

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS 10/24-11/6 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

10/24-10/30 (A-WEEK)

10/31-11/6 (B-WEEK)

24 School Spirit Night- Vineyard Chubby's 2-9PM
24 Girls' Open Gym 2:30-3:30
25 Boys' Open Gym 2:15-4:00
25 ASD Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 @ District Office
26 Boy's Open Gym 12:15-2:15
26 Honor Roll Treats 11:45 AM
26 PG Cares Connection Event 5:45-9:00 @ PGHS
27 3 on 3 Basketball Championship 2:30-3:30 in the Gym
27 Student Leadership Coalition Meeting 2:30-3:15
28 Cross Country Party 2:15-3:15

31 Halloween
31 Girls' Open Gym 2:30-3:30
1 Choir Festival at Cedar Valley HS 9:15-2:00
1 Boys' Open Gym 2:15-4:00
1 PTSA Executive Board Meeting 9:30
1 First Day of Native American Heritage Month
2 Boy's Open Gym 12:15-2:15
3 OCMB Field Trip to Orem High 10:00-12:00
5 Ballroom Team Competition 12-3 @ American Heritage
6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS



WE INCLUDE AND
SERVE OTHERS

WE COMMUNICATE
APPROPRIATELY

WE NOTICE AND
ENCOURAGE GROWTH

WE CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES
AND SUCCESSES

WE CONTRIBUTE TO
THE WORLD

Today marks the beginning of a new term. Many lessons have been taught and many lessons have been learned so far this year. Some of those lessons have been academic and some have been more in the realm of skills and dispositions. It is tricky, especially when one has experienced results opposite of what was hoped for to be excited to start anew. At the end of the day, we all want to experience success and we all want to be part of something that matters. Oftentimes, if we don't believe that we can have success, we simply do not try for fear of proving ourselves right that we cannot improve even if we want to.

I encourage all students and staff to take a moment to reflect upon successes and identify areas for improvement from the 1st Term. This is a valuable process in powerfully replicating behaviors, patterns, and routines that have resulted in success and alter or eliminate behaviors, patterns, and routines that have resulted in a negative result. We must be intentional in our efforts, and celebrate our journey. It is my hope that all students and staff feel success this term and put forth their best efforts each day!

NEW INFORMATION:

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

PTSA Spirit Night fundraiser TONIGHT from 2-9pm at the Vineyard Chubby's! Come grab an after school snack or dinner for the family!! Chubby's is donating 20% of all sales back to Oak Canyon!

Honor Roll Treats

The PTSA will be handing out Honor Roll Treats at the end of the day on Wednesday, Oct. 26 for those who earned a 3.7 GPA or higher in Term 1. Keep up the good work, Eagles!

Support PTSA With Every Amazon Purchase

With holiday shopping just around the corner, a great way to support the PTSA and the student programs here at Oak Canyon is by signing up for Amazon Smile. There is no simpler way to support our school! If you haven't already done so, please log in to smile.amazon.com and choose PTA Utah Congress Oak Canyon Jr High PTSA as your charity. You can now set up Amazon Smile in the Amazon app as well!

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE--LAST CHANCE

It's not too late if you have not purchased Chromebook insurance for the year! **The last day to purchase insurance is Tuesday, November 1.** The cost is \$25 and more information can be found by clicking on this link: [Purchasing Chromebook Insurance](#)

PG CARES--LIGHT THE FIGHT EVENT 11/26

PG Cares is thrilled to be hosting another big community event this Wednesday, October 26th at PGHS from 5:45 PM to 9:00 PM. It's going to be a fantastic evening with an amazing presentation, Q & A Panel, Parent Resources, drawings, refreshments, etc. With Fall Break and a few hiccups (like covid) we're a little behind on getting the advertising out so make sure to spread the word! Click here for more information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DBqZARVFz2UYkbuVa2_YkAzcCpWoljTp/view?usp=sharing

TRYOUTS FOR SPORTS TEAMS

Oak Canyon Basketball Tryouts: November 9, 2022--Boys 12:15-2:15/Girls 2:15-4:15

PGHS Boys' Soccer: Tryout Meeting 11/17 @ 4PM in Media Center/Tryouts 2/27 and 2/28

Timpanogos Boys Basketball: 9th Grade Boys Can Try Out for 10th Team on 11/7 5-7 PM & 11/8 3-4:30 PM at THS

Also, if you have interest in Timpanogos Youth Wrestling grades 1-8, please click on this link for more information: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vcdnpf8M3O4Wc2OM3JuxY9l2q5fw5CHc/view?usp=sharing>

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS 10/31

Students are permitted to wear halloween costumes to school on Monday, October 31 under the following conditions: 1. All of the rules pertaining to dress code still apply, 2. No weapons (real or pretend) are allowed, 3. Face painting is allowed, but no masks, 4. No excessive gore, 5. Students must be able to engage in learning.

REMINDERS:

ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is **Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging**? Please nominate them for the new ASD RISE Award. Nominees will be recognized at their school, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office. Click [here](#) to access the nomination form.

OCJH AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

Oak Canyon offers a variety of after school connection activities. There is a link to them on the website and they are listed on the OCJH Calendar as well. Here is a listing of those weekly activities:

M Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 2:15-3:45

T E-Sports (Redford F115) 2:15-3:00

T FBLA (Wintle F114) 2:15-3:00

T 3D Design (Hansen E106) 2:15-3:00

T Improvisation (Lamoreaux Auditorium) 2:15-3:00 Starting in January.

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room) 12:30-2:30

TH TSA (Redford F115) 2:30-3:30

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102) 2:30-3:30 (Until January)

F Jewelry Making (Flood B147) 2:15-3:00 (1st and 3rd Fridays)

F Math Club (Jorgensen B152) 2:15-3:15

In addition, Ms. Bachelor, will be hosting a lunch time book club in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays during both lunches. Students can bring their lunches with them to the library. They will be discussing *Never After: The Thirteenth Fairy*, a fun fantasy adventure for fans of *Fablehaven*.

CHROMEBOOK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT COSTS

Now that students have received their Chromebooks we are starting to perform repairs and replacements on damaged machines. This is what you need to know:

1. Please remind your students that they are responsible to take care of these district owned machines. Chromebooks are quite durable, but if thrown around in backpacks, slammed shut repeatedly, dropped, etc., they will become damaged.
2. Students are responsible to pay for damages they cause to their Chromebook. The repairs/replacement costs are as follows:
 - a. Minor Tampering \$10
 - b. Replacement Charging Cord \$30
 - c. Screen/Other Replacement \$150
 - d. Replacement Device \$150

3. When a chromebook is being repaired, the school has some loaner devices that can be used by students in the meantime. However, in order for a student to get back their assigned Chromebook after it has been repaired/replaced, they will need to pay the charged fee first.
4. Insurance is available on these devices for \$25 per year. Click [here](#) if you would like to learn more.

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/17ObSUqvSD028sohWCFJ9O6sihS4V8S67b2X8uIG21z8/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:

[Oak Canyon 1:1 to Parents and Students '22](#)