

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 20, 2024



EVENTS 5/6-5/19 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

5/20-5/24 (A-WEEK)

Summer 2024

Homeroom: Celebrations
22 9th Graders to Lagoon
23 Yearbook Day
24 End of Term 4/Last Day of School/Minimal Day
27 Memorial Day

Summer Office Hours are Tues. & Thurs. 8:00-12:00
6/3-6/14 9th Grade Summer School/Credit Recovery

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of the 2023-2024 school year is fast upon us, and there is so much to celebrate! On May 8th, The Timpanogos A team won the Freshman League Volleyball Championship against Lone Peak! We have 4 Oak Canyon students on the championship team (and 7 Oak Canyon kids on the B team that took 3rd in the silver bracket!) In addition, we'd like to congratulate the PGJH Boys Varsity Volleyball Team for winning the 6A title on Saturday. Two Oak Canyon 9th graders, Tyson Thomas and Jaxon Fink, helped the PGHS team bring home this first ever state championship in Boys Volleyball!

We'd like to congratulate all of our 9th grade students that were celebrated on May 16th at our annual 9th Grade Award Night. Students were selected by their teachers for standing out in Career and Technical Education, Fine Arts, English, Math, PE/Health, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Student Leadership, Language Acquisition, DLI, and the State Seal of Biliteracy for OCJH French, German, Spanish, and Portuguese students. In addition we recognized the following individuals for representing the best of the best at Oak Canyon:

Athletes of the Year: Oaklee Castle and Easton McCustion

Art Purchase Award: Alice Hagi Manoukian

Patron of the Year: Briti Newman, PTA Volunteer

Employee of the Year: Nick Arnett, Tech

Teacher of the Year: Jenna Flood, French

Students of the Year: Olivia Gaskin and William Jorgensen

Spirit of Oak Canyon: Elsie Thomas

We are sad to see our 9th grade students go on to Timpanogos or PGHS, but they are ready and will do us proud as they continue to learn and grow. We'd also like to wish a fond farewell to Ms. Samantha Johnson and to Mr. Chris Wintle as they move on to new adventures outside the walls of Oak Canyon. This year we have tried new things, we have learned and improved, we have grown as individuals and as a group. We have worked hard and played hard, and we have given our best efforts. Truly, now is the time to reflect, rejoice, and relax! As always, it is my privilege to be an Oak Canyon Eagle!

Mrs Ross

NEW INFORMATION

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE--STUDENT FINES

Fines have been posted to student's accounts. Please check your emails or go to myschoolfees.com to see if your student has anything that needs to be returned or paid before school gets out. Yearbook day is Thursday, May 23rd. If your student has purchased a yearbook but has outstanding fees or fines on their account, the yearbook will be held until the account has been paid or cleared, or until the student picks up the yearbook during our summer office hours. You may pay online or at the Finance Window. You may call the Finance Office and leave a message but this is a very busy time and your call will not be returned until the end of the school day. Outstanding student account balances are subject to collections as of Friday, May 31st.

ASD SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE DEBATE--MONDAY, MAY 20 @ 7:30 PM

**ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
POSITION DEBATE**

SCHOOLS INCLUDED IN THIS AREA:

Elementary Schools:
Barratt, Central, Forbes, Grovecrest,
Lindon, Manila, Mt. Mahogany, Rocky Mtn.

Secondary Schools:
Oak Canyon, Pleasant Grove Jr., American Fork High, Pleasant Grove High,
East Shore, Adult Ed.

Hosted by
PGHS PTSA
AND SCC

DATE: Monday, May 20th
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: Central Elementary Gym
95 North 400 East, Pleasant Grove

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION ARE ALL INVITED:
Alicia Alba, Mark Clement, John Gadd, Tracy McMillan

VOTING INFORMATION
The top 2 from the Primary Election will move on to the
November Ballot

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

HELP SPREAD THE WORD...
COME AND LEARN ABOUT ALL OF THE CANDIDATES RUNNING

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

The last week of school brings with it an uptick in tardies and trancies. We are required to take attendance each day regardless. Parents, the expectation for your students is that they are where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there if on campus. If you check out your student, the expectation is that they are not on campus. Recently, we've had students check out and then go to other teachers' classrooms, or roam around the school. We simply don't have the manpower to supervise that. Please note that if your student is truant, they will not be allowed to attend yearbook day on 5/23. We appreciate your support in this!

SAFE SCHOOLS REMINDER--PLEASE TALK ABOUT WITH YOUR STUDENTS

Student safety is a top priority at Oak Canyon. Recently, there have been some changes in both legislation and district policy in regard to safe schools. First, students are not allowed to have weapons or facsimiles of weapons on campus. This includes all manner of weapons you'd expect, but some you might not expect are pocket knives, multi-tools, paintball guns, and even water guns. If found with a weapon, real or fake, students will be subject to the same consequences. In addition, state legislation that went into effect on May 1st deems any threat to a school (bomb threat, school shooting, etc.) no matter if it is a real threat or fake is now considered a 3rd degree felony and will be subject to legal consequences. This is no laughing matter, and seek your partnership in sharing this information with all OCJH students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

9TH GRADE LAGOON DAY 5/22

Logistics:

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Time: 6:50 AM

Location: Vineyard Trax Station, 130 East Market Street, Vineyard UT

Note: Upon arrival, find your Lagoon Chaperone. Chaperone lists are organized alphabetically by student last names.

Lagoon Arrival Time: 9 AM

Departure from Lagoon for Trax Station: 3 PM

Arrive at Vineyard Trax Station: 4:59 PM

9th Grade Lagoon Day Details:

All students attending the 9th grade Lagoon Day will need to ride Trax up with the school. There is no cost to ride Trax. Students will meet at 6:50 AM at the Vineyard Trax Station. Students will find out their Lagoon Chaperone upon arrival at the Trax Station. As mentioned above, Lagoon Chaperones are organized alphabetically by student last name. Once their chaperone is identified, students MUST check in with that chaperone. After all students have checked in, all Lagoon participants will load the Trax train and proceed to the Farmington Trax Station. (If you miss the Trax Train at Vineyard, you are not able to attend and no refunds will be issued.) Shuttle buses will be at the Farmington Station to take students to the entrance of Lagoon. Students will find their chaperone outside the Lagoon entrance to receive their entrance ticket. Students will need to bring money for lunch. It will not be provided by the school

At 3 PM, all students need to meet outside the park entrance and find their Lagoon Chaperone. Students will then board a shuttle bus and return to the Farmington Trax Station where they will load the Trax train to return to the Vineyard Station. Students will arrive by 5pm at the Vineyard Station. Transportation to the Vineyard Trax Station in the morning and home from the Trax Station in Vineyard after Lagoon is not provided by the school and must be arranged by the student.

YEARBOOK DAY SCHEDULE 5/23

Students will start the day in their homeroom classes for 35 minutes due to yearbook distribution. After that, they will rotate through each of their 8 classes for 25 minutes each with 5 minute passing periods. There will be one common lunch after B8 and a yearbook signing party behind the school with food trucks until 2:15. Here is the rotation schedule:

Homeroom: 7:45-8:20	B5: 10:30-10:55
A1: 8:25-8:50	B6: 11:00-11:25
A2: 9:00-9:25	B7: 11:30-11:55
A3: 9:30-9:55	B8: 12:00-12:25
A4: 10:00-10:25	Lunch/Yearbook Party: 12:25-2:15

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Students that come to school on 5/24 will go directly into the auditorium to watch a movie (TBD) from 7:45-9:15. As we are required to take roll each day, we will be keeping track of the students who attend on 5/24 as they enter the auditorium. At 9:15, students are dismissed to go home. Buses will run as per usual.

EARLY MORNING SEMINARY--LAST CALL

As advertised in previous Newsletters, we have been trying to fill one early morning seminary class for the 2024-2025 school year. We have to have 25 students enrolled by Friday in order for the class to carry. As of 5/17, we have 20 students that have signed up for this opportunity. We are so close! If you are interested in doing this, please reach out to your counselor this week even if you have signed up through your church or have used the QR code. We are hopeful that we can offer this opportunity at Oak Canyon next year, but if the class doesn't carry, students can participate in early morning seminary at the high schools or online.