

Oak Park High School Advanced Peer Counseling Program



Presented by OPHS Advanced Peer Counselors

What is Advanced Peer Counseling?



Beginning Peer Counseling

- Weekly meetings take place on Thursdays at lunch
- Topics include: conflict mediation, relationship building, coping skills, mental health, effective peer counseling techniques and much more
- Current issues and relation to counseling
- Tools for becoming a peer counselor
- Great place to meet new friends



Freshmen Mentoring

- APCs go into P.E. classes once a month to teach a lesson
- Includes most of the freshmen class
- Large Outreach
- 1-10's
- Discuss topics relevant to being a freshman
- Teach themes through activities
- Meaningful conversations
- Advice at the end
- Freshmen get to know upperclassmen

Class of
2023



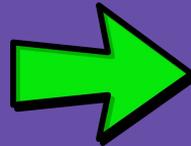
New Student Welcome

- Increase comfort
- Decrease nervousness
- Increase connections
- New Student Luncheon
- Every new student is paired with an Advanced Peer Counselor
- Contact numbers
- One on one questions & answers



8th Grade Transition

- Occurs every spring
- Advanced Peer Counselors visit 8th graders at Medea Creek Middle School
- Answer questions about what high school is like
- Cover topics from academics → 7th period → clubs → athletics
- Emphasize mutual experiences
- Help to reduce transitional stress



Mental Health Awareness Day

- Suicide awareness
- Help reduce the stigma
- Beginning of year (September)
- Peer counselors distribute information on Mental health
- Distribution of bracelets with suicide hotline, Lifesavers candies, handouts on helpful hotlines and resources



Kick-Back Events

- Student Inclusion Coordinator
- Events throughout the year
- Variety of activities (pumpkins, hot cocoa, movies, crafts, etc.)
- To relax, have fun and meet new friends!



One-On-One Counseling

- Any student can request to talk to a Advanced Peer Counselor
- Counselors will recommend Advanced Peer Counselors to help certain students
- Students can also contact Advanced Peer Counselors directly
- Trained in confidentiality
- Helping students find solutions or just being there to listen
- Continue meetings if necessary
- “Counselor On Call”

OPHS Advanced Peer Counseling Contact List

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Counselor On Call



- New this year!
- APC choose periods most available (dedicate their time to counsel)
- Administration Office and Special Education Department has list of names and periods
- When staff counselors are in meetings, occupied, etc., APC are called
- For students needing immediate aid (panic, overemotion, etc.)

OPHS ADVANCED PEER COUNSELORS 2019-20



*Leadership Team

10th Grade

Dylan Bezonsky
Bellamy Burrell-
Stevenson
Abi Chadwick
Shea Creason
Nikita Manyak
Amaan Nabeel
Olivia O'Connell
Siena Reale

11th Grade

*Amber
Arquilevich
*Jackson Finch
*Emily Francis
Lilly Fuller
*Jordan Julius
Shoshana Medved
*Ethan Rinkov
Emilee Teichner
*Emily Warren
Chase Willet

12th Grade

*Sam Barney-
Gibbs
*Gavin Cornick
*Audrey
Farnsworth
*Grace Hassanieh
*Megan Johnson
*Alia Koe
*Logan Prince
*Aashika Srinivas



Awareness Week

- Theme this year: Harmony
- Weeklong theme, speakers and presentations at lunch and nutrition
- Educate students on various aspects of the theme
- Organized by Advanced Peer Counseling, available to the entire student body



Advanced Peer Counseling Presents:

Awareness Week 2019

HARMONY



Oak Park High School Advanced Peer Counseling is excited to introduce Awareness Week 2019: *HARMONY*. We see harmony as a peaceful coexistence within the self and with others. Because we are living in a world filled with social polarization both physically and emotionally, it has become our generation's duty to embrace unification and one another, regardless of our individual differences. This theme is put in place to inspire students to not only tolerate differences but to invite individualities of all kinds by coming together. The week will focus on awareness and mindfulness and will include guest speaker, Gracie Fisher, current UCSB student. She will share her powerful story of resilience, following a debilitating virus which left her paralyzed. During the week, we will have other informative speakers and activities revolving around the theme of harmony.



Alliance with the Anti-Defamation League



- OPHS is a designated “No Place for Hate” School
- Create activities on our campus to spread awareness
- Create action plans
- Listen to speakers
- Communicate with authority
- Learn about the Holocaust
- Learn about ‘taboo’ subjects



Field Trips and Guest Speakers



Peer Counseling Website Navigation

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Peer Counseling website. The address bar shows the URL <https://www.selparkind.org/2024/2025/>. The navigation menu includes: Home, Academics, **Activities**, Attendance, College Information, Departments, Our School, Parents, Staff Pages, and Calendars. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Activities > Peer Counseling > Welcome to Peer Counseling.

The main content area features a sidebar on the left with the following links:

- Peer Counseling
- Welcome to Peer Counseling
- Advanced Peer Counseling
- Advanced Peer Counselor Contacts
- Awareness Week 2024
- Community Mental Health Resources
- Conflict Mediation
- Friendship Mentoring
- LGBTQ+ Awareness Week Presentations
- LGBT Resources
- Life is Too Important: Video about Drinking & Driving
- New Student Information
- Peer Counseling Presentations

The main content area has a header with "PEER COUNSELING" and a large photo of six students posing together. Below the photo is a video player showing a presentation titled "The Word" Advanced Peer Counseling 2024.

“One Word” Video

