

Otis-Bison defeated by Tescott

The Otis-Bison High School football team traveled to Tescott on Friday, September 25, to tackle the rain and lightning. The Cougars lost the game 12-47. The game ended in the third quarter due to weather.

Dylan Richardson completed 0 passes of 2 tries. The first string quarterback, Maddox Firebaugh was out due to injury.

Tescott focused on Aiden Ochs-Lohrey, but he still carried the ball 23 times for 108

yards and 2 touchdowns. Richardson carried the ball 4 times for 14 yards.

Ochs-Lohrey led the team in tackles with 4 tackles, 4 assists. Kolten Cory had 3 tackles, 2 assists; Marcus Starr 5 assists; Richardson 3 tackles, 1 assist; Ethan Maier 1 tackle, 2 assists; and Travis Ross 2 tackles.

The Cougars will travel to Ransom on October 2 to play Western Plains. Otis-Bison is 3-1 for the season.

Lady Cougars drop to 9-13-1

The Otis-Bison High School volleyball team had better luck at home last week than on the road.

They played Dighton on Monday, September 21, winning 25-19, 21-25, 28-26, 18-25, 21-19.

They hosted Parents' Night on Tuesday, September 22. The Lady Cougars defeated Macksville 25-18, 25-21, and La Crosse 25-11, 25-17.

They were skunked at the Hoisington Tournament on Saturday, September 26. They lost to Central Plains 15-25, 23-25; St. John 22-25, 17-25; Phillipsburg 14-25, 20-25; and Hoisington 4-25, 7-25.

They will travel to Chase on Tuesday, September 29, to play Central Plains and Chase, and to St. John on Tuesday, October 6, to play Ness City, Kinsley and St. John.

-USD 403 holds board meeting-

The Otis-Bison U.S.D. No. 403 Board of Education meeting was called to order on August 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. by President Bernard Juno. At the roll call Bernard Juno, Phillip Funk, Robert Mitchell and Amanda Wiltse were present. Also attending were Superintendent Karen Maier and Clerk Ann Kenyon.

Motion was made by Phillip Funk and seconded by Robert Mitchell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Report: Mrs. Maier reported that the buildings look great and most of the supplies needed to start the school year have been ordered. Gave an update on the new accounting software. Back to School Schedule: August 10 - orientation for OBA students; August 13 - new teacher orientation and DLT meeting; August 14 - teacher workday; August 17 - all staff inservice and the first day of practice; August 18 - building faculty meetings, teacher workday and open house; August 18 - first day of school The budget is complete and ready for approval. Reported on annual DOT inspections. Custodians and District Office staff were acknowledged for a job well done over the summer.

Motion was made by Phillip Funk and seconded by Amanda Wiltse to approve the consent agenda that contains the July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Accounts Payable, Activity and Petty Cash Funds. Motion carried 4-0.

Implementing a cell phone policy for staff was discussed and the Board decided against doing so. Superintendent Maier will relay to staff the Board's expectations regarding the use of devices.

Superintendent Maier explained the new social media do's and don'ts for schools and that coaches will use TeamReach to communicate with athletes while still complying with the new law. Motion was made by Phillip Funk and seconded by Robert Mitchell to approve Facebook, YouTube and Instagram as social media platforms appropriate for one way school communication. Motion carried 4-0.

Amanda Wiltse motioned to approve the PowerSchool renewal for the 2026-27 school year and Phillip Funk seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Amanda Wiltse and seconded by Robert Mitchell to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented for publication. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Amanda Wiltse and seconded by Phillip Funk to have our RNR Hearing on September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Classroom at 301 West Eagle in Otis, Kansas and our Budget Hearing at 7:15 p.m. in the same location. Motion carried 4-0.

Robert Mitchell made a motion and Phillip Funk seconded to approve the student for early graduation from OBA as presented. Motion Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Phillip Funk and seconded by Amanda Wiltse to dispose of the old scoreboard and lunch tables as appropriate. Motion carried 4-0.

Phillip Funk made a motion and Robert Mitchell seconded to approve the classified and substitute handbooks as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made Phillip Funk and seconded by Robert Mitchell to go into Executive Session with the board and Superintendent Maier to discuss negotiations pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and administrative and classified personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and that we return to open meeting in the boardroom at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

President Juno called the meeting to open session at 8:46 p.m. with action to be taken.

Motion was made by Phillip Funk and seconded by Amanda Wiltse to approve the Negotiated Agreement agreed upon with Otis-Bison Teachers for the 26-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Amanda Wiltse and seconded by Bernard Juno to approve classified pay as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Robert Mitchell and seconded by Phillip Funk to approve OBA Director and Student Advisor salaries as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion was made by Amanda Wiltse and seconded by Robert Mitchell to approve Administration salaries as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Phillip Funk moved to adjourn. Amanda Wiltse seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Bernard Juno, President

Ann Kenyon, Clerk

Otis-Bison Student of the Week



Congratulations to our Otis-Bison Student of the Week, Jaylie Wagner, a sophomore at Otis-Bison High School. This award is sponsored by 93.5 Thunder, Jimmy John's, and Barton Community College. Jaylie was nominated for the award by OBHS Science Teacher, Mr. Little. "Jaylie works hard every day and helps out whenever needed. She is kind to both her classmates and her teachers. Jaylie always gives her best and has a great attitude towards learning," said Mr. Little. Congratulations Jaylie! We are proud of you! Jaylie is pictured above with OBHS Science Teacher, Mr. Little. (school courtesy photo)

OTIS-BISON Unified School District No. 403
-- WEEKLY ACTIVITY CALENDAR --

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	OBJH VB at Otis PARENTS NIGHT	OBHS VB at St. John	BOE Mtg. 7:30 p.m.	JH FB at Ness City CC at Sterling	OBHS FB at Home vs. S. Coffey Co. PARENTS NIGHT Fifth Quarter After Game	OBHS CPL VB Tour. at Hoisington

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OTIS-BISON HIGH SCHOOL
OTIS-BISON JUNIOR HIGH
2026
FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

(ALL DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Game Time 7 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 28	Jamboree (6 p.m.)	Otis
Fri. Sept. 4	Centre	Lost Springs
Fr. Sept. 11	Palco	Otis
Fri. Sept. 18	Logan HOMECOMING	Otis
Fri. Sept. 25	Tescott	Tescott
Fri. Oct. 2	Western Plains	Ransom
Sat. Oct. 9	Southern Coffey County	Otis
Fri. Oct. 16	Chase PARENTS NIGHT	Otis
Fri. Oct. 23	Pawnee Heights	Rozel
Thurs. Oct. 29	Bracket Game	
Fri. Nov. 6	Regional	
Fri. Nov. 13	Sectional	
Fri. Nov. 20	Sub-State	
Sat. Nov. 28	State	

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Tues. Aug. 25	Volleyball Jamboree	@ Spearville	5:00
Sat. Aug. 29	Norton Tournament	@ Norton	9:00
Tues. Sept. 1	Stafford/Cunningham	@ Stafford	4:00
Thurs. Sept. 3	Macksville/LaCrosse	@ Macksville	4:00
Sat. Sept. 12	OB / LaCrosse Tournament	@ OB/LHS	9:00
Tues. Sept. 15	Ness / Quinter	@ Ness City	4:00
Mon. Sept. 21	Dighton	@ Otis	4:00
Tues Sept. 22	Macksville/LaCrosse PARENTS NIGHT	@ Otis	4:00
Sat. Sept. 26	Hoisington Tournament	@ Hoisington	9:00
Tues. Sept. 29	Cent. Plains/Chase	@ Chase	4:00
Tues. Oct. 6	Ness City/Kinsley/St. John	@ St. John	4:00
Sat. Oct. 10	CPL Tournament	@ Hoisington	9:00
Tues. Oct. 13	Victoria/Ellinwood	@ Ellinwood	4:00
Oct. 19 / 20	Regionals		
Sat. Oct. 24	Sub-State		
Oct. 29 / 30	State		

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 5	TMP - Marian	Hays	9:00 a.m.
Sat. Sept. 12	Pratt-Skyline	Pratt	9:30 a.m.
Thurs. Sept. 17	St. John Invitational	Stafford	9:00 a.m.
Thurs. Sept. 24	Larned	Larned	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 1	Ness City	Ness City	4:00 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 8	Sterling	Sterling	3:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 15	CPL	Ness City	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 24	Regionals	Sat. Oct. 31	State

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thurs. Sept. 3	Central Plains	La Crosse	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 10	St. John	St. John	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 19	Ellinwood	La Crosse	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 24	Macksville	Macksville	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 1	Victoria	Victoria	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 8	Ness City	Ness City	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. Oct. 15	Kinsley	La Crosse	6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Mon. Sept. 8	Victoria/St. John	Victoria	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Sept. 12	Western Plains Tournament	Bazine	9:00 a.m.
Mon. Sept. 14	Kinsley/Ness City	Otis	4:00 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 21	Natoma	Natoma	4:00 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 28	Hoisington/Ellinwood	Hoisington	4:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 3	JV Tournament	Kinsley	9:00 a.m.
Mon. Oct. 5	Macksville/La Crosse PARENTS NIGHT	Otis	4:00 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 12	Central Plains/Chase	Bushton	4:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 18	CPL Tournament	Victoria	9:00 a.m.

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