

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 6, 2023



## EVENTS 11/6-11/19 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

11/6-11/12 (B-WEEK)

11/13-11/19 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Kindness and Friendship  
6-10 Freedom Week  
6-17 OCJH Food Drive/Service Project  
6 Young Masters' Field Trip to Hogle Zoo 9:15-4:15  
6 Girls Basketball Open Gym 2:25-4:00  
7 Election Day  
7 Boys Basketball Open Gym  
8 Boys Basketball Tryouts 1:30-3:45 in the Gym  
8 Girls Basketball Tryouts 3:45-6:00 in the Gym  
9 Boys Basketball Tryouts 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
9 Girls Basketball Tryouts 4:10-6:00 in the Gym  
9 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast A) 7:00  
10 Veterans' Day Observed  
10 Boys Basketball Tryouts 2:20-4:10 in the Gym  
10 Girls Basketball Tryouts 4:10-6:00 in the Gym  
10 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast B) 7:00  
11 Veterans' Day  
11 Buggy Malone Matinee in the Aud. (Cast A) 2:00  
11 Buggy Malone in the Auditorium (Cast B) 7:00

Homeroom: Kindness and Friendship  
13-17 OCJH Food Drive/Service Project  
14 Eagle of the Month 9:00 in the Library  
14 PTSA Meeting in the Library  
14 School Spirit Night at Chubby's 2:00-9:30 PM  
14 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 at District Office  
16 Girls' Basketball Game @ Willowcreek 3:00  
16 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Willowcreek 3:00  
16 THS/OCJH Jazz and Percussion Night @ THS

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**COLLABORATION**

WE TREAT ALL WITH  
KINDNESS & RESPECT

WE RECOGNIZE STRENGTHS AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL

WE BRING OUR BEST EFFORT AND  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROUP

WE VALUE AND WORK WELL WITH  
OTHERS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS



On Saturday, I had the opportunity to attend the first Ballroom competition with the OCJH Ballroom Team. I enjoy all opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and progress. Our team has a reputation for their spirit and sportsmanship. During each of the different dances, Team Oak Canyon had props and choreographed movements as they cheered on not only the Oak Canyon dancers, but all of the dancers. I appreciate the efforts of the Ballroom Coach, Michelle Haymond, in creating this culture of kindness and respect. This week and next, we will focus our efforts in

Homeroom on collaboration--an essential skill for all students and staff to master. The first indicator is *We Treat All with Kindness and Respect*. That is exactly what I saw at the competition this weekend. It was especially touching when Oak Canyon students held up signs for each of the different schools participating in the event to cheer them on. Imagine how much better our world would be if we had a cheering section no matter what we are working on. I want all of our students to feel that kind of support and encouragement. I challenge all of us to make a deliberate effort to increase the kindness and respect we extend to those around us--I'm confident that we won't regret it! It's going to be a great week, Eagles!

Mrs. Ross

## NEW INFORMATION

### FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

#### FREEDOM WEEK

On Tuesday, November 7, as citizens across the country head to the polls to exercise their civic duty by voting in their local elections, OCJH students will have the same opportunity to vote during both of the lunches. We will not be voting on politics, but we will have voting booths and support from our awesome PTA. OCJH, don't forget to VOTE!

#### SAVE THE DATE: OCJH SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHUBBIES 11/14 FROM 2:00 PM-9:30 PM

Our November Spirit Night fundraiser is coming up on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Chubbies from 2-9:30 PM! Come get a snack or dinner for your family! Be sure to mention Oak Canyon PTSA before paying! A percentage of the proceeds will come right back to the OCJH PTSA!! We appreciate your support!!

### LUNCHROOM SCANNERS--A LITTLE HICCUP

First, thank you to all students who have brought their ID cards/got new ID cards printed to use with our new scanners in the lunchroom. There have been some problems with the new scanners district-wide, and we are in the midst of finding a solution. In the meantime, we can look up student IDs in the lunchroom manually for students without their cards. **Parents, please know that your student will NOT go hungry if they do not have their ID card with them in the lunchroom.** Some are under the impression that this is the case, but as mentioned above, we do have ways we can look up student accounts without the student ID/barcode. Also, if students have lost their ID cards, they can come to the office to get a new one printed. Also, if your student has a cell phone, it is possible to get the barcode in the Skyward app. In fact, some students have taken a screenshot of their barcode from Skyward, and those are working when scanned in the lunch room every time. Thanks for your patience and your help with this!

### OCJH BASKETBALL TRYOUTS--THIS WEEK!

Basketball Tryouts for Eagle Basketball are coming up THIS week:

Boys' Team Tryouts: 11/8 1:30-3:45; 11/9 2:20-4:10; 11/10 2:20-4:10

Girls' Team Tryouts: 11/8 3:45-6:00; 11/9 4:10-6:00; 11/10 4:10-6:00

Use the link below to register for tryouts:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRluK92BaQZOPRI2g4ueRBcmYaR\\_VtylubzbdkfvDs8PGvNA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRluK92BaQZOPRI2g4ueRBcmYaR_VtylubzbdkfvDs8PGvNA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## OCJH FALL MUSICAL--BUGSY MALONE JR. NOV. 9-11



**BUGSY  
MALONE JR.**

Thursday Nov 9th CAST A 7pm  
Friday Nov 10th CAST B 7pm  
Saturday Nov 11th CAST A 2pm  
Saturday Nov 11th CAST B 7pm

Tickets are \$5  
buy online at [MySchoolFees.com](http://MySchoolFees.com)  
or at the door

## OCJH FOOD DRIVE--NOVEMBER 6-17

It's time again for the annual Oak Canyon canned food drive! This year, we will run the competition through students' Homeroom classes. The winning class will be determined by the class with the highest number of food items donated per student. The items donated will first fill the OCJH Food Pantry to assist members of our own school community with food insecurities. After we stock our pantry, we will take the excess to assist students at a school in a highly impacted district to the north. Acceptable non-perishable donations include: non-expired canned food, unopened boxes of cereal, unused hygiene items, diapers, unopened baby formula, etc. Come on, Oak Canyon, let's see who's Homeroom is up to the task! Good luck!

## DISTURBING LITTLE TREND...

Parents, we need your help in putting an end to a disruptive trend at Oak Canyon. We have a bit of a ghost pepper problem at the moment. Please talk to your kids about them--mainly to stop eating them and to stop bringing them to school. They are harmful and have caused kids to burn their eyes and experience some severe nausea, vomiting, and excruciating pain.

## REMINDER CONCERNING 7TH GRADE STUDENT VACCINATIONS

- We need an updated immunization record from your doctor's office or the health department in order to meet the state's vaccine requirement for junior high.
- If your student had an exemption previously, it is required to be renewed now that your student is in Junior High, please be sure to include the TDAP vaccine and Meningococcal with your exemptions. The exemption can be completed online at [immunize.utah.gov](http://immunize.utah.gov).
- Please email or drop off your certificate to the school directly.
- Any students not up to date by Friday, November 2nd will be placed on a 30 day conditional enrollment and after that period of time, if the records are not updated, he/she will be excluded from school. Please expect to receive a certified letter and/or email from our school nurse.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to our school nurse at [janderson2@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:janderson2@alpinedistrict.org).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL AND LINDON CARES**

**TABLE TALKS**

**FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS**

**FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

**WEDNESDAY OCT 11**

**WEDNESDAY NOV 8**

**12:15PM MEDIA CENTER**

**@TIMPANOGOS HIGH SCHOOL**

**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT JAMIE JENSEN JJENSEN@LINDONCITY.ORG**

**PG**

**PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS**

Scan the QR code to sign up!

**OPEN TO ALL**

**WHERE** VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

**WHEN** NOVEMBER 13TH 2:30-3PM CHECK-IN 3-6PM CLINIC NOVEMBER 15TH 3-6PM AUDITION

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO [KARAGIBBONS@ALPINEDISTRICT.ORG](mailto:KARAGIBBONS@ALPINEDISTRICT.ORG)

**VIKINGS Color Guard**

PLEASE WEAR DANCE ATTIRE EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED

**TIMPANOGOS TIMBERWOLVES**

**WINTER WRESTLING**

**Nov 6th - Feb 13th**

**Programs for 1st through 8th grade**

Beginning and advanced classes available. Class schedule, cost, and registration available at [www.timpanogoswrestling.com](http://www.timpanogoswrestling.com)

**Hablamos Español**

## STUDENT PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK!

The yearbook team is looking for some good talent! Make sure you add your first and last name(s) to each photo, your grade, and an optional caption! Get creative! If your talent is hard to show with a photo, try to find a way to represent it. Send anything from your art, playing a sport, coding, cooking, fixing a Rubix cube, playing an



instrument, the options are endless! If you want a chance to be put in the yearbook and showcase something unique, send a picture of showing your talent to [mredford@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:mredford@alpinedistrict.org). We are excited to see what hidden gifts you have!

## ASD RISE NOMINATIONS

Do you know a teacher or school employee who is Remarkable, Inspiring, Selfless, and/or Encouraging? Nominations are now open for the [2023-2024 ASD RISE Award](#). Nominees will be recognized at their school, highlighted on our website, and a few each month will be selected for Board Recognition during a Board meeting at the District Office.

## UTAH JAZZ/INSTRUCTURE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the Utah Jazz MVE (Most Valuable Educator) Award. If there is an #ASD educator who has had an impact on your student, please nominate them [HERE](#). Each honored educator will be a guest of Instructure at a game and will receive a personalized Jazz jersey. In addition, they will receive a \$1,000 classroom grant and a surprise classroom visit or organized assembly involving the Jazz Bear mascot and personnel from the Utah Jazz and Instructure. We have AMAZING teachers!!

## REMINDERS

### NEW STUDENT TARDY PROCEDURE

Starting at the beginning of last school year, we made a change from a 5 minute passing period between classes to a 7 minute passing period. There are many reasons for doing this: more time for students to connect with their friends, time for both teachers and students to recharge for their next class, more time for students to get from class to class, more time for teachers and students to use the facilities in between classes, etc. We have a warning bell that rings 2 minutes before the 7 minutes is up to alert students that they should be on their way to class. Sadly most students are waiting until that 2 minute bell to start making their way to class and end up tardy. In fact, we have more tardies with a 7 minute passing period than we had with a 5 minute passing period. We are still committed to the reasons we made the adjustment in the first place, so the following adjustments/procedures are now in effect:

- The warning bell will ring 3 minutes before the 7 minute passing period is over instead of 2 minutes before.
- When a student has accumulated 5 tardies in a term, they will be called down to talk with an admin.
- When a student has accumulated 10 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 1 day.
- When a student has accumulated 15 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 2 days.
- When a student has accumulated 20 tardies in a term, they will have lunch detention for 3 days the admin will schedule a meeting with the student and their parents.

It is always an option to switch back to a 5 minute passing period, but we would like to attempt this procedure first. Please help your student to internalize the importance of being to class on time!

## CCRS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

Current OCJH 8th graders have the opportunity to meet with their counselor starting on Tuesday, October 24 for their CCR meetings. CCR stands for Career and College Readiness, and that is what counselors will be discussing with students and their parents. Parents can select a time to meet with their 8th grader's counselor on the Oak Canyon website.

## AFTER SCHOOL CONNECTION ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

We are still adding after school activities, but these are the ones we know of for sure at this point:

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

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

T Science in Action (Garlick A-156) 2:20-3:20

W Ballroom (M. Haymond Orchestra Room/Cafeteria) 1:15-3:00

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

TH Dungeons and Dragons (Adamson E102)

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

## IN FOCUS HOMEROOM CURRICULUM FOR PARENTS

We are excited to report that the materials our teachers will be using/consulting for Homeroom have a robust parent component. Not only can you access lesson material available to your student, but also you can access ways to continue the conversation at home if you like. The web address is [www.infocuseducationgroup.com](http://www.infocuseducationgroup.com) and you can click on the parent portal link at the top. A username and password are not necessary to do this. We will not be following the lessons in the order they are listed on the website. To see which lesson we are focusing on for the week, please refer to the events section of the Newsletter where the topic for the week will be listed. Please let us know if you have any questions.

## OCJH HANDBOOK

For more information about items not specifically addressed in this newsletter, please click on this link to access the Oak Canyon Junior High Handbook. For example, in regard to dress code, the handbook spells out what is allowed and what is not. We have made some adjustments to this policy over the past year, so it would be good to review with your student prior to the first day of school. Information about all other school policies and procedures can be found here as well!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qP92A\\_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxO\\_PS\\_qoFOoY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qP92A_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxO_PS_qoFOoY/edit?usp=sharing)