

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

By Principal Kate Ross

SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

EVENTS 9/5-9/11 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

9/5-9/11

9/12-9/18

5 Labor Day/No School	12 Ballroom in the Orchestra Room 2:15-3:45
6-9 Suicide Prevention Week	13 PTSA General Board Meeting 9:30 AM in TLC
6 eSports AfterSchool Competitions Begin 2:15-3:00	14 Secure and Hold Drill (More info TBA)
7 Ballroom in the Orchestra Room 12:30-2:30	14 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Lehi Jr.
7 Cross Country Meet 5-6 @ Orem Junior	15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month
8 Flag Football Intramurals Begin	15 Spirit Night-Kneaders 5-8 PM
8 Technology Student Association Meetings Begin	15-16 School Pictures + Vision Screening
11 OCJH SCC Nominations Due	12-16 OCJH SCC Elections

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS

Eagles, as we continue to settle into this new school year, we are seeing so many great things happening at Oak Canyon. Thank you to everyone that took the challenge I issued last week to learn the names of at least 10 people you didn't know before. Thank you to everyone who showed their school spirit and dressed up for Welcome Week, and thanks to our Student Leadership Coalition for leading the way! It can be challenging to find ways to participate in school, and at Oak Canyon, we are thrilled to provide some after school activities geared to offer more ways for students to become involved. This week we have Intramural Flag Football starting after school with Mr. Johnson, and eSports Competitions and TSA (Technology Student Association) Meetings starting with Mr. Redford. Additional afterschool opportunities are forthcoming... We are grateful to have such a willing and talented group of teachers and staff that are heading up these opportunities.

Parents, there are ways for you to be involved too! Some of these opportunities include: joining and/or volunteering in the OCJH PTSA; participating on the Oak Canyon School Community Council; or simply reading these newsletters and staying informed about all things Oak Canyon. If you or your student have interest in any of the above opportunities, please continue reading for more information! It's going to be a great week, Eagles! Keep up the GREAT work--keep smiling and doing your best!

NEW INFORMATION:

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

School Spirit Night Save the Date! Our next Spirit Night PTSA fundraiser will be at Kneaders on Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5-8pm!!

Now is the time to help us celebrate Teacher and Staff Birthdays throughout the year!! Donate at the finance office or online at myschoolfees.com (click the PTSA Category under Optional Fees or Public Items). We want to help our teachers and staff feel loved on their birthday and your donations will help us do just that!

2022 PTA REFLECTIONS Theme: "Show Your Voice"

Do you like to dance, write, take pictures, make music, movies, or art? Submit an entry for Reflections this year and get recognized! There will be prizes for all participants and cash prizes for winners in each category!

Reflections has never been easier- everything is ONLINE! For more information, rules and FAQs visit utahpta.org/Ref Entries are due on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022.

Be in the Know by following Oak Canyon Junior High on facebook @OakCanyonJuniorHigh and Instagram @OCJHeagles. Get REMIND texts about PTSA events by texting @ocjh-ptsa to the number 81010.

OCJH INTRAMURALS INFORMATION FROM MR. JOHNSON

Flag football starts next Thursday the 8th and continues every Thursday in September! Flyers are up around the school with a QR code for students to scan to register, but students that don't have a phone can come talk to Mr. Johnson in the counseling office or visit the OCJH Connect tab on the Oak Canyon website. The link is here for your convenience as well: <https://forms.gle/MrkuLUnDQCcRPFEi7>

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM MR. REDFORD:

OCJH eSports competitions are starting on Tuesday, September 6th. OCJH eSports is open to 7th, 8th and 9th graders. We will meet in Mr. Redford room, F115, on Tuesdays from 2:15-3. Students can compete in Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, or Rocket League. The top teams will compete in the State Competitions in the Fall and Spring tournaments.

OCJH TSA. Congratulations to last year's 9th graders that went to nationals in Dallas Texas. Anna Bowden, Sophia Bao, and Kyler Sifuentes brought home a 1st place finish in Microcontroller Design. The OCJH Technology Student Association will start meeting on Thursday, September 8th, in Mr. Redford's room, F115. TSA is open for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. We will be preparing for a number of technology competitions. If you are interested or have any questions, talk to Mr. Redford.

OCJH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The OCJH School Community Council consists of elected parent and teacher members who identify the areas of greatest academic need in our school and oversee the allocation of over \$100,000 of LandTrust funds to address those needs. There are currently three parent positions open on the Council. You may nominate yourself or someone else for that position using this [nomination form](#). Nominations are open until September 11th. An electronic ballot will be sent to all Oak Canyon parents on September 12th, and voting will close at 3:00 pm on September 16, 2022. The SCC will meet from 2:30-3:30 on 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 1/17, 2/21, 3/21, 4/18, and 5/16.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE:

Fee Waiver Applications are due by September 30th. This application needs to be completed and turned in every school year along with current documentation for proof of qualification. Only one application needs to be filled out per family. If you have students at the High School it is preferred the application is turned into the High School Finance Secretary. Upon approval they will notify OCJH if your family qualifies. If you're interested in a payment plan to assist you in paying your students fees please contact the Finance Office at 801-610-8141. Statements will be sent via email--at the beginning of every month--until the balance of your students fees are paid.

OAK CANYON IS HIRING AIDES!

Currently, we are looking to fill multiple aide positions at Oak Canyon. The pay starts around \$13 per hour ranging up to 29 hours per week. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have at least a high school graduation equivalency. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Ross directly at kateross@alpinedistrict.org.

REMINDERS:

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 1 TO 1 CHROMEBOOKS AT OCJH

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT A CHROMEBOOK WITHOUT PARENT PERMISSION. Permission can be granted in Skyward by parents/guardians. Please see the links below for assistance navigating Skyward:

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward](#)

[Chromebook Permission Tutorial in Skyward Video](#)

If you cannot access Skyward, you can print out, sign, and return the following document to the school:

[At-Home Technology Agreement--English](#)

[At-Home Technology Agreement--Spanish](#)

In the instance of lost, stolen, or damaged Chromebooks, **insurance** can be purchased for \$25 for the whole school year. Otherwise, the cost to replace a Chromebook is \$150. Click on the link below for insurance information:

[Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

If you would like to **manage your student's Chromebook at home**, we are pleased to inform you about an app called Blocks. Blocks allows parents to pause the internet, to set a "bedtime" for the Chromebook, to create a list of restricted sites, etc. when the Chromebook is in use at home. ASD has various filters and restrictions in place when the students are at school, but we desire students to be safe online at home as well. Click here to learn more about Blocks:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9Q6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F3Q6Ond21tPsYJ5gYE40kdMqDngi5jNj/view?usp=sharing>

If your student is experiencing **technical problems** with their Chromebook, click here to access some troubleshooting tips: [Chromebook Issues Troubleshooting Tips](#)

For an overview of our 1 to 1 Chromebook Initiative as well as expectations for parents and students, click on the link below or see the infographic at the end of the newsletter:

