

# OCJH PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## EVENTS 12/5-1/2 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

### 12/5-12/11 (A-WEEK)

5-16 Sock Drive and Coat Drive (More Info Below)  
5 Girls' Basketball Practice 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
5 Boys' Basketball Practice 4:10-5:50 in the Gym  
5 Choir Christmas Concert 6:00 & 7:00 PM in the Auditorium  
6 Boys' Basketball Practice 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
6 Girls' Basketball Practice 4:10-5:50 in the Gym  
7 Hope Squad and Student Council Field Trip  
7 Boys Basketball Practice 12:30-3:15 in the Gym  
7 Girls' Basketball Practice 3:15-5:50 in the Gym  
7 Band Concert 6 PM  
8 Boys' Basketball vs. Orem Jr. 3:00-4:30  
8 Girls' Basketball @ Orem Jr. 3:00-4:30  
9 Girls' Basketball Practice 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
9 Boys' Basketball Practice 4:10-5:50 in the Gym  
9 Orchestra Concert 6 PM

### 12/12-1/2 (B-WEEK)

12 Band Elementary Tour 9:15-2:00  
12 Boys' Basketball @ Timberline 3:00-4:30  
12 Girls' Basketball vs. Timberline 3:00-4:30  
13 Chamber Choir Elementary Tour 9:15-1:45  
13 Boys' Basketball Practice 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
13 Girls' Basketball Practice 4:10-5:50 in the Gym  
13 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office  
14 Boys Basketball Practice 12:30-3:15 in the Gym  
14 Girls' Basketball Practice 3:15-5:50 in the Gym  
15 Student Appreciation Treats from PTSA  
15 15 Boys' Basketball vs. Vista Heights 3:00-4:30  
15 Girls' Basketball @ Vista Heights 3:00-4:30  
16 End of Term 2/Minimal Day (7:45 AM-11:15 AM)  
16 Girls' Basketball Practice 11:15-2:00 in the Gym  
16 Boys' Basketball Practice 2:00-4:45 in the Gym  
Dec. 19-January 2 Winter Break  
18, 19, 26-30 Boys' Basketball Practice 8:00-11:00 in the Gym  
18, 19, 26-30 Girls' Basketball Practice 11:00-2:00 in the Gym

## 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

*For the next few months we will be focusing on the second of our three Oak Canyon values: COMMITMENT. When you mix the holidays with the end of the 2nd Term the result is many awesome opportunities to see the fruits of our students' labor! This week alone there are holiday performances from our Choir, Band, and Orchestra students, not to mention our Boys' and Girls' basketball teams will be in action this week. We welcome any and all to come and cheer our Eagles on. In addition students are completing many final projects and assignments to showcase their essential learning from this term. Please take a moment to check in with your students to see what they have been up to this term and have them share with you what they have been learning! Finally, our staff and students are showing their commitment to our community by leading multiple service projects to assist those in need this holiday season. More information is available below. We invite all to participate as you are able. Thanks, Eagles-It's going to be a GREAT week!*

## NEW INFORMATION:

### FROM THE OCJH PTSA:

#### PTSA Eagle Discount Cards

PTSA Eagle Discount Cards make great gifts! Pick up an Eagle Card at the finance office or at one of the evening concerts in December. There are many amazing discounts at your favorite businesses for only \$10!!

#### 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](https://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!

### HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES 12/5-12/16

#### 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 the 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 \$1250.00 from staff and patrons. Donations will be accepted until December 14th. 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! Collection boxes will be available in the Commons Area.

#### 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.

## 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](#)