

Graduation Remarks, June 2018

Board Trustee Dr. A. Ross



Good afternoon OBHS graduates, families and friends. It is an honor to be here on this momentous day and to make some brief remarks to you on behalf of the Board of Education!

Graduation from high school is certainly a milestone you will soon not forget, and I am filled with hope for you today.

I hope that we have provided you with an education that encouraged you to engage deeply with work and learning and that your opportunities to collaborate with your peers and teachers and mentors were a chance to see how working together can be fruitful and rewarding. I hope that you were enriched by taking advantage of the wide variety of musical, artistic and athletic opportunities that were available. I hope that you have built friendships that will last a lifetime. Most importantly, I hope that we have instilled in you the desire to be life long learners, explorers and creators.

In addition I hope we also helped you each find your COURAGE. According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, courage means

mental or moral strength to venture, persevere.

COURAGE also suggests strength in overcoming fear and carrying on against difficulties.

Each of you is an individual that will need to use your courage every day. Some days you will need to use a little courage to maybe not buy that second package of peanut m & m's. Other days you will need to use a LOT of courage to maybe deal with some serious difficulties you are experiencing or maybe stand up for yourself. Maybe you will need to use your courage to help someone else who needs a friend or a helping hand. You will find that there will be a variety of opportunities life will present to you and your courage can help you undertake them and be enterprising. Of course, there will also be obstacles along your way and your courage will help you find the strength to persist and endure.

So venture out proud graduates and USE your courage every day to help you persevere. I look forward to hearing about what you do.

On behalf of the BOE Congratulations, and please remember to come back and visit!!