

WILDCAT UPDATE

| USD 358 Oxford Public Schools | January 7-January 20

Monday, January 8

HS Scholars Bowl at Oxford 4:30pm
BOE Meeting 7pm
STUCO Meeting during lunch
Spirit Day: RoloOver- Go to School- PJ Day

Tuesday, January 9

High School Basketball at South Haven
Spirit Day: Jolly Ranchers: Dress Country

Wednesday, January 10

Spirit Day: Taste the Rainbow-Tie Day

Thursday, January 11

Junior High Basketball vs. Udall
High School Wrestling at Hoisington
Spirit Day: Mike and Ike- Twin Day

Friday, January 12

KAY Blood Drive
High School Basketball vs. Central
Coronation between Varsity Games
After Prom Chili Feed
Spirit Day: \$100 Grand-Dress like a Winner Red and Black Day

Saturday, January 13

High School Basketball SCBL Play-In
Games at Oxford
High School Homecoming Dance
8pm-10:30pm

Monday, January 15

No School – Professional Development Day
High School SCBL Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, January 16

High School SCBL Basketball Tournament
High School Wrestling at Bluestem

Thursday, January 18

Junior High Basketball at West Elk
HS SCBL Basketball Tournament
District SITE Council 11:45pm

Friday, January 19-High School SCBL
Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 20

High School SCBL Tournament
Championships at Cowley College
High School Wrestling at Council Grove

HOME COMING WEEK

Board of Education Appreciation Month

This January, please join us as we thank our school board members for volunteering their time, for fulfilling this very important civic responsibility, and for advocating on behalf of every child in our community. Oxford USD 358 Board of Education members are: Derek Totten, Nick Ruyle, Deb Daniels, Cindi Terry, Justin Shepherd, Phillip Rush, and new board member Mitch Reeves. Our appreciation is also extended to USD 358's departing Board of Education member, Dorinda Neises for 12 years of dedicated service to Oxford Schools.



Winter Homecoming 2024

Oxford High School will celebrate homecoming week January 9-12. The Candy Land Theme will be evident in the high school commons homecoming night. Each class will be assigned a pillar section to decorate around the theme as a competition. Coronation will

be held on Friday, January 12th between the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games. The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday from 8-10:30pm for Oxford High School students (9-12).



Notification For

School Delays and Closures

If school is cancelled or the start delayed, notifications will be sent by text, call, and email through the school messaging system. Additionally, notifications will be posted on the USD 358 social media sites and on the USD 358 website. KSN, KWCH, and KAKE will also have the posting. If you are not getting the messages, contact to school office to have your information corrected.

After Prom Chili Feed

Oxford's After Prom Committee is hosting a Chili Feed during Homecoming on Friday, January 12th. The dinner will begin at 5pm. The cost is \$5 for chili or Frito chili pie and a dessert. The funds go toward providing prizes and events for After Prom.

District Office/ High School/Virtual School -620-455-2227 (DO)
620-455-2410 (HS) 515 N. Water Oxford, KS 67119
Oxford Elementary -620-455-2422 -319 E. College Oxford, 67119
619 Special Education: 620-326-8935

Did You Know:

- 82% of 3rd graders scored in top two levels (3 and 4) on the State Math Assessment last year. No third-grade student scored in level 1.
- The district chronic absenteeism rate in 2023 was 8.87%. This down from 13% in 2022. The state average was 21%. (Chronic absenteeism is missing more than 10% of the school year; approximately 16 days)
- Oxford High School and Oxford Online Virtual Schools' combined graduation rate for the last four years is 97%.

Senior Kaden Book-Weber Awarded K-State's Royal Purple Scholarship



Oxford Senior, Kaden Book-Weber was awarded the Kansas State

University Royal Purple Scholarship. Kaden is the son of Shayla Wheeler and Dane Weber, and the grandson of Larry and Sharlene Book. Kaden plans to major in Construction Science.

The Kansas State University Royal Purple Scholarship is open to incoming freshmen students from the state of Kansas. Students must have the best GPA of 3.70-3.84 or higher and 25-28 ACT or 1200-1320 SAT. This scholarship may be renewed for up to three additional years for a total of \$16,000.

Senior Eva Navrat Awarded Prestigious Full-Tuition Scholarships at Southwestern College

Winfield, Kan., Jan. 4, 2024 — Two high school seniors who have committed to attend Southwestern College in the fall of 2024 have been awarded full-tuition scholarships. They are Eva Navrat, Oxford, and Esmeralda Maldonado Posada, Newton.



“We are excited to welcome these incredible young people to our Builder Family – they along with the rest of the incoming Class of 2028 will bring much joy and possibility with them to campus and to Winfield next August,” said Liz Frombgen, Southwestern College President. “It is difficult to capture just how talented and unique the students who came to compete for the full-tuition scholarships are; we are so fortunate that the majority of the finalists have chosen to make Southwestern their home for the next four years.”

The Pillars Scholarship is a merit-based award that recognizes two students who demonstrate outstanding academic abilities. Each of the scholarships is renewable for four years and valued at approximately \$150,000.

Eva Navrat is the daughter of Tony and Jamie Navrat and attends Oxford High School. She plans to major in graphic design and participate in softball.

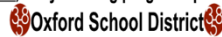
“With over 100 applications for the Pillars competition, we were excited to host such accomplished students,” DeLong says. “The finalists invited to campus demonstrated their leadership and academic excellence in essays and interviews and exemplify the heart of true Builders. We are honored to welcome such talented students to our campus this fall.”

Southwestern College is a private liberal arts college, founded in 1885 by Methodists in south central Kansas. Today its Winfield campus is the residential hub that guides students to lives of meaning and service, with well-rounded academic and extra-curricular offerings attracting traditional-aged students from throughout the nation and world.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS



Fun, free, early learning program sponsored by



For parents and children prenatal to age 4.

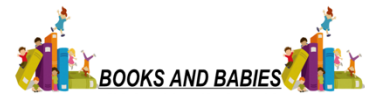
Personal Visits include:

- researched based child development information specific for your child's developmental age
- developmental screenings
- parenting support
- fun parent/child activities
- resource network
- Group Connections

For more information and to schedule a screening contact:

Sharon Hooker

1-620-968-8454 (call or text) shooker@argonia359.org



BOOKS AND BABIES
OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday:

10:00-10:45

January 10th

January 24th

February 14th

February 28th

March 27th

April 10th

April 24th

Come join the fun!!!!

GROUP CONNECTIONS

For parents and children 0-4 years,

Singing, nursery rhymes, finger plays,

Story time, activity and snack.