



Winter Formal: Tips for Girls

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Are you going to Winter Formal?... Well if so make sure to come on Friday, February 9th from 5:30 to 7:30, and here are a few tips for all the girls that will help to make sure you to have a great night!!

Don't wear any inappropriate clothing, Make sure to show up on time... you don't want to miss anything!! Don't stress about your hair and makeup we will all look gorgeous no matter what! Try to bring a small purse to formal to keep the essentials in like... your phone, gum, and lipgloss/lipstick. Don't forget to take tons of pictures with everyone, not just your friends! Drink plenty of water because it gets very hot in there, and HAVE FUN!!



Eleven Time State Champions?

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Tennis season is just around the corner. The ten time winning Oxford charger tennis team started practice this week to prepare for the upcoming season. The tennis team has won the state championship the last ten years. The players and Coach Nash are hoping to make it eleven this year. Moving up to 6A this year may make it harder to become state champions again, but many people have hope that the chargers can bring home another win.



The 2018 Winter Olympics

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Get ready for this years Winter Olympics! It will be held in South Korea on February 9 and it will end February 25. There will be 242 athletes representing the United States in this years 2018 Winter Olympics. There will be Alpine skiing, Bobsledding, cross country skiing, figure skating, snowboarding, long track speed skating, and hundreds of other events.

Since this years Olympics is in South Korea there will be many dangers due to North Korea being right next to South Korea. Since the North has made significant progress with weapon programs in recent months, testing missiles and conducting a huge underground nuclear bomb test



in September despite international condemnation. The circumstances have sparked alarming talk among Olympic officials. Ticket sales have also been low, 35 percent of what was hoped for at this point has not been sold because people out side of Korea are scared that North Korea is going to harm them while they are at the Olympics.

Despite all of the talk about North Korea some people are wondering how much Olympians actually make. The Olympians don't make

as much money as people would think. The rule is that you have to actually win a medal to receive money from the Olympics. If you get gold you get 25,000, if you get silver it's 15,000, and if you get bronze you get 10,000. So for some of the Olympians who don't win a medal it's kind of disappointing when you train and train for several years and you don't win a medal or receive any money.

There are definitely many ups and down about the Olympics being held in South Korea. It's going to be very interesting to see what goes down their and to see how many Americans actually win a medal. Let's all hope for the best and support our American athletes!

The Super Bowl

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Have you been watching the playoffs? Well if not here is a recap on the 2018 playoffs. The Bills lose in the first round after a outstanding run. The highly seeded Rams the 3 seed get beat by the six seed Falcons. The saints handled the Panthers for the third time in a row this season and the Titans won also in the first round. The second round goes almost as expected. The 1 and 2 seeds win in the NFC. On the other hand the Steelers lose to the Jaguars, but the Patriots win over the Titans. The Vikings and Jaguars both get knocked out which leads us up to today. With the Super Bowl getting close you need to know who to place your bet on.

The 1 seed Eagles were the underdog in the play-offs even though they were the one seed. Their QB Carson Wentz was injured leading up into

the playoffs and was replaced by Nick Foles. The Eagles will have to face one of the best players of all time Tom Brady. The Patriots average arounds 406 yards per game most of those yards are in the air. Normally the Eagles opponents throw for most of their yards and have success. With Tom Brady throwing those numbers will be high.

The reigning champs and 1 seed Patriots are rolling through the playoffs. In the last game Tom Brady had stitches on this throwing thumb. Those stitches received a lot of hype from the media and fans wondering if he would still play the same. Also in the last game Robert Gronkowski got a concussion. If Gronkowski is out their Super Bowl run just might deflate.



MISS HONESTY

Question #1

So basically, last year, I had this group of friends and we always did everything together all of the time. Well, this year it has all changed because of one girl that kind of, I guess in a way, replaced me. They won't do anything with me anymore and they always talk about me. Because before she became friends with them, which is totally okay because people can be friends with anyone, I would hang out with them and them only because we were so close and spent all of our time together. I have other friends, but not many close ones. Since I only spent most of my time with them, I don't really have a lot of friends in Oxford anymore - not because I'm mean or in any bad way, but just because I don't really know anyone else very well.. My best friend doesn't live here, so I don't have anyone to really be good friends with because everyone already has their own friend groups. I just feel like all of a sudden no one likes me anymore and I honestly don't know what happened or why. -Anonymous

Answer #1

Hey Miss Honesty here, If they talked about you behind your back and didn't want to hang out with you, then they weren't real friends in the first place. Try branching out and asking new people to hang out that you wouldn't hang out with. Don't feel like you aren't good enough because you are. Always be yourself and don't try to change for people who don't accept you the way you are.

Question #2

So I am headed out of 7th grade this year and I wanted to know that when I get into 8th grade will it be much harder than 7th grade? and also is 8th grade much easier. Without playing a sport or extracurricular activities after schools?

Answer #2

Hey Miss Honesty here, it is up to you and your classes. I feel that 8th grade is a little easier depending on the classes that you take. For instance, if it is a High School credit class. You just have to study and learn how to manage your time. For example, put up your phone for two hours to study. If you don't do sports in 8th grade it will definitely be easier because you will have more time to study and you won't stay up so late trying to cram in homework or a study session. If you are not passionate in that sport and it is making you not be able to study than just don't do it. I'm not saying don't do sports, I'm saying it is up to you ,and what you feel will work for you.

Question #3

My two best friend since forever will barely talk to me since a tryout that they both made and I did not. I feel so isolated from them and that there is a wall between us now.

Answer #3

Hey Miss Honesty here, well first of tell them you feel and tell them that it really made you sad that they have isolated you out of their life. Be kind, not confrontational. And if they don't change after you have told them how you feel then they weren't your real friends in the first place Just be yourself don't change.

Remember to keep sending in your questions!

ISS is Back!

By: Madison Sawyer
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At the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, In School Suspension (ISS) was moved from Oxford Middle School to Oxford Learning Center. Mrs. Rester stated that there were a variety of reasons for making this change. Not only would it eliminate some cost and create some consistency, OSD Administration also thought that going to OLC would give kids an "I don't need to do this again" thought process.



The Oxford School District did this for the first semester of the 2017-18 school year, but they quickly saw that there were some issues with this new arrangement. Mrs. Rester stated that some of the issues were with transportation, getting to and from the school, and because sometimes kids just need to go to ISS for a couple of periods of the day instead of the whole day. There was also the issue with kids missing a lot of class and getting behind, where being at the school could eliminate that because the teachers are in the same building as they are. Because of those reasons plus many more, the Oxford School District decided that bringing ISS back to the schools was the right decision.

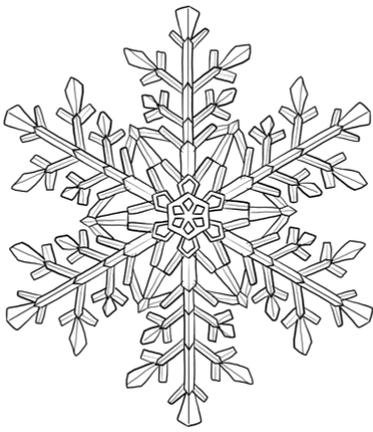
The New ISS teacher is Luke Doughty, and you may see him in the hallways or even in your classroom when he does not have any students. When he does have students there are different



things that a day of ISS consists of. The expectation is that you complete your school work like you would any other day, just in isolation where you can't talk or eat lunch with your friends, so ultimately you just miss your social time. While it is understood that all of us will make mistakes from time to time, another thing that you do in ISS is something restorative. So what ever you did to get to ISS, you will do something that will help you understand that what you did was ISS is indeed a punishment and meant to deter you from certain behavior or action but taking you away from your home school has not been the best thing. With the decision to have ISS back at the school, the

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