

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 14, 2023



## EVENTS 8/14-8/27 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

### 8/13-8/20 (A-WEEK)

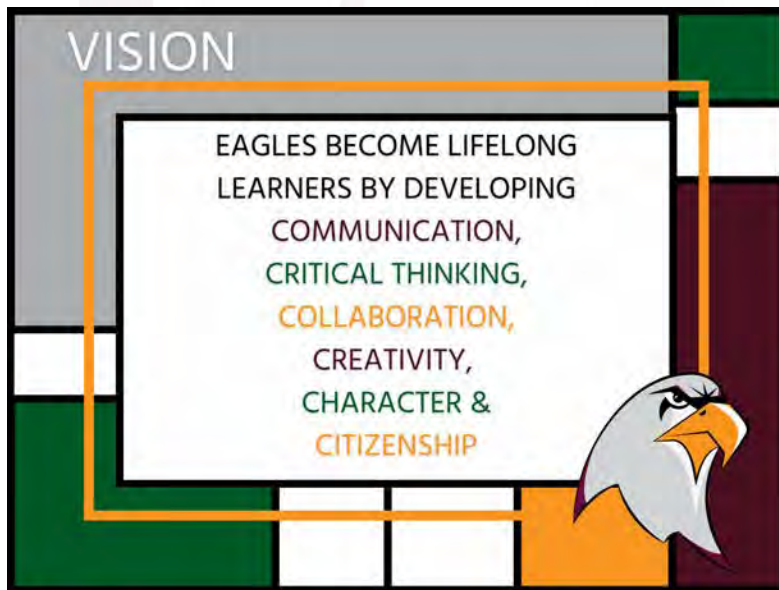
Homeroom: What Does It Mean to Be an OCJH Eagle?  
14 Back to School Night 4:00-6:00  
15 7th Grade Day 7:45-10:45  
16 First Day of School 7:45-1:15  
17, 18, 21 7th and 9th Chromebook Distribution  
17 Hearing Screening in Auditorium 8:00-12:00

### 8/21-8/27 (B-WEEK)

Homeroom: Conditions of Well-Being  
21-25 Welcome Week  
22 Cross Country Begins  
22 School Spirit Day at Swig Orem  
24-25 School Pictures  
24-25 Vision Screening

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (REPEATED FROM 8/4, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T READ IT!)

Welcome Back, Eagles! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are excited to see you very soon. We've been making preparations for your return and look forward to another successful year at Oak Canyon. This year we will continue to pursue the Alpine School District Vision for Learning by



developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions our students need to be successful in life. Specifically these skills and dispositions are communication, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, character, and citizenship. We will refer to these as the 6 Cs, and they will play an important role in creating deeper learning experiences and will help students to become lifelong learners. One way we will help students to develop these skills and dispositions is through a new homeroom class for every student. We are excited about this new opportunity to

enhance our school culture and community. Keep reading for more information about homeroom, our new bell schedule, early out day changes, student schedules and updating student information in Skyward, opportunities for students, and much more! It's going to be a GREAT year!

Mrs. Ross

# NEW INFORMATION

## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE IN SKYWARD

Now is the time to update any student information in Skyward. This includes updating emergency contacts, student internet permissions, setting preferences to receive school emails and voice messages from the school, and more. This information needs to be updated for each student each year. This is also where you indicate that you give your permission for a student to check out a Chromebook. They cannot check one out without your permission. If you need assistance, please click on this [link](#) for a tutorial.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 8/14 FROM 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Back to School Night is a great opportunity for you to stop by Oak Canyon to check in with your student's new teachers, to walk your schedule, pay fees, find your locker, and more. This is an Open House format and you are welcome to stop in at any point between 4-6. If you need to speak to your student's teachers at length, please refer to our school website and email the teachers to set up a meeting.

## 7TH GRADE DAY 8/15 FROM 7:45-10:45

Welcome to our new 7th graders and their families!! On Tuesday, Aug 15th, 7th graders will have an opportunity to get to know peers in small groups, get to know our school student leadership, and meet their teachers and classmates as they run through their classes. They will then have pizza and return to the buses. When students arrive they will enter the building and go to the following locations based on the alphabet, and join a small group of 10-15 peers and two student leaders. They will also meet Admin and Counselors. A-D Gym. E-K Library, L-RE Auditorium, and RH-Z Lunchroom. **Please send your student with a physical copy of their schedule or with their schedule accessible on their cell phones.**

### **Schedule of Classes (8 min. Classes/5 min. Passing)**

Period A1 8:30-8:38

Homeroom 8:43-8:51

Period A2 8:56-9:04

Period A3 9:09-9:17

Period A4 9:22-9:30

Period B5 9:35-9:43

Period B6 9:48-9:56

Period B7 10:01- 10:09

Period B8 10:14-10:22

**Lunch 10:22-10:40**

Load Buses 10:45

## SCHOOL FEES

Fees are now available to pay on [myschoolfees.com](https://myschoolfees.com). If your student will be making changes to their schedule we suggest you wait to pay for fees until their schedule has been finalized. Fee waiver applications are available on our website, at the district's website, or at the finance window. Fee Waiver applications, along with supporting documentation, are due by Sept 30, 2023. Please reach out to the finance office via email at [jhoyal@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:jhoyal@alpinedistrict.org) or by phone 801-610-8141 with any questions. Thank you!

## 23-24 BELL SCHEDULE--HOMEROOM AND WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT CHANGES

OAK CANYON SCHEDULE	
BELL SCHEDULE	
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY	
A1/B5	7:45-9:01
HOMEROOM	9:08-9:35
A2/B6	9:42-10:58
1ST LUNCH	
LUNCH	10:58-11:29
A3/B7	11:36-12:52
2ND LUNCH	
A3/B7	11:05-12:21
LUNCH	12:21-12:52
A4/B8	12:59-2:15
BELL SCHEDULE	
WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT DAY	
A1/B5	7:45-8:54
A2/B6	9:01-10:10
1ST LUNCH	
LUNCH	10:10-10:43
A3/B7	10:50-11:59
2ND LUNCH	
A3/B7	10:17-11:26
LUNCH	11:26-11:59
A4/B8	12:06-1:15

There are two major changes to our schedule this year: the addition of homeroom 4 times a week, and Wednesday early out day changing from two hours early to only one. Please note the updated bell schedule.

**Homeroom:** This year, each student will be assigned a homeroom class between A1/B5 and A2/B6. Homeroom is 27 minutes on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students will be mixed with students from their entire grade level as well as some students from the grade level above or below them. The idea for Homeroom came from our teachers as we brainstormed ways that we could intentionally pursue our Vision for Learning as a school and create authentic connections with students. We will be using curriculum from a local company called In Focus to help us deliberately develop the skills and dispositions listed in the message above. The first four weeks of school we will be discussing the following topics: 8/16 What it Means to Be an Eagle/Lifelong Learning; 8/21 Conditions of Well Being (safety, basic needs); 8/28 Connection and Community Building; and 9/4 Academic Skills. In Focus materials for parents will be shared soon. We are excited about this new opportunity for teachers and students alike.

**Wednesday Early Out Day:** Please note that school will be adjourned at 1:15 on Wednesdays this year. This means that we will run a two lunch schedule like we do on a regular day and conclude the day with A4/B8 rather than a shared lunch. Please note this change and plan accordingly.

## LUNCH ASSIGNMENTS 22-23

A-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE			
FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ADAMSON	MILLER	ALLPHIN	JORGENSEN
ANDRUS	MOOREHEAD	ANDERTON	KUNKLE
BETHEL	MONSON	BAILEY	LAMOREAUX
BRASWELL	NGUYEN	BALLER	MEINZER
COOK	OTTERTSON	BENCH	MOULTON
GRAHAM	PRESTES	DE LA CRUZ	ROBINSON
HALL	REDFORD	ECALONO	SANDERS
HARDY	SEASTRAND	ESCOBEDO	SEMINARY
A. HOLMES	SHUMWAY	FULLER	SMITH
LAKE	TAYLOR	GARLICK	SPARKS
LISTER	THOMAS	HERMANSEN	VAN KOMEN
MARSHALL	WINTLE	JOHNSON	WHITE

B-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE			
FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ANDRUS	LISTER	ALLPHIN	JORGENSEN
BETHEL	MARSHALL	BAILEY	KUNKLE
BRASWELL	MILLER	BALLER	LAMOREAUX
COOK	MONSON	BENCH	MEINZER
FLOOD	NGUYEN	CHENEY	MOULTON
GRAHAM	RAWSON	DE LA CRUZ	ROBERTS
HALL	REDFORD	ECALONO	SANDERS
HARDY	ROBISON	ESCOBEDO	SEMINARY
A. HOLMES	SEASTRAND	FULLER	SMITH
T. HOLMES	TAYLOR	GARLICK	SPARKS
JOHNSON	THOMAS	GOOLD	TAYLOR
LAKE	WINTLE	HERMANSEN	VAN KOMEN



## NEW LUNCHROOM PROCEDURE--SCANNING STUDENT BARCODES

The Alpine Nutrition Services Department is switching to scanners for all secondary students during meal service.

**Students will no longer be able to key in their student identification numbers. In order to participate in meal service, student ID with a barcode will need to be used.** The scanners are 2D and will scan off phones. The district has a resource with the Skyward App that allows students to get their barcode off the app. We believe this process will help streamline the meal service, and appreciate your support as we transition towards scanners for our schools. **Please print off this barcode or take a screenshot of it for students to pull up in the lunch line with ease.**

## CHROMEBOOK CHECK OUT FOR 7TH AND 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

**Chromebook Checkout is August 17, 18 and 21.** 9th grade checkout is Thursday/Friday (17th/18th) during English and 7th grade checkout is Friday/Monday (18th/21st) during Student Success. **Students will not be permitted to check out a Chromebook without proper parent permissions.** Please refer to the links below to ensure that the process is smooth for your student. In addition, we highly encourage all to take a look at the Chromebook insurance option below. It is only offered at the beginning of the school year, and is an affordable option should the unexpected happen to your student's device.

OCJH Tech Help Site

<https://sites.google.com/view/ocjh-technology-help-center/home>

How To Give Chromebook Permission Instructions (Step by Step)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XTmX4reuRDdu-0v40-o4M1FXCATXaKSNcy2TPOckj2M/edit?usp=sharing>

Paper Copy of English Form for Chromebook Permission

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nojL0A4gpnbs7dCYK\\_aospQPKOFnnjOrU3bIKCypzHg/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nojL0A4gpnbs7dCYK_aospQPKOFnnjOrU3bIKCypzHg/edit)

Paper Copy of Spanish Form for Chromebook Permission

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lf7Wn24CDW9UTVnt4q-EAtAZr8f8fA\\_a5xgAQeyem10/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lf7Wn24CDW9UTVnt4q-EAtAZr8f8fA_a5xgAQeyem10/edit)

Parent Device Repair/Replacement Insurance Information 2023 (English)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RbkrEBL\\_wz0zE-O7caV7i-OReyXiRJPqHNO52mfV-LM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RbkrEBL_wz0zE-O7caV7i-OReyXiRJPqHNO52mfV-LM/edit?usp=sharing)

Parent Device Repair/Replacement Insurance Information 2023 (Spanish)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1avltWQ8uPHIPHVS0WdmQSAQSY-Fr4LUSegiykf17YDY/edit?usp=sharing>

## ADJUSTMENTS TO THE PICK UP AND DROP OFF AREA IN FRONT OF OCJH

We thank you for your continued patience as we continually work to improve the traffic around Oak Canyon. This summer we created **three lanes of traffic at the parking lot entrance to help the flow through the parking lot.** You will also notice a new black top coat on the parking lot and fresh yellow lines with directional arrows and traffic flow descriptions. This will help traffic congestion in the parking lot, which in turn helps the flow out on the road. We ask that you continue to have patience and be courteous drivers. We also encourage all Oak Canyon students to carpool or ride the bus or if possible to walk/bike ride to school.

## FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE--COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

Please see below a list of Immunization Clinic dates that parents can attend to get 7th grade required immunizations or any missing ones. **Students missing required vaccinations can result in those students not being allowed at school until they have proof of vaccination or a vaccine exemption form has been completed.** Clinics are set up in several schools in the district.

-Monday, August 14th @ Orem Junior from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

-Wednesday, September 20th @ Timpanogos High School from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

-The Utah County Health Department located at 151 So. University Ave in Provo is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM; Wednesdays 8 AM to 7 PM; Thursday 9 AM to 4:30 PM

-The American Fork Clinic located at 599 South 500 East in American Fork is open Monday to Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**All clinics are walk-in. No appointments necessary. Please bring your current immunization record and insurance card.**

## 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!

## OJCH 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-igxQ\\_PS\\_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qP92A_0R3Fs8AUfdNIDWm5lpfuNd-igxQ_PS_qoFQoY/edit?usp=sharing)

## FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

At Back to School Night our PTSA will be on hand for you to **join PTSA as well as to purchase Eagle Cards** for the year. Our PTSA does so much to support our school and students--selling suckers on Fridays, sponsoring the Eagle of the Month student recognitions, organizing Spirit Nights, making generous donations for school improvements, recognizing our honor roll students, and more! We encourage all to join the PTSA--the membership dues go a long

way for our school. In addition, Eagle cards are a great value for all of the discounted goods and services they provide. Please stop by the PTSA table at Back to School Night to learn more! Also, **our first school spirit event of the year is Tuesday, August 22nd at Swig on 1600 North in Orem!** Please see the flier below for information!



**Swig**  
**SPIRIT DAY**  
**DATE** Tuesday, August 22  
**LOCATION** 1600 N, Orem

**25%** OF ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS  
**Oak Canyon Jr. High PTSA**  
 Don't forget to mention Oak Canyon!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



**9.11 DAY OF SERVICE**  
**Service activities for the Pleasant Grove and Lindon Communities**  
 Let's work together to help transform the anniversary of September 11 from a day of tragedy into a day of doing good!

We encourage you and your families to participate in any of the following activities that have been specifically organized for the Pleasant Grove and Lindon communities:

- PG High School and Cemetery Cleanup
- Hunger Fight Meal Packaging Event
- Lindon Parks Cleanup
- Food and Supplies Donations for PG Schools and Victims Advocate program
- Red Cross Blood Drive

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR DO THE FOLLOWING STEPS ON YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER:  
 1. Go to the Just Serve website at [www.justserve.org](http://www.justserve.org)  
 2. Enter your ZIP code and click Search  
 3. Enter "911 PG Lindon" in the Keyword box and change the radius of the search to 5 miles and click Search  
 4. All of the 9/11 Activities in our area will show at the top of the search results

Logos: JUSTSERVE, Pleasant Grove, LINDON, 9/11 National Day of Service



COMMUNITY  
**MENTAL WELLNESS FAIR**



**THURS, AUGUST 24, 5-8 PM**  
 SCERA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 745 S. STATE

**HOPE4OREM**  
 HOPE4OREM.ORG

**FREE EVENT • FREE ASSESSMENTS**  
**FOOD TRUCKS • MUSIC & MORE**

Logos: Bristol Health, United Way, Live Up!, NAMI, Utah County Health Department, Grumps, HOPE4UTAH, OREM, SCERA



TIMPANOGOS HIGH'S  
 FRESHMAN LEAGUE

**VOLLEYBALL**

**TRYOUTS**

**AUGUST 21 & 23 5-7PM**  
 5TH -9TH GRADE GIRLS @ THS GYM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAYLYN SEAMAN @ 801-787-9561

## REMINDERS

### WELCOME TO OAK CANYON!

We would like to welcome the following teachers and staff to Oak Canyon this year:

Lorien Anderton: 7th and 9th Grade Math Labs

Nick Arnett: On-Site Tech

Raquel Cook: 8th and 9th Grade English

Nate Crandall: Assistant Principal

Dallin Graham: Manufacturing and Engineering

Lindsay Lake: 8th Grade English

Melinda Monson: 7th Grade English

Savannah Moorehead: Utah History

Josh Rawson: Spanish/ELD

Natalie Robinson: 7th Grade Math

Collin Seastrand: 7th Grade Student Success

Elizabeth Shumway: CCA: Manufacturing and Engineering

Riley White: Special Education/Resource

### STUDENT LOCKERS

If you would like to sign up for a locker for your student, please fill out the locker request form on [oakcanyon.alpinedistrict.org](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhzbzSSGKwheih_C_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform) under Information. Or here is the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhzbzSSGKwheih\\_C\\_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhzbzSSGKwheih_C_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform)

### FROM ASD TRANSPORTATION

Due to a shortage of bus drivers in ASD, we regret to inform you that every secondary school will have at least one bus that will have to do a double run. We were just notified that of the 6 busses that bring students to school and take them home ONE of them will have to do a double run. This means it will pick up a group of students much earlier than usual to bring them to school and then will go back out to pick up another bus load of students. This will be the same protocol for that same bus after school. At this point, we are uncertain which bus that will be, but we will keep you informed as we receive more information. ASD Transportation is hiring--if you or someone you know is interested please check the Alpine School District website for job information.



## OCJH CROSS COUNTRY

OCJH Cross Country begins on Tuesday, August 1st. We meet out back by the track from 7:45-9:00 AM Mon-Fri before school starts up! Come out to make new friends, get involved at OCJH, and get training! Please bring comfortable running shoes and clothes, a friend, and a water bottle.

## OCJH BALLROOM DANCE COMPANY

It is time to register for the Oak Canyon Ballroom Dance Company! Please note the following:

- 7th -9th graders
- Info & Registration: [OakCanyonBallroom.com](http://OakCanyonBallroom.com)
- Mon & Wed after school
- Oak Canyon & Canyon View Jr High together
- Join an Award Winning Awesome Team!

# Join Ballroom!

**Mondays  
&  
Wednesdays**



# OakCanyonBallroom.com