

# Oak Views

## Winter Wrap Up

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A lot of great things happened at Oak View from autumn through winter, and it's all packed into this newsletter. Our site saw changes with a new electronic sign on the office wall facing drop-off as well as some fresh mosaics in the quad. Students were out and about in all types of weather acting, orating, exploring, studying, and celebrating; and inside working and studying diligently. We saw students graduate early and leave us, and we took in a whole group of new faces and personalities. All during this time, we got to know each other well enough to take risks and show what we know and also take the leap in learning what we don't yet.

We've been busy in other ways — getting ready for our WASC visit, creating a new CTE Pathway course, meeting with the district office and school board, creating a plan to use grant money coming our way next year for program improvement, and many other tasks to take our school as far and as high as we can. As always, it's a wonderful ride!



**Please Join Us  
April 23  
2-4 PM  
For  
Food  
Conversation  
And a  
Celebration of  
all that is Oak  
View  
As we  
Welcome  
Our  
WASC Visiting  
Committee**



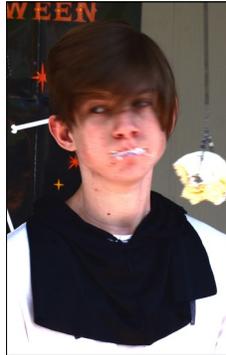
## Early Grads

Like other schools, OVHS has a graduation date that is fast approaching. Unlike other schools, students can and do earn the necessary credits to move on before that time. At left are students who graduated mid-year and mid-quarter 3. It is tradition to not only call students up to be celebrated in front of the school, but do provide them with a celebratory PayDay candy bar in honor of the adult life they are heading out to before most of their fellow seniors. Whatever your path, whatever your pace, we work with you to make it happen here.

# Halloween!



We love to dress up! Gorillas, witches, skeletons, mermaids, goddesses, and even lemurs joined together in a celebration of the day. We had some fun competitions and ate a lot of great food. OV loves to take time out to enjoy life.



Above, students take part in the infamous doughnut eating competition — hands behind their backs, participants have to eat their target as it sways on a string from above! Below, students race to cover their partner in the mummy-wrap contest. Below right, seniors get their silly on.



## Turkey Walk



For over 15 years, the View Crew has been celebrating Thanksgiving with the Turkey Walk. We amble to a nearby park and share our thoughts on all we have to be grateful for. Another way we share our gratitude for each other is in notes we write to each other that are collected into individual books entitled **Oak View Students and Staff Are Grateful for You**. Below left, students read their collections.



This year students came up with an idea for a Thanksgiving Day feast. Everyone brought dishes from their culture or favorite dishes their family makes and shared them with each other. We had everything from challah to charcuterie, chili to chocolate cake made by amateur and professional cooks. It was a great way to celebrate the holiday together before taking the week off to celebrate with our families. Our Oak View family always makes the best of the time we spend together!

# November



Above right, Ms. Robinson and students showed off the blankets they made via their Algebra class to demonstrate their skill in straight line manipulation. Dr. Davis was visiting during the lesson and funded the project! Above, the Chemistry class sends off a rocket using gas laws to do so. At left, the inaugural day of the OV Podcast, starring the creators of the project. Students came up with the idea for the class, wrote a proposal, and got the backing of Ms. Robinson in getting it approved, up, and running. Below, students take time learning origami during Thursday special projects and just enjoying lunch together. Below right, our special daily visitor, Missy, arrives and patiently awaits her human as he heads out after a day at school.





Far above left, students in Ms. Spitzer’s American History class dress up as mobsters in response to their study of the Great Depression. Far above right, the Senior Maker Space Project takes flight! Made from scratch, the airplane soared high and far... until it tangled with a tree in the parking lot. Above right, Ms. Spitzer oversees soil replacement to rid our garden of invasive grass. Below left, students in Child Development learn about bearing and caring for children. Below right, seniors work on the Senior Gift — a series of mosaics on the stones surrounding our quad area.



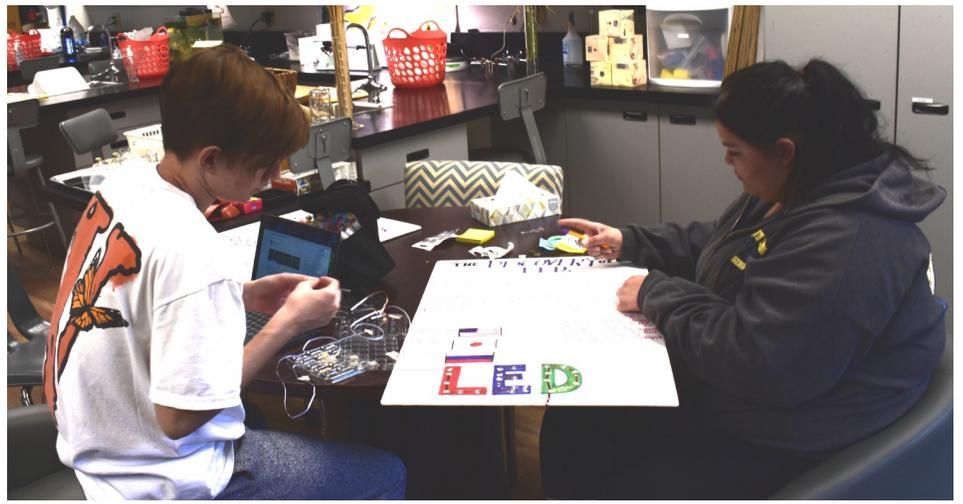
# Lokrantz



Our annual trip to the Lokrantz School for developmentally disabled children was its usual resounding success. OVHS students and staff purchase and provide gifts to every child at Lokrantz. We travel to the school to hand deliver custom presents to each of the students in attendance. It really is the best thing we do every year and a favorite memory for all who participate.







Above left, students in Ms. Robinson’s Maker Space class work with fabric. Above right, students make posters featuring LEDs to honor recipients of the Nobel Prize for their creation of blue LEDs! These super low energy light sources are great for the environment.



Above, the ASB works to develop and organize the year’s events and projects. Supervised by Ms. Spitzer, they meet weekly to ensure there is always something fun and interesting to look forward to outside of the classroom. Above right, students in Maker Space organize and pack away all of the great materials, projects, and equipment available to them during Maker Space classes. From 3-D printers and robots to sewing and digital heat transfer machines, we have a lot of options for “making.”



At far right, parents celebrate their son giving his final project presentation in Careers. Each senior will take this class and give a presentation on what they see in their future. At left, students in Child Development get some practical experience with the child of an OVHS alumni. They also volunteered at Brookside in a kindergarten classroom.

# Winter Break Party



We celebrated so many things the day before Winter Break — academic progress, early graduations, random acts of helpfulness and kindness, and just the fact that we made it half-way through the year. Above left, a student earns a prize for a Gotcha Award. Above middle, Ms. Robinson shows off her monomer to plastic polymer model, and above right a student shows off her crafty snow creature made of the same items. Below, students eat, play, create, chat, and just generally celebrate the community we have built. We work hard every day in class and balance it all out with events such as this where we celebrate and enjoy time together.



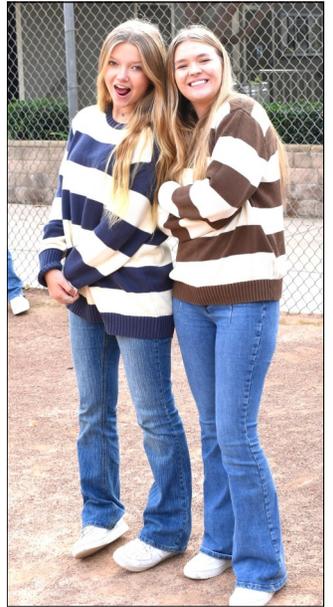
## Quarter 3

At right, students in Ms. Allen's Jobs class participate in an activity that emphasizes cooperation and teamwork skills. The class helped students to prepare for getting and keeping a job and provided a venue for writing resumes, getting references sorted out, and practicing their interview skills. They helped each other and are very prepared to become exceptional employees.

Below right, students in English class take on poetry — reading, analyzing, and writing it. This is all part of the Creative Writing class that started with poetry, went on to podcasting, and ended with a Slam Poetry unit.

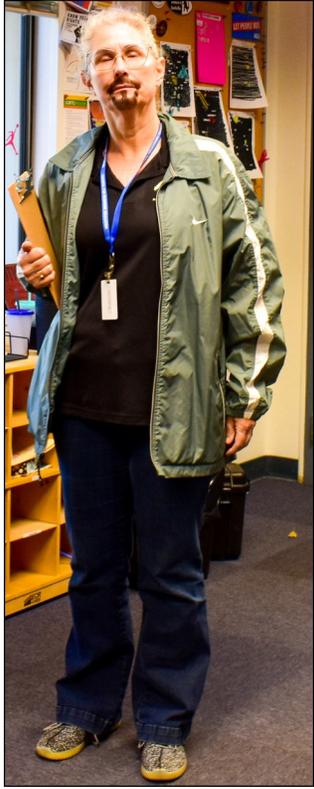
Below Ms. Spitzer's pilot Ethnic Studies course took on a culminating project — writing Public Service Announcements. At left, students took on stereotypes and the assumptions people make based on race and ethnicity. Their tag line was, "Perpetuating stereotypes is what will keep them alive forever." At right, students created a PSA that showcased code-switching. According to [betterup.com](http://betterup.com), code-switching is "the ways in which a member of an underrepresented group (consciously or unconsciously) adjusts their language, syntax, grammatical structure, behavior, and appearance to fit into the dominant culture."





Above, students show off their shared fashion sense. You just never know who else is going to be wearing the same things as you!  
Below, students in Ms. Allen's English class use beads in an exercise to explore the ways privilege and oppression play out in people's lives. Far below, students take a break from learning to eat, drink, and swap stories.





# An Extraordinary Counselor

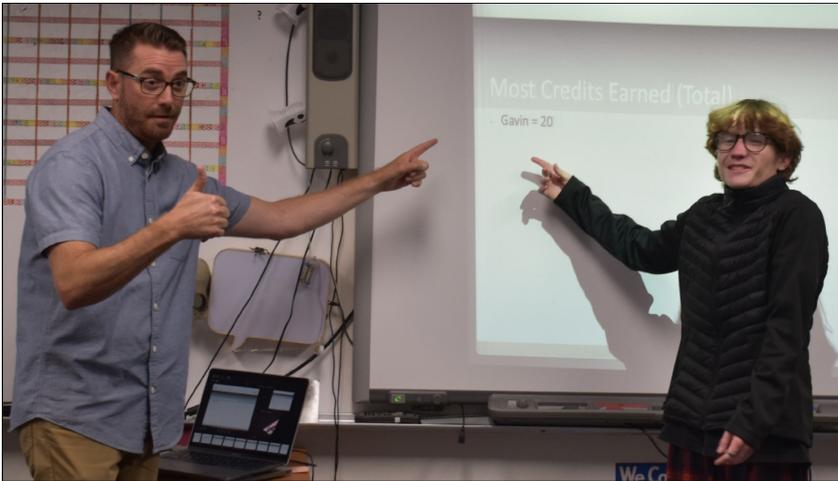


We celebrated National Counselor Week in February in a variety of ways. Staff and students dressed like Mr. Rogers — see Ms. Allen and Ms. Spitzer at left — and decorated his office — well, filled it full of Post-it notes as a prank — to let him know how much he is appreciated. From educating during Drug Awareness Week to bringing in special presentations to meeting one on one with students, Mr. Rogers provides the counseling and guidance to get all students thoughtfully into adulthood.





In February, Mr. Rogers brought in BRITE (Building Resilience & Inclusion Through Engagement), for a school wide assembly on tobacco, vape, and marijuana prevention. In addition to his other duties, he is also running a Boys Group this spring and coordinated Girls Group at the same time through an outside leader. Mr. Rogers brings the school together after every quarter to review credits and celebrate achievements such as Most Credits Earned. While he knows how to help in times of crisis, he is always there helping students plan for school and life and celebrating all achievements both big and public as well as small and personal. He is the quiet, calm, persistent foundation that underpins so much of student success and fulfillment. We kinda love him!



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Resilience,  
Responsibility**



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