



The Starr Elementary Q & U Wedding TRADITION began fifteen years ago as a very small ceremony in the classrooms. Over time, it has transformed into an event with all four Kindergarten classes on stage. Each child has a role in the ceremony with parents and grandparents in attendance. During the week leading up to the big event, the children learn that the letter U always follows the letter Q in the English language. After the ceremonies, the students and their special guests have a reception with cookies and dancing in the gymnasium. Many teachers host a Q & U wedding to foster the memory that Q & U are letter partners.



On Friday, September 8, Clay hosted a dedication ceremony for the renovated press box at Clay Memorial Stadium. On Nov. 21, 2016, the Board of Education approved the name to be the "Charles Neal Press Box" after retired band leader, Charles Neal.

Charles Neal began his teaching career in 1967 at Clay High School. He spent 32 years teaching music and instructing the marching, concert and jazz bands for Oregon City Schools. He spent his career dedicated to this community in which he lives. During his time at Clay, he conducted half-time performances at over 150 home



high school football games within Clay Memorial Stadium, along with the 150 away football games at local districts. Mostly notably, Mr. Neal started the long lasting tradition of the bi-annual Alumni Band performance that gathers over 300 members each time.

Mr. Neal was also a student of Oregon City Schools, graduating from Clay High School in 1958. He married Jane Bahnsen ('59 alum) on September 3, 1960.

He has four daughters, Lori, Karen, Amy and Jennifer, that were each a part of the Clay Eagle Marching Band, along with 9 grandchildren. Even though Mr. Neal has been retired from Oregon City Schools for nearly twenty years, he will always be a part of the Oregon FAMILY.



Sixteen Clay High Cosmetology Seniors went downtown and volunteered their time and talents for Toledo's Tent City on Oct 21. Tent City is an annual event that brings awareness to homelessness. Not everyone that attends is homeless, but everyone is eligible to receive medical and dental help, employment assistance, free clothes, haircuts and more. The Clay Cosmetology students were nervous at first, but once they got into a rhythm, they didn't stop. They cut 60 heads of hair in 2 hours and hit their goal of 100 haircuts after 3 1/2 hours. It was agreed by all students participating that this was "an incredible experience". As the students continue working on their Senior Capstone projects, this class of 16 Seniors will continue to volunteer in other ways serving their COMMUNITY, volunteering their time and talents.



Fassett Jr. High hosted their 3rd annual Volley for the Cure event on Oct. 26, put on by our Student Council Group at Fassett. However, they couldn't do it alone though. The Spirit Committee made signs, athletic director coordinated referee and admission staff. In the beginning of October, a t-shirt sale was held school-wide, then a game was planned between the teachers, administrators and staff against the Fassett 8th grade girls. Student Council members collected donations and created gift baskets to raffle at the event along with 50/50 raffle tickets. In all, \$1,600 was raised to be split between Susan G. Komen of NW Ohio and Cancer Connections of NW Ohio. "We love our Traditions, we love our Fassett Family, and we love serving our COMMUNITY!", said members of Fassett's Student Council.



Bird's Eye View

DISTRICT DASHBOARD DECEMBER 2017

Enrollment (as of Dec. 1, 2017)
Clay High School
1,198 Students



Fassett Jr. High School
618 Students



Eisenhower Intermediate School
575 Students



Coy Elementary
387 Students



Jerusalem Elementary
438 Students



Starr Elementary
494 Students



"Bird's Eye View" is an accountability tool to our community, parents and business partners to remain transparent with quality indicators.

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Important OCS Dates

Saturday
Feb. 3

OSF's Annual Frost Fest
St. Michael's Hall
Tickets: \$50/person
Sponsorships Available

March
12-16

Spring Break

Mar. 30
- Apr. 2

Easter Break

Friday
May 25

Last Day of School

Sunday
June 3

Graduation Class of 2018
SeaGate Center
2:00 pm

Mission

The mission of the Oregon City Schools Board of Education is to maintain a safe and secure learning environment that provides all students with the opportunity to obtain the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to be successful in the 21st century.

Stay Connected! Many faces - One Family!



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OREGON CITY SCHOOLS Bird's Eye View

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OCS places a high degree of importance on providing opportunities for all children to reach their full potential in all aspects of their education both inside and outside the classroom. We proudly share these highlights in the areas of

Academics, Arts, Athletics/Clubs/Activities, Fiscal Stewardship and Parent/Community Involvement. While these are not reflected in the state grade card system, we feel these are important indicators to share with you.

ACADEMICS



93% High School Graduation Rate

53% Immediately Enroll in College (2016)



ATHLETICS Clubs ACTIVITIES



John Galyus was honored as Division II District Coach of the Year & BCSN Coach of the Fall Season.



Arts



CHS student Ruth Bonnice made the All-Ohio State Fair Band 2017

6 CHS students made All-Ohio State Fair Choir 2017



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

51.6% Percentage of Funding from State of Ohio FY'16. Oregon receives \$3,042 out of \$5,900/pupil
\$11,060 Cost/Pupil/2016 vs. State Average \$11,164



PARENT/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

\$244,215 Gifted by Boosters & Parent Groups in 2016-17

Charles Neal PRESS BOX Dedication

September 9, 2017

100% Project Donated

Occupancy Increase
15 → 53

\$192K Total Cost



Student Population

Total: 3,710

(as of Dec. 1, 2017)

Girls: 1,823 Boys: 1,887



CLASSROOM

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

SERVICES

Rigor



For the 2016-2107 school year, Clay High School earned an **A** on the State Report Card for **Graduation Rate - 93.5%**.

171 enrolled in AP courses. Seven **AP (Advanced Placement)** courses offered; 95 AP test taken.

College Credit Earned: 890 credits go to 101 students (class of '17) **On campus:** 508 credits for 67 students, **Off campus:** 382 credits for 34 students

Class of 2017 - **\$3.8 million** in scholarships offered; **84** graduates accepted **\$1.5 million** and **66** graduates awarded **\$96,178** from local community members.

Relevance



Bay Area Credit Union speaks to Fasset students on budgeting and saving in Financial Literacy.



Senior **Hayden Dickerson** achieved the highest **ACT** score possible in Sep 2017 with a **perfect 36**. Way to go Hayden! It has been over a decade since this feat has been achieved at CHS. Less than 1/10th of all students who take the ACT earn the top score, that's just 2,760 students out more than 2 million annually. Hayden is also a **Commended Student** in the **2018 National Merit Scholar Program**.

Relationship



As a result of a parent/student/teacher connection, **Clay AP Chemistry** students were hosted by **Owens Corning** at their Science and Technology Center, Granville, Ohio facility in order to expose them to the possibilities in science and engineering.

Arts • ATHLETICS • Clubs



Opportunities to grow beyond the classroom are available and expose students to new cultures, language barrier challenges, cultural experiences, compassion and personal growth.

OCS TRAVEL LEARN GROW



Fasset student, **Jordan Pettaway**, 8th grade, has been chosen to display his self-portrait painting for the year 2018 in the state capital, representing **Ohio District 46, in the Ohio House of Representatives**. Only one student is chosen from each of Ohio's 99 Districts, in grades 8-12.

• Largest in years with **22 swimmers**

• Swim on avg **2-3 miles/day**, which equals **40-60 miles/month**



Oregon City Schools is member of the **Ohio High School Athletic Association** and the **Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC)**. Created in 2011 and includes, Central Catholic, Clay, Findlay, Fremont Ross, Lima Senior, St. Francis, St. Ursula, Notre Dame, St. John's and Whitmer.



Lacrosse will be offered for the first time at Clay, Spring 2018.

- Men's team looking for 25-30 players
- Women's team looking for 25-30 players
- Will play a modified varsity schedule per gender
- Some describe as a combination hockey, soccer and basketball
- Clay was the recipient of a grant valued at \$14,000 to purchase the initial equipment from **US Lacrosse**



SOCCER TRAC CHAMPS: TRAC COACH OF THE YEAR. DON HESS AND TRAC GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR. KENNEDY SLOVAK

Did You Know?

- Clay students can open a Sun Federal Credit Union account during lunch
- Clay students can deposit money into their Sun Federal CU account during lunch
- New ATM near Potter Gym can be used by any bank card



★★ Alumni Distinguished Hall Of Fame ★★

Clay High Alumni And Friends Association (CHAFA)

Thomas Keller ('68)

Retired Educator/Entrepreneur

- He served as junior and senior class president and made all-conference teams in baseball and football while at Clay
- Obtained specialist, master's and doctorate degrees in education from University of Toledo
- Taught in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University for 25 years, specializing in strategic management, leadership and entrepreneurship
- Recipient of Outstanding Teacher Award at ASU
- Dr. Keller retired in 2005 from teaching, but remained an active entrepreneur.
- Built a consulting firm providing leadership training and strategic planning to large corporations
- Volunteer work with OCS including; strategic planning, Course Relevance Program, Keller Family Employee Recognition Program and a Keller Family Scholarship



Kathleen A. McGrady ('76)

Retired Educator

- Obtained degree at Bowling Green State University; master's in Music Education from Vandercook College of Music
- Taught at both Northwood Local and Springfield Local in Holland over 34 years
- Serves on BGSU Alumni Band Board and ProMusica Board of Directors representing 6,000 music educators
- One of ten band directors from USA on staff for the All-American Marching Band at the new Euro Disney Park, Paris
- College of Wooster Music Camp staff member
- OMEA Outstanding Music Educator of the year - 2015
- BCSN "Teacher of the Year" - 2015



Glen Susor was honored as the oldest living graduate of Clay High School on Sept. 30th. Mr. Susor, 104 years old, lives in Oregon and is a member of the CHS Class of 1932.



Fun Facts



English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs

Languages Previously Supported:
 Spanish Vietnamese Polish
 Portuguese Thai Italian
 Chinese Tagalog Arabic
 Korean German Russian

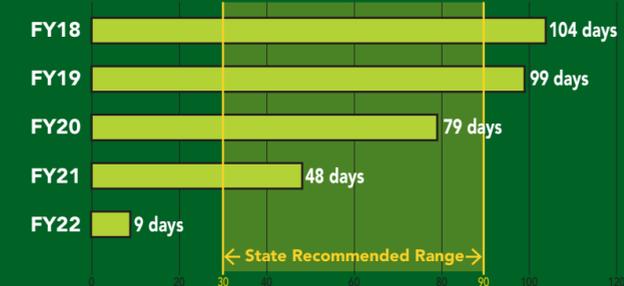
Currently 15 students receive ESL services

Students from China, Cuba, Poland, Mexico, Egypt, The Philippines, Vietnam and Lebanon

OCS 5 YR Forecast Summary*

OCS Year-end Cash Balances - Days Worth of Expenses

* Includes the Clean Energy Plant proceeds.



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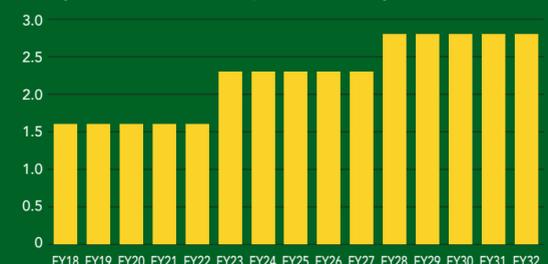
Cardboard Crushers

An inquiry about cardboard recycling for our district with a local company, led to a new partnership that benefits both our students and the reduction of waste at OCS. OCS purchased a cardboard baler from **Gateway Recycling** on Navarre Ave, to assist in the districts cardboard recycling efforts. A relationship formed and the Clay Cardboard Crusher program was born. Last year our students in **recycled 23.9 TONS** of cardboard and paper and **earned \$1650** for various student organizations and clubs. This new partnership also enabled a recent Clay grad, **Ricky Montoya**, to achieve full-time employment, as well as two more student internships starting in January 2018.



Clean Energy Plant FY 2018-32

Millage Equivalent: Oregon Clean Energy, LLC will be providing the equivalent of **1.63 - 2.77 voted mills per fiscal year** for the **next 15 years**. This is a great benefit to our local taxpayers. Savings are calculated based upon current millage values.



Educator Spotlight



Robin Sneed is a G/T specialist teacher at **Jerusalem Elementary**. Her 4th grade self-contained, high cognitive ability classroom continues to be real-world relevant. She is dedicated, innovative, knowledgeable, and considerate when addressing the needs of her students. In this high rigor environment, social-emotional issues can surface at any time. Robin has a keen ability to pull the best out of her students. Mrs. Sneed is a valued member of our staff and Jerusalem family.

OCS / Keller Family 2016/17 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Teacher Administrator Support Staff



Aaron Haar Teacher Eisenhower Intermediate
James Jurski Principal Clay High School
Janice DeLeon Secretary Student Services

Clay Grads Legacy

OCS has **463** total staff members

—Administrative, Certificated, Classified and Non-Union. Of these staff members, **126** (or 27%) are Clay graduates.



27%

Many CHS alum return to serve their home district - 1 out of 4.

Career Tech (CT)

FY 2017 Total programs:

9 Career Paths **12** Programs

58% 58% of junior & senior students are enrolled in CT program

575 575 enrolled in at least one introductory class (9-12)

77% 77% of CHS student body are enriched by our CT program



CT Partner - Hammill Manufacturing

Integrated Machining & Engineering has partnered with **Hammill Manufacturing** for the last 40+ years. On average, they hire 2 new CHS students every year into their apprenticeship program. Hammill has donated over \$150,000 worth of equipment over the course of their partnership with Clay High School. We are honored to be a trusted partner with Hammill Manufacturing.

CT's 4 New Strategic Goals

- 1 Marketing CT Programs
- 2 Industry Credentials
- 3 Service Opportunities
- 4 Partnerships

Technology

Security Camera Updates - Clay (including stadium, bus garage, admin bldg), Fasset, Eisenhower, Coy, Jerusalem, Starr and Wynn will have cameras both inside and outside capturing content day and night. District administrators, Oregon Police and building SROs will have access to the camera system both on their computers and mobile devices. All new cameras capture high definition digital content that is saved within the camera system and is reviewable at any time. These updates will ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as the protection of our school properties. Thank you voters for keeping our schools safe.



LED Lighting Improvements

LED (Light Emitting Diodes) lighting provides the biggest bang for our energy saving dollars. OCS has begun a two year process to change classroom and hallway fixtures (nearly 4,000) and all exterior parking lot fixtures (177) from fluorescent to LED. The payback for this project is around 2.5 years. The savings is realized from using and paying for 37% less energy for the buildings and 66% less energy to light the parking lots. Further savings will be realized when we no longer have to pay to dispose of the burnt out fluorescent bulbs. The future looks bright for Oregon Schools!

