

OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS 12/12-1/3 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

12/12-12/18 (A-WEEK)

12/19-1/3

<p>12-16 Sock Drive and Coat Drive (More Info Below)</p> <p>12 Band Elementary Tour 9:15-2:00</p> <p>12 Boys' Basketball @ Timberline 3:00-4:30</p> <p>12 Girls' Basketball vs. Timberline 3:00-4:30</p> <p>13 Chamber Choir Elementary Tour 9:15-1:45</p> <p>13 Boys' Basketball Practice 2:20-4:10 in the Gym</p> <p>13 Girls' Basketball Practice 4:10-5:50 in the Gym</p> <p>13 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office</p> <p>14 Boys Basketball Practice 12:30-3:15 in the Gym</p> <p>14 Girls' Basketball Practice 3:15-5:50 in the Gym</p> <p>15 Student Appreciation Treats from PTSA @ Lunch</p> <p>15 Boys' Basketball vs. Vista Heights 3:00-4:30</p> <p>15 Girls' Basketball @ Vista Heights 3:00-4:30</p> <p>16 End of Term 2/Minimal Day (7:45 AM-11:15 AM)</p> <p>16 Girls' Basketball Practice 11:15-2:00 in the Gym</p> <p>16 Boys' Basketball Practice 2:00-4:45 in the Gym</p> <p>18 Hanukkah Begins</p>	<p>Dec. 19-January 2 Winter Break</p> <p>19-20 Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-11:00 in the Gym</p> <p>19-20 Girls' Basketball Practice 11:00-2:00 in the Gym</p> <p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>25 Christmas Day</p> <p>26 Kwanzaa Begins</p> <p>26-30 Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-11:00 in the Gym</p> <p>26-30 Girls' Basketball Practice 11:00-2:00 in the Gym</p> <p>31 New Year's Eve</p> <p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>2 Kwanzaa Ends</p> <p>3 School Resumes</p>
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MESSAGE FROM MRS. ROSS



WE COME TO SCHOOL
READY TO LEARN

WE ORGANIZE OUR MATERIALS
AND TIME

WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE
AND DO OUR BEST

WE SEEK INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS

WE CONTRIBUTE TO
OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

I cannot believe that we are already at the halfway point for this school year! It has literally flown by. It is easy to get lost in the fast paced day to day, especially during the Holidays, so I made a little time to stop and appreciate the efforts that have gotten us this far. As I reflected, I was overwhelmed by how many good and wonderful things have already transpired. I'm proud of obstacles overcome, goals achieved, skills and abilities developed, not to mention being filled with hope for what lies ahead as we complete the year. While reflecting, I was struck by the fact that often we are so intent on reaching our destination that often we forget to enjoy in the journey. In fact, as I reflected further, it occurred to me that perhaps the destination IS the journey itself. If we only celebrate accomplishments when we pass the test, complete the class, perform the piece, win the game, etc., we rob ourselves of the opportunity to own all of the growth that we've experienced along the way regardless of the outcome. I would encourage us all to take a moment of reflection and celebrate before we start making goals and New Year's resolutions. Wishing you and yours a peaceful and safe holiday season!

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NEW INFORMATION:

FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

STUDENT APPRECIATION TREATS

Student Appreciation Treats will be handed out by the PTSA to all students on Thursday, Dec. 15 during lunchtime. Be sure to stop by the PTSA table for your treat! We love our Oak Canyon Eagles!

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT @ CAFE ZUPAS, TUESDAY, 1/10

Our next PTSA Spirit Night fundraiser will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the Orem Cafe Zupas from 4- 9pm! Come get a snack or dinner for your family! Zupas will be donating 20% of Oak Canyon orders to our school!! Be sure to mention Oak Canyon before paying! We appreciate your support!

OAK CANYON HAS TALENT

Our annual favorite "Oak Canyon Has Talent" event is coming up soon! Applications will be due online on Friday, Jan. 27. Start thinking about a talent you would like to share with Oak Canyon!

END OF TERM 2/SEMESTER 1, FRIDAY 12/16

The end of Term 2 and our 1st Semester is fast approaching. Please take a moment to review your student's grades with them ASAP to avoid missing important deadlines or opportunities to talk with teachers. The 2nd Semester/Term 3 will begin on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

12/16 MINIMAL DAY SCHEDULE

This Friday is a Minimal Day. School will start at 7:45 and lunch will be at the very end of the day from 10:45-11:15. Please see the schedule below:

A1	7:45-8:25	Pass	8:25-8:32
A2	8:32-9:12	Pass	9:12-9:19
A3	9:19-9:59	Pass	9:59-10:06
A4	10:06-10:45	Lunch	10:45-11:15

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK SPONSORED BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Join us in showing your Holiday Spirit this week!

Monday: Wear Your Pajamas

Tuesday: Wear Red and Green

Wednesday: Wear Your Snow and Ski Gear

Thursday: Wear White

Friday: Wear Your Ugly Sweater

HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES END 12/16--LAST CHANCE!

STAFF LED HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE FOR OCJH STUDENTS/FAMILIES IN NEED

In years past, there has been a Penny Wars service project in December the proceeds of which were used to purchase gift cards for Oak Canyon students and families in need during the holiday season. We are mindful of the current financial situations of many of our patrons and literally do not want to nickel and dime them right before Christmas. Therefore, Penny Wars is being moved to the beginning of February for a different purpose. Our staff has decided to conduct a faculty service project amongst ourselves to fund this gift card tradition to benefit students in need at Christmas. *We are opening up this opportunity to donate to our community at large, if you are so inclined.* To make a donation, you can visit My School Fees and select "Holiday Donation" (or click on this link: [Holiday Donation](#)) and enter an amount of your choosing. **At this time, we have collected \$1750.00 from staff and patrons. Donations will be accepted until December 16th.** Thank you for any contribution you are able to make along with the OCJH faculty and staff to this great cause!

SOCKS ROCK SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS IN SLC

9th Grader Evey Holloway along with the TSA are in charge of this awesome drive. Evey started collecting socks for the homeless when she was in elementary school, and we're excited to join her in donating socks for the homeless in SLC. **The only requirement for donated socks is that they are clean and free from holes. That's it! They can be new, used, mismatched, any size or color.** We all have a few stray socks to contribute that would make a big difference! We have already collected quite a few--keep them coming!

COAT DRIVE FOR UKRAINE

7th Grader Brek Farley along with the Student Voice Coalition are heading up this worthwhile cause! **We are collecting new or used coats of any size or color that are clean and in good condition.** These coats will be given to an organization that is sending supplies to those in need in Ukraine. Collection boxes will be available in the Commons Area as well. Thank you to all who have already donated!

REMINDERS:

OCJH CELEBRATES THE WORLD CUP FACILITATED BY WORLD LANGUAGE DEPT

"The power of national representation is, by no means, unique to soccer. But the World Cup manages to elicit a more passionate, fervent and almost religious-like following from more fans around the planet than any other event, including the Olympics." Oak Canyon students have the opportunity to celebrate the World Cup this year. There are a few ways that students can participate:

1. Students could create their own tournament brackets to keep track of matches and cheer for their favorite teams.
2. Students can collect buttons from the teachers of each of the languages taught at OCJH by learning their subsequent chants and saying them to the teacher(s) of that language.

3. Watch some games!
4. Wear your team's jersey to school on Fridays.
5. Sign up for a World Language next year!

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. Click on the following link to see the complete list: [OCJH AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES 22-23](#)

