



# OAKLEY W. BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

22201 Powers Ave Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

# THE 'ROYAL' REPORTER

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## SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Open enrollment for the 2012/13 school year runs as follows:

Grades K thru 9: Apply March 19 through August 10, 2012.

Grades 10 thru 12: Apply May 7 through May 25, 2012.

All enrollment takes place at the Board of Education Building located at 20629 Annapolis. When enrolling, you will need to bring the original birth certificate, immunization records, the name and address of the last school attended, and IEP paperwork (if applicable). They will also copy your driver's license.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our 24 hour SOC information hotline (313) 278-1901 ext 200.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

If you have moved (or are planning to move) out of District #7 and wish to continue attending classes here next school year, you must enroll as a School-of-Choice student. If you do not enroll during the dates listed above, you will be required to enroll your child in the district of residence for the 2011/12 school year.



## NATIONAL JR. HONOR SOCIETY

The next mandatory National Junior Honor Society meeting is scheduled for :

**Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.**  
 in the cafeteria

\*Notes from the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting are attached.

## Important Dates

### May

- 5/4 - "Stand for Change" at noon
- 5/7 - Late Start
- 5/14 - Polk's 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit O.W. Best
- 5/15 - Madison's 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit O.W. Best
- 5/16 - Bedford's 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit O.W. Best
- 5/17 - Pardee's 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit O.W. Best
- 5/17 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cedar Point informational meeting 6 p.m.
- 5/18 - Annapolis' Student Council talks to 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 5/21 - Late Start
- 5/25 - 1/2 day, students dismissed at 11:07
- 5/28 - No school, Memorial Day
- 5/29 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade elections for next year's Student Council

### June

- 6/1 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cedar Point trip
- 6/1 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip
- 6/4 - Late Start
- 6/4 - School Play
- 6/11 - Peer Mediator picnic
- 6/12 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade Recognition Night (by invitation only)
- 6/13 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade - last day. Dismissal at 11:07
- 6/14 - Last day for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Dismissal at 11:07.

*Final report cards will be mailed home during the week of 6/18.*

## PROGRESS REPORTS & RETENTION

Progress reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be processed the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> and will be viewable on Parent Connect.

Students who receive 3 or more semester E's in core classes face a retention review in June. Summer school information has not been determined yet. Mrs. Portscheller will have more information later in the month. Please continue to check the website.

At this point, there is still enough time for students to increase their grades to a passing level. Parent Connect and Homework Helpers are very helpful ways to monitor your student's progress.

## PARENT MEETING

The O.W. Best parent group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

The next meeting is scheduled for :  
**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

## STAND 4 CHANGE: AGAINST BULLYING

O.W. Best is participating in "Stand 4 Change: Against Bullying" on 5/4/12. At 12:00 all students will take a stand against bullying in their classroom by standing for 1-2 minutes in silence. Students are joining over a million students nationwide who are all Standing 4 Change. For more info go to [www.stand4change.org](http://www.stand4change.org).

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Kerry Herd Counselor	Ext 119
Ann Stubbs Counselor	Ext 117
Carleen Cairns Secretary	Ext 110
Andrea Lopez Secretary	Ext 112

## Congratulations to our March Students of the Month

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ☘ Kelsey Dawson
  - ☘ Zack Spicer


- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ☘ Kendra Locke
  - ☘ Alyssa Martinez

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- ☘ Jason Bud
  - ☘ Rachel Lalomia

### and March's Class of the Month

- ☘ Mrs. Thompson's 3<sup>rd</sup> hour Compass Math class

**O.W. Best Middle School Band Concert**  
 Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria  
 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands



SCHOOL PLAY

Mr. Bergeron's Drama class presents:

**Skid Mark**

Showing:  
 Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
 Curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m.

Admission:  
 \$2.00 for children 12 and under  
 \$3.00 for adults  
 \$5.00 for VIP seating



8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

ORIENTATION TO A.H.S.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be going over to Annapolis High School during the week June 4<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet with high school students who will lead them around the building for an orientation with the administrators and counselors of Annapolis. Students will be dismissed from A.H.S. when the orientation is done. Please look for permission slips to be coming home soon.

RECOGNITION NIGHT

O.W. Best's annual Recognition Night for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This year-end event, **by mail invitation only**, rewards 8<sup>th</sup> graders for their achievements during their "Best" years. Awards are given to the highest achieving students in all academic areas.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR FRESHMAN YEAR

Annapolis High School students will visit O.W. Best on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> to talk about Student Council for next year. Voting to elect next year's officers will take place Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

FINAL DAY FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is the final day for Best 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They will be treated to a picnic lunch on that day and dismissed at 11:07 a.m. Students are to leave school premises at this time.

*Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the final day for Best 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. They will be dismissed at 11:07 a.m.*

ACCELERATED  
 READER  
WINNERS

The O.W. Best staff would like to congratulate the following students for showing everyone that they appreciate the passion and skill of reading!

**6<sup>th</sup> grade winners:**

- Jireh Agustin - 122 points
- Alghasimou Ba - 65.1 points
- Ariel McNaughton - 46.2 points
- Ebony Joiner - 36.7 points

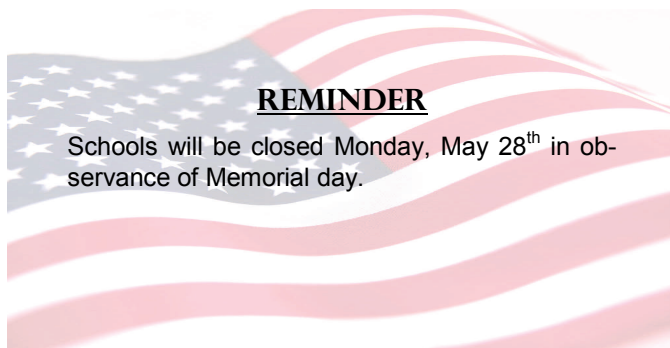
**7<sup>th</sup> grade winners:**

- Zahraa Al-beedani - 116 points
- Daniel Sheridan - 83.1 points
- Shawn Marquez - 57.2 points
- Nya' Travis - 40.9 points

**8<sup>th</sup> grade winners:**

- Maira Gillespie - 116.2 points
- Umar Nasir - 103.9 points
- Alayna Thompson - 82.7 points
- Alanna Davis - 55.4 points

Each student received a Barnes and Noble gift card as a thank you for excelling at reading.



REMINDER

Schools will be closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial day.

# **April 18, 2012**

## **NJHS Meeting Notes**

- 1) Just a reminder that everyone **MUST** attend ALL mandatory NJHS meetings. It is considered an unexcused absence if you do not see Ms. Slezak **BEFORE** a scheduled meeting if you are unable to attend. **FAILURE TO PROVIDE AN EXCUSE MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM NJHS.**
- 2) Remember, to remain a member of NJHS, you **MUST** maintain a SEMESTER GPA of at least a 3.0. Letters were recently sent home to those of you who do not currently have a 3.0. **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A 3.0 GPA MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM NJHS.**
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Individual Service Log Sheets (for February and March) were due on Monday, April 16, 2012. I **WILL NOT** accept late service logs. Those of you who did not turn in your service logs will be getting a letter in the mail soon to either warn you that this is your first or second time not turning in hours or to dismiss you from NJHS because this is your third time not turning in hours.
- 4) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Individual Service Logs Sheets (for April and May) are due to Mrs. Stubbs (either in her mailbox or in person) by 3pm on Monday, June 4, 2012. Late service logs will **not** be accepted. **Please be sure to put your name on your log.** **FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM NJHS.**
  - A letter will be sent home to your parents explaining your failure to complete service hour requirements.
  - If you failed to complete your 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter service hours and you do not complete your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter service hours, you will be placed on probationary status as an NJHS member.
- 5) Service log sheets for Quarter 4 are available at this meeting. Please take one before you leave today. They are also available in the main office.
- 6) The last GROUP service project will be in May. I do not have a specific date yet, so you will need to listen for one in the announcements. I will be posting a list of people who still need to complete group service hours on the NJHS bulletin board right outside the cafeteria. We will be helping Ms. Bosmeijer with a project. Remember, ALL NJHS members must participate in at least one GROUP service project for the 2011/2012 school year. If you did not participate in School Beautification Clean-Up or Pasta for Pennies, you must volunteer to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> group project. Look for the date on the NJHS bulletin board and listen for the date in the announcements.

**NEXT MANDATORY MEETING:**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> FROM 2:45 – 3:15 IN THE O.W. BEST CAFETERIA**