026

3. Maintenance & Concessions/ Bathrooms Building

- Work began: June 2026
- Anticipated completion: September 2026

4. Track and Field Updates

- Work began: May 2026
- Anticipated completion: October 2026

5. OHS Bleachers

- Removal of old bleachers: May 2026
- Installation of new bleachers: June 2026



Transformative Learning at Northern Ozaukee School District

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onal classrooms.



First grader playing the adaptive learning games coded by the sixth grade computer programming class.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES: MORAINE PARK TRADES ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP

Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, students at Ozaukee High School will have an exciting new opportunity through a partnership with Moraine Park Technical College. The newly developed Moraine Park Technical College High School Career and Trades Academies will allow students to explore high-demand career fields such as welding, HVAC, robotics, engineering, and manufacturing. What makes this program especially impactful is that NOSD High School Career and Trades Academies helped spearhead the initiative in collaboration with surrounding districts. This ensures students can pursue specialized, career-focused training while remaining connected to the NOSD community. It is a powerful example of how NOSD is breaking down barriers and expanding access to future-ready opportunities.



10th and 11th grade students tour Moraine Park's space for our new trades academy that will start in the 2026-27 school year.

4K-2nd grade OES Champs smile for a photo celebrating their CHAMPS positive behavior recognition.



BUILDING CHARACTER FROM THE START: OES CHAMPS

Transformative learning at NOSD begins at OES, where students are developing character traits for lifelong learning. Through the school's Positive Behavior System, students proudly embrace the identity of being "CHAMPS." CHAMPS stands for **C**aring, **H**onest, **A**ccountable, **M**otivated, **P**ositive, and **S**afe. This focus on character education helps create a supportive, respectful learning environment where students can thrive both academically and socially.

From coding adaptive technologies to launching career pathways in the trades, from cross-disciplinary innovation to character development, NOSD is redefining what it means to prepare students for the future. These transformative learning experiences empower students to explore their passions, develop critical skills, and grow into confident, capable individuals ready to make an impact.

CREATIVITY MEETS ENGINEERING: MINI-GOLF COLLABORATION

At OHS, innovation also thrives through collaboration. A standout example of this is the partnership between our Tech Ed department and the Arts department, where students worked together to design and build a fully functioning mini-golf course from scratch. Thanks to some gracious donors, this project was completed with little cost to the district. This course was on display at our Youth Entrepreneur Event in February and again at our District Fine Arts Night in March.



Kindergarten students enjoying the mini-golf course our OHS Tech Ed and Art classes created.

SPONSORS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE MINI-GOLF COLLABORATION POSSIBLE:

NOSD PTR, Waubedonia Soccer Club, Friends of Fredonia Parks + Rec, Bares and Zimdars family, C & D Charters LLC, Port Washington State Bank, CJ'S Carpentry, Family Fry Farms, Jimmy B's, Bell Ambulance, Big Joe's Gas & Convenience, Waubeka Fire Department, National Flag Day Foundation, Rods-N-Relics



NOSSE INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS

Since its founding in 1987, the Northern Ozaukee Schools Scholarship Foundation (NOSSE) has played a vital role in expanding opportunities for students in the Northern Ozaukee School District. Built on a simple idea that every student deserves access to education and training beyond high school, the foundation has grown into a lasting source of support for our graduating students.

What began with a single \$1,000 scholarship in 1989 has evolved into a separate not-for-profit organization that most recently presented \$174,370 in scholarship money to the class of 2026 at the May 20th Senior Awards Night ceremony.

Each year, many Ozaukee High School seniors benefit from these scholarships, helping reduce the financial burden of college or technical training after graduation. Beyond the monetary support, these awards recognize students' hard work, character, and commitment to their community. This year, 100% of the students from the class of 2026 who submitted an application received money on Senior Awards Night.

Senior Awards Night is the yearly culmination of the work done by a few in our community. This night is made possible by the Foundation's success, and there are many contributing factors to that success. Community involvement has always been at the heart of its success. People can get involved in many ways. Recently, the foundation hosted its largest fundraising event of the year, a night of Fleetwood Mac music. This event was held at The Barn located at Buechler Farms in



Belgium. In addition to this event, community members can make tax-deductible donations of any size throughout the year to the foundation.

This can be from individuals, families, businesses, and charitable organizations. In addition, donors can establish endowment scholarships to honor or memorialize loved ones in order to create a lasting impact for future generations.

Recently, we spoke with Al Krier, a foundation founding member, to learn why he has given so many years to this organization. He noted how impactful it is to witness firsthand how the foundation's generosity is making a difference in OHS students' lives. "It is very rewarding to help students and parents afford the rising cost of higher education." He noted how powerful it is to see students' hard work recognized and their achievements celebrated.

As always, there is space for more people on the NOSSE fundraising committee and NOSSE members. If you are interested in learning more about the NOSSE, feel free to reach out to Matt Zavada, OHS Principal at mzavada@nosd.edu or 262.692.2453 ext. 427.



Thank You

for your years of service!

5 Years



EILEEN STICKLES



BRANDON CLAPPER



BOB ALBINGER



JACK PENNEY-GALINDO



GREG KOHLER

10 Years



DAN SCHREURS



CARA BECKER



MELISSA BORREE



ELLIE KAAS



JAMES PETER



STEVE AKIN



LYNN KUCHARSKI

15 Years



JILL FOXEN



LINDA DEREWICZ



GLORIA SHEEHY

20 Years



COLLEEN MEYER



SHELLY KROEGER



WENDY MILLER



LAURIE MELZER

Retirees



CAROLYN OLSON
38 YEARS AT NOSD



LORI MUCH
4 YEARS AT NOSD
32 YEARS IN EDUCATION

25 Years



JENNY GASSER

35 Years



LIZ MINZ

District Financial Snapshot

In May, the State of Wisconsin proposed a budget surplus bill that would have provided additional funding to public school districts. This bill included funding that would have filled budget holes left from the 2025-27 state biennial budget. Originally in the biennial budget, schools were told that they would receive a reimbursement on prior year eligible special education expenditures in the amounts of 42% and 45%. After approval of the state budget, it was determined that the State used a bad base for estimates so reimbursement rates were projected to 38% and 40%. Part of the proposed bill would have restored reimbursements to the originally intended rates. In addition, the state was looking to provide additional state funding that would have come inside the revenue limit. This additional state funding would not have provided new/additional available resources to schools, but would have reduced the tax burden to our local residents. Unfortunately, this budget surplus bill failed in the state Senate and will not provide the additional funding to NOSD nor provide the proposed tax relief to local residents.

With the close of NOSD's 2025-26 fiscal year in the near future, the school district is projecting to be in an improved position compared to the original approved budget. Included in the approved original budget were five projects that aligned with NOSD's long-term capital plan. The

projects included were: 1) new fire alarm system, 2) bathroom updates, 3) maintenance building and concession/bathrooms building, 4) track replacement and field updates 5) OHS bleachers. Throughout the year, each of these projects were bid out and individually approved by the school board. In total, bids for all of these project costs came in under budget from the district's original expectations. Additionally, various organizations provided contributions to help offset some of the district's costs related to the project. In combination with the Ozaukee Booster Club, the Warrior Boys Basketball Club, and the Warrior Girls Basketball Club, \$80,000 was graciously committed towards the installation of the new bleachers.

Overall, the Northern Ozaukee School District has a great group of staff educating our students, our facilities are in good shape and being well maintained, and we are currently in a strong financial position. These are all things we can be proud of as a community.



Joshua McDaniel, CPA
Director of
Business Services

From the Principals



Elementary School - LYNN KUCHARSKI



Ozaukee Elementary School students and staff embody the PATH of a Warrior spirit (Partner, Achieve, Transform, Help) through initiatives that extend learning beyond the classroom. Many opportunities occur that TRANSFORM students' learning beyond the classroom. A success this year was our 2nd annual NOSD Young Entrepreneurs Fair in February. This event provided students with the opportunity to launch small businesses, developing their own brands and marketing strategies. With 59 elementary school participants involved, the NOSD atrium and commons were filled with energy, creativity, and supportive community shoppers.

Additionally, our 4th-grade students are connecting with the wider world through their annual postcard project. As part of their social studies curriculum and state research, students collect postcards from across the U.S. (and world) sent by friends and family. Displayed on a hallway bulletin board, these postcards offer a vibrant, visual connection to the broader community. These real-world experiences empower OES students to transform their education into meaningful growth. Proud to be a Warrior!



Middle School - CHARLIE SCHWARTZ



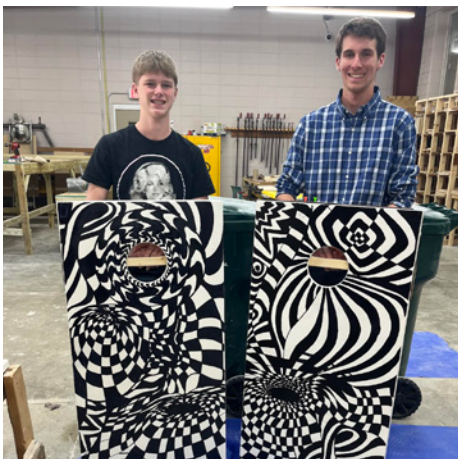
The second half of the year was eventful at Ozaukee Middle School. Our students continued to grow, create, and lead in amazing ways! OMS students showcased over 50 pieces of artwork during Fine Arts Night, while Band and Choir students participated in State Solo & Ensemble and showcased their musical talents at both the band and choir concerts. Our 6th-grade Computer Programming students designed interactive PE video game stations for K-5 students and families to enjoy. 7th-graders explored future careers at the Lakeshore Technical School Career Fair, and 8th-grade CAMS students continue producing Channel 30 Student News and Student of the Month videos. Students across grades 6-8 prepared ELA book talks, and 8th graders finalized their Seminar projects, which showcased their interests and passions.



High School - MATT ZAVADA

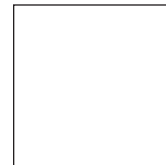
The focus of this Warrior Connection includes ways that students have opportunities beyond the classroom. Ozaukee High School is fortunate to offer several opportunities for students to learn and grow through programs that extend beyond the school walls. We offer opportunities like the Future Business Leaders of America club, Forensics, Reality Day with Kohler Credit Union, Ozaukee County government day, multiple career fairs, visiting the Haas Factory Outlet, field trips to the Marshfield Clinic and Aurora Grafton, visiting Yoga on the Lake in Kohler, or learning about hydroponics at the Port Fish Greenhouse, just to name a few. Opportunities like these enhance the curriculum taught within the classroom and allow our students to witness and apply skills in real life. We may be a small school, but opportunities are vast for all of our Ozaukee Warriors!

- PATH OF A - WARRIOR





RLO girls soccer team was awarded cleats from the Jordan Love's, Hands of 10ve, foundation as a part of his 10ve for Cleats program.



MISSION (our core purpose)

Educate young men and women to develop strong character and prepare them for the future

VISION (our future)

To pursue excellence at all levels of our district



COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Denotes an event recommended for the community.

- Aug. 25:** OES School Supply Drop-off
- Aug. 25:** New to OMS Family/Student event
- Aug. 25:** NOSD Back to School Picnic *
- Aug. 27:** New Student/Freshmen orientation
- Sept. 01:** 5K-12 First Day of School
- Sept. 02:** 4K First Day of School
- Sept. 15-18:** 7th Grade Camp
- Sept 16:** Powder Puff/Macho Volleyball*
- Sept 18:** Homecoming Football Game *
- Sept 19:** Homecoming Dance
- Sept. 21:** Student Pictures
- Sept 24:** OES Families Breakfast Buddies (A-L)
- Sept 25:** OES Families Breakfast Buddies (M-Z)
- Oct. 02:** No School
- Oct. 26:** Picture Retakes
- Oct. 14:** OES Parent Teacher Conf. by Appt.
- Oct. 15:** OES Parent Teacher Conf. by Appt.
- Oct. 19-23:** OHS Parent Teacher Conf. by Appt.
- Oct 30:** Records Day- No Students
- Oct. 12:** OMS Parent Teacher Conf. by Appt.
- Nov. 13-15:** NOSD Musical: "Mary Poppins" *
- Nov. 25-27:** No School
- Dec. 08:** 4K - 2nd Winter Concert *
- Dec. 15:** OMS/OHS Winter Band Concert *
- Dec. 22:** OMS/OHS Winter Choir Concert *
- Dec. 23-Jan 01:** No School

2025-2026 NOSD School Board



From Left to Right:

Front Row: Stephen Burmesch, Hal Steffen (Clerk), Dan Gehrke, Brian Conrad (Treasurer), Dan Large (President), Back Row: Mindy Tesker (Vice President), Jodi Schubert, Lauren Simmons, JJ Winnemuller



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