PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 22, 2024

EVENTS 4/22-5/5 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

4/22-4/28 (A-WEEK)	4/29-5/5 (B-WEEK)			
Homeroom: No Homeroom Due to RISE Testing	Homeroom: Safety Week			
22-26 OCJH Art Show in the Commons	29-30 OCJH Art Show in the Commons			
22, 23, 25 7th/8th Grade RISE Testing AM	29 Safety Drill During Homeroom			
22-23 CTE Career Day Presentations in Auditorium	30 Safety Drill During Homeroom			
23 ASD Board Meeting 6:00 @ District Office	1 First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month			
24 NEWL Testing for Adv. Portuguese 9:00-12:30	2 Safety Drill During Homeroom			
25-27 OCJH Spring Play in the Auditorium	3 Safety Drill During Homeroom			
25 Track Meet 2:30 @ American Heritage	3 Ballroom Concert 7:00-8:30 in the Auditorium			
25 Superheroes Unite 7 PM (Cast A)				
26 Student Appreciation Day				
26 Superheroes Unite 7 PM (Cast B)				
27 Superheroes Unite 2 PM (Cast B)				
27 Superheroes Unite 7 PM (Cast A)				

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



This week is RISE testing week for our 7th and 8th graders. Please encourage your students to get enough sleep, to eat breakfast, and to bring their Chromebooks charged and ready to go. More information about the testing is found in the section below. While our 7th and 8th graders test, our 9th graders will be having an extension activity that coincides with their current studies in Geography. I look forward to sharing more about that 9th grade opportunity in next week's newsletter.

In the meantime, I'd like to highlight the following groups and individuals for being excellent Oak Canyon Eagles! First, we'd like to congratulate the **Oak Canyon Math Team**. Last Monday, April 15, they participated in their last competition for the year, and for the first time

in the two year history of the Alpine School District Middle School Math Competition, **Oak Canyon came home** with "The Pinnacle" trophy, which we get to keep and display until the first competition in the fall next year! Our 9th grade team of Miles Belnap, Ryan Hicken, William Jorgensen, and Scott Summers not only won the top 9th grade team, but also was the top scoring team overall. Oak Canyon was also represented by 8th graders Amanda Garcia, Jenny Hicken, Claire Lyman, Chelsea Pence, and Miriam Ross, as well as 7th graders Davis Adair, Eliza Allen, Jennifer Gu, Phoebe Hurd, Whitney Pace, Colin Rule, Lexi Tremblay, and Lucciana Venancio. Congratulations to Mrs. Jorgensen and the Oak Canyon Math Team! Next, I'd like to **recognize the following members of the Oak Canyon Ballroom Team**: Hayley Haymond - 9th, Braxton Platt - 8th, Skyler Haymond - 7th, and Sophie Smith - 7th. All go above and beyond refining their skills in ballroom. They dance for Oak Canyon's team and for Island Style Ballroom Studio. They train and take private lessons. They compete in many events at multiple competitions a year including Nationals at BYU. They have placed in the finals of their events. Hayley Haymond placed 1st in several competitions. Their ISD Teams took 2nd place in all their categories - which is amazing! They are leaders of the team at Oak Canyon! All four have the goal to be on the BYU Ballroom Touring team when they get to college!

Finally, I'd like to recognize **Brookelynn Canen** for the performance of **"The Castaway of Anbraya," a jukebox musical she began writing when she was 12 years old.** Brookelynn enlisted the help of her friends to act in the play while she took on the roles of writer, producer, and director. I am so proud of these students and the exemplary citizens they are at our fine school. Thanks to the parents and teachers that sent this information along for me to spotlight! Keep 'em coming! It's going to be a GREAT week!

Mrs. Ross



NEW INFORMATION

RISE TESTING INFORMATION APRIL 22, 23, 25

- All 9th graders will be on campus. From 7:45- 9:30 on Monday and Wednesday and from 7:45-10:15 on Tuesday, they will be involved in World Geography presentations and service projects. All students will have a modified schedule after testing is completed (see the bell schedule below). April 24 and 26 are regular school days.
- All 7th and 8th graders will be taking the RISE test in the morning and having a modified schedule after testing (the test is an indicator of student learning and the standards students have been taught in their classes at Oak Canyon Jr. High). Content specific tests will be administered on the following days:

- April 22: English 7:45-9:30
- April 23: Math 7:45-10:15
- April 25: Science 7:45-9:30

RISE Testing Bell Schedule 4/22 and 4/25				RISE Testing Bell Schedule 4/23		
A1	9:45-10:40	55 Minutes		A1	10:30-11:13	43 Minutes
A2	10:47-11:42	55 Minutes		A2	11:20-12:03	43 Minutes
1st Lunch	11:42-12:12	30 Minutes		1st Lunch	12:03-12:35	32 Minutes
A3	12:19-1:13	55 Minutes		A3	12:42-1:25	43 Minutes
A3	11:49-12:43	55 Minutes		A3	12:10-12:53	43 Minutes
2nd Lunch	12:43-1:13	30 Minutes		2nd Lunch	12:53-1:25	32 Minutes
A4	1:20-2:15	55 Minutes		A4	1:32-2:15	43 Minut 🕹

DONATIONS FOR TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9

Believe it or not, teacher appreciation week will be here before we know it! The PTSA is collecting donations so we can do some extra nice meals and gifts for our amazing faculty and staff at Oak Canyon. **Donations for teacher appreciation week can be done through the finance office or on <u>myschoolfees.com</u>.** It is listed under Public Items, PTSA. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE--OCJH SPRING PLAY

OCJH Eagle Drama Presents SUPERHEROES UNITE! A hilarious comedy about a small city looking for a superhero to represent and protect them. In a "American Idol" sort of casting call, they have many UNIQUE and Silly Superheroes to choose from. All seats are \$5, running time is about an hour, and you can purchase tickets at the door or online at MySchoolFees.com

Shows are:

Cast A-April 25 & 27 @ 7pm Cast B-April 26 @ 7pm & April 27 @ 2pm



EARLY MORNING SEMINARY OPTION FOR 9TH GRADERS 2024-2025!!

We are THRILLED to announce that we just received word that **we have been approved to offer an early morning seminary class for OCJH 9th graders for the 2024-2025 school year.** We are aware that there are some 9th graders that simply do not have enough room in their schedule to take all of the classes they would like to take, especially if they are trying to fit in Seminary. Current 8th graders have already turned in their registration forms for 9th grade; however, if you are interested in this early morning Seminary class, please reach out to your counselor immediately. Space is limited to the first 33 to contact their counselor as only one early morning class is available next year. This information has been shared by OCJH Seminary as well; however, if you have signed **up through their link, you still need to let your counselor know so we can adjust your schedule accordingly.** We are hopeful that this option will meet a need and one that we can continue to offer over time. Please note that if we do not have 25 students enrolled in Early Morning Seminary by the last day of school, we will not be able to offer it.

OAK CANYON HAS A SPIRIT WEAR STORE ONLINE--CHECK IT OUT!

Our online spirit wear store is officially open for business. Take advantage of the sales by May 7th!

- Sale Dates: April 23rd May 7th
- 25% off all merchandise
- Free shipping on orders over \$60
- Use code: SPIRIT507 at checkout to receive the discounts
- Use this link or scan the QR code on the ad: <u>https://1stplace.sale/96042</u>.
- Check it out today!

9TH GRADE LAGOON DAY INFORMATION

9th Grade Lagoon Day will be Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The

cost is \$54.00. You will be able to purchase tickets online at myschoolfees.com or at the finance window starting May 13, 2024. Permission slips must be filled out before purchasing your lagoon ticket and will be available on our school website on May 13, 2024. We will be riding Frontrunner both to Lagoon and back home from Lagoon.

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

We will continue to sell yearbooks until they are sold out. You may purchase yearbooks online at myschoolfees.com , at the finance window, or by calling 801-610-8141. Can't remember if you bought a yearbook? Your student may check with the finance office, or you may call 801-610-8141 to verify.



Your Students school fees/fines need to be paid by May 22, 2024 in order to receive their yearbook on yearbook day. You may check your students balance anytime by logging onto myschoolfees.com or calling the finance window at 801-610-8141. Year-end fines will be imported into student accounts on May 17, 2024. Statements will be emailed that afternoon. This will give students a chance to gather books, clear any fines with teachers or the library, and pay any other remaining fees/fines before year-end activities begin. Fees/Fines that have not been paid by the end of school will be forwarded to collections.

OCJH INTRAMURAL CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Intramural co-ed volleyball starts Thursday, April 25th in the gym from 2:30 to 3:30. Games will take place on the following dates: April 25th, May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th. Go to this link to sign up: <u>https://forms.gle/kATAFF8dDWTuYdbN6</u>

OTHER FAMILY/STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES





START SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

Parents, we would like to spotlight Oak Canyon students that are up to great things outside of school. The challenge is that we are not always aware of these student accomplishments/events to be celebrated. Please click on this link if you'd like your student to be spotlighted in a future edition of the Principal's Newsletter! <u>https://forms.gle/KvYAYNKbDtwrMbpA6</u>

REMINDERS

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 <u>2023-2024 ASD RISE Award</u>. 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.