

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER AUGUST 21, 2023



## EVENTS 8/21-9/4 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

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

Homeroom: Conditions of Well-Being  
21-25 Welcome Week (See Details Below)  
22 Cross Country Begins  
22 School Spirit Day at Swig Orem  
24-25 School Pictures in Science Classes  
24-25 Vision Screening for 8th Graders  
25 Welcome Week Dance 2:15-3:15 in the Gym

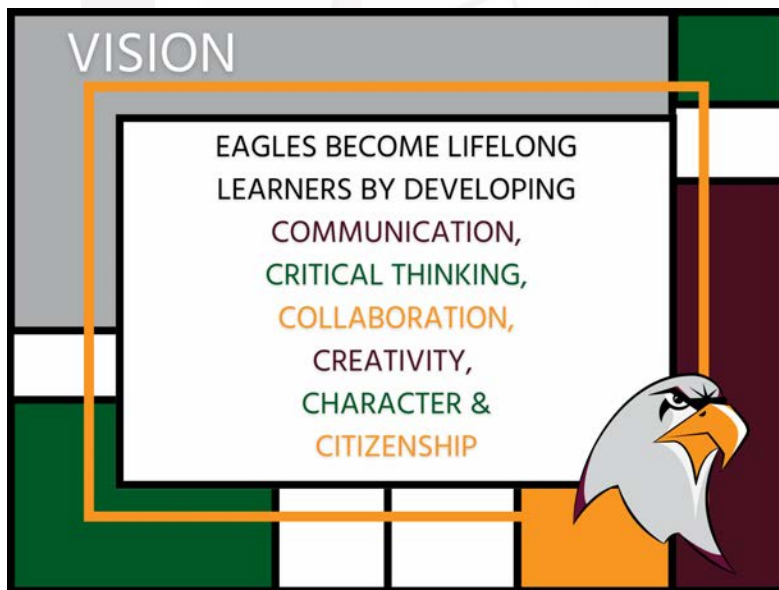
### 8/28-9/1 (A-WEEK)

Homeroom: Connection & Community Building  
28-1 7th Grade Rep Elections  
29 Musical Auditions 2:30-5:00 in Auditorium  
31 Musical Auditions 2:30-5:00 in Auditorium  
1 Ballroom Registration Deadline  
1 7th Grade Rep Elections Applications/Posters Due  
4 Labor Day--NO SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What an awesome beginning to the 2023-2024 school year! Students and staff have returned to school with a positive outlook, and there is a great feeling in the school. During lunches, I have taken the opportunity to talk with students and to check in to see how things are going so far. I have been thrilled to hear comments like,

"School is going great!" "I really like my classes and teachers!" "School is going surprisingly well--I'm really excited about this year." I've followed up by asking which classes/teachers students are really excited about, and it was equally thrilling to hear so many teachers, veteran and new to OCJH, as well as so many classes named as favorites by our students. Thursday was our first time for students to attend Homeroom, and I likewise was polling students at lunch concerning this new opportunity. Again, students' replies were upbeat and positive--"I think I'm really going to like Homeroom this year." Their enthusiasm is contagious! I'd also like to show



appreciation for our amazing teachers and the work they have put in to deepen learning opportunities for students in their daily instruction as well as to provide connection opportunities for students to help build a sense of community at Oak Canyon. Truly, it is going to be a fantastic year!

Mrs. Ross

## NEW INFORMATION

### WELCOME WEEK 8/21-8/25



## 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.

## 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.

<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)

## NEW LUNCHROOM PROCEDURE--SCANNING STUDENT BARCODES UPDATE

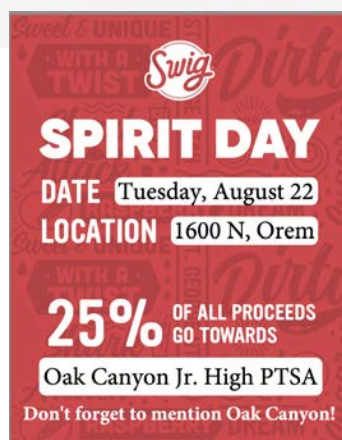
Thank you for your patience as we make this adjustment from students keying in their student ID numbers to scanning barcodes as students move through the lunch line. Please know, no student will be denied access to lunch if they do not have a phone with their Skyward barcode on it. We have printed barcodes for all students that need them, and after school pictures this week, we will be getting student ID cards that have their barcodes printed on them. We apologize for the frustration and confusion. This was a new procedure for all secondary schools in ASD, and it's fair to say we've learned a lot over the past few days!

## SCHOOL PICTURES AND 8TH GRADE VISION SCREENING 8/24 & 8/25

Picture Days are this Thursday and Friday the 24th and 25th. Students will be called down by their Science class on those days. Pictures will be taken in the Auditorium. Vision screening is only for 8th graders. They will have their vision screened in the Commons area after they have their school pictures taken. FYI, Picture packets will be sent home on Monday and Tuesday. We are using Eastman Adams this year as our school photographer.

## 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!



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL STAFF REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

Our first SCC meeting of the year will be September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Conference Room. The School Community Council (SCC) is a group of parents and school staff that meets monthly to discuss the issues facing our school. The SCC creates a school improvement plan and allocates Trustland Funds to help meet our goals outlined in that plan. SCC meetings are open to anyone interested and we are in need of parents to join our board. If you have some time on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:30 and would like to be a part of our SCC, please click on this [link](#) to submit your name.. A term on the SCC is two years. If there are more interested than parent positions available, we will have an election.

## 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.**

## OCJH CROSS COUNTRY

Starting August 16th, Cross Country practice is after school from 2:30 to 3:45 M, T, Th, F and from 1:30 to 2:45 on early-out Wednesdays.

## 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**

**OCJH FALL MUSICAL AUDITIONS 8/29 AND 8/31**

WHEN: August 29th 2:30-4:30pm and 31st 2:30-4pm

WHAT: Auditions for Fall Musical--Bugsy Malone Jr. Students should prepare a 30-60 second Broadway or Disney song for the audition. Sign-up for an audition at [EaglesDrama.Weebly.com](http://EaglesDrama.Weebly.com). Email Mrs Lamoreaux at [Jenniferlamoreaux@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:Jenniferlamoreaux@alpinedistrict.org) with any questions

**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

JUSTSERVE Pleasant Grove

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 for: BIRTHAL HEALTH, United Way, Live Well, GrubHub, 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

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

## 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 under Information. Or here is the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhzbSSGKwheih\\_C\\_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWFRNvuu1SqrhzbSSGKwheih_C_KgtZIAUwW0rb4B4aBuX0w/viewform)

## 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!

## 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.

## LUNCH ASSIGNMENTS 22-23

A-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE <small>Determined by A3 Class</small>			
FIRST LUNCH		SECOND LUNCH	
ADAMSON	MILLER	ALLPHIN	JORGENSEN
ANDRUS	MOOREHEAD	ANDERTON	KUNKLE
BETHEL	MONSON	BAILEY	LAMOREAUX
BRASWELL	NGUYEN	BALLER	MEINZER
COOK	OTTERSON	BENCH	MOULTON
GRAHAM	PRESTES	DE LA CRUZ	ROBINSON
HALL	REDFORD	ECALONO	SANDERS
HARDY	SEASTRAND	ESCOBEDO	SEMINARY
A. HOLMES	SHUMWAY	FULLER	SMITH

B-DAY TEACHER LUNCH SCHEDULE <small>Determined by B7 Class</small>			
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
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## 23-24 BELL SCHEDULE--HOMEROOM AND WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT CHANGES



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.

## 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.

## 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!

