

# Oak Views

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## Needed!

**\*iPod Shuffles**  
**\*Computer Mice**  
**For Classroom Use**

## Bell Schedule

### Monday through Wednesday

Period 1	8:35—9:20
Period 2/3	9:25—10:55
Break	10:55—11:20
Period 4/5	11:20—12:50
Period 6	12:55—1:40

### Thursday

Period 1	8:35—9:05
Period 2/3	9:10—10:25
Break	10:25—10:45
Period 4/5	10:50—12:05
Period 6	12:10—12:40

### Friday

Period 1	8:35—10:05
Period 2	10:10—11:40

## Off to Another Great Start!

Welcome to a new school year! Oak View continues to evolve to best meet the needs of students. Students will benefit from new course offerings, improved instructional practices, an upgraded vocational program, and choice in building a course of study that best meets individual interests. Classroom furniture, curriculum, books,



Mr. McGugan and Derren Cruz  
(and his shoes)

and instructional equipment were purchased and delivered over the summer and our classroom technology was upgraded as well. **We consider ourselves fortunate to receive the level of support we do from the district and community. Thank you!**



### PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) sponsors many vocational offerings, and OVHS is right at the front of the line to obtain these opportunities for our students. The program is called Ventura County Innovates (VCI). Students take classes in movie makeup artistry

and digital imaging from instructors in the industry. See next month's newsletter for profiles of the instructors and pictures of the students at work.

Mrs. Roberts, Kat Conley, Eva Melnik, Ashlyn Dobbie

### INSTRUCTIONAL CHANGE

As a further development of their math instruction training last year, Mrs. Kelem and Mrs. Liepman are using interactive notebooks in their math classes. This mix of note-taking, drawing, and critical thinking will help students connect more deeply to their math instruction.

## And It's On Again!

Our second annual Fantasy Football league has liftoff! Guided by Mrs. Liepman, Mr. Rogers (last year's winner), and Mr. McGugan, students made their picks and will live with the consequences every week through football season. Alumni Jordan Eminent, Nick Krys, and Rudy Escobar joined in the fun. And this is all just for fun. There is no money involved as in a traditional FF league, just bragging rights every week!

At right, Michael Fuller, Mr. McGugan, Jonny Trogman, Nate Kegley, Marc Funes, and Ryan McComb carefully make their selections.



## Principal's Corner



Hello All! Welcome back to Oak View High School. I feel absolutely blessed to be coming back for my fifth year as principal of OVHS. I feel the first four years have been successful and rewarding. It makes it so easy to come to work every day when I get to work with our amazing staff and students. It looks like everybody had a relaxing and fun summer and you all are ready to be back and get to work.

Over the summer, we were able to make sure all of the classrooms were cleaned and the campus beautified with new storage shelves in Mrs. Kelem's class, new desks and chairs, and a new Computer on Wheels (COW) in Mrs. Liepman's class. Mr. McGugan also received new chairs for his office.

We are offering a new TV Film Makeup Artistry class that is being taught through the Ventura County Innovates grant. Mrs. Mendez has a background of working with makeup on plays sets as well as for weddings. She brings our students a vast amount of knowledge in this area. The class discovers the transformative art of makeup for film, television, and theater. This course is an ideal introduction to a career in professional makeup applications for performance and beauty industries. They will learn about the products and processes for such beauty styles as daytime looks and smoky eye evening looks, as well as tricks for aging and other special effects. They will be practicing makeup applications on fellow classmates, and perfecting the techniques used by top professional makeup artists.

We recently had our Back to School Night and it was EXTREMELY well attended. I can not thank our parents and families enough for coming out to support

their students and our program. I talked about it "taking a village" to help our students and your actions show that we are all willing to make this happen. I also mentioned that Mr. Rogers and I usually stand out in front of the school in the morning to say hello and greet your students as they arrive. This is also a time for parents to say hello and tell us how their child might be feeling that morning. We would love to know if someone is having a bad day because of something that happened at home or if there is something going on at school to which we may need to pay attention. Please do not be afraid to reach out to us for help and guidance or to support our teachers in working with your students.

I am looking forward to another successful and fun year,  
Mr. McGugan

Principal McGugan leads our first checkout of the year.





## Alumni Roundup

*It's pretty common for our alumni to keep us posted as to their activities and achievements. Just recently, we heard from two graduates from over a decade ago. Here are their stories.*

### Katie Rope

**I wanted to thank you for support when I needed it most.** Today I am 29 years old and about to be married! After Oak View I went on to Pierce Community College and graduated with honors. During my time at Pierce I held a seat on the student executive board. From there I earned a Bachelors in Philosophy at UCLA. I am currently living in San Antonio, Texas, and working as a licensed veterinary technician, primarily in small animal surgery. **Please know that I am always grateful for the time and attention I had at Oak View.** Best, Katie. Class of '05



### Jason Perlmutter

I graduated back in 2004 from Oak View. In 2006, I graduated from paramedic school at UCLA-Daniel Freeman and have been a licensed paramedic ever since. I have pretty much worked in the ski industry (starting at Mount High) since high school but also was the Assistant GM of Larsen's Grill in Simi Valley for a couple years back in 2011ish. In 2012, I moved to Vermont where I took a position at Mount Snow (ski resort) as the Assistant Ski Patrol Manager. In 2013, I ac-

cepted a position as the Security and Roads Manager (overseeing resort security and snow removal). That summer I was recognized in the top "10 Under 30 Young Guns" in the industry which was a result of being nominated by a former colleague then a vote throughout the industry (article attached). That was a huge dream of mine (haha, now I am 30!).

Then in 2014, I was promoted to Lift Services Manager which includes oversight of lift operations, lift maintenance and the tubing park (3 direct report managers, and about 100 employees, 20 lifts, and about \$150-million worth of equipment). That step was a game changer for me and really amplified my skills and helped prove my ability to lead/manage. I have spoken at several ski industry conferences and have also written articles for Ski Area Management magazine.

A couple months ago I was asked to add Security, Roads and Parking back to my plate

as well as overseeing base area operations and summer operations (mountain biking, events, etc.). I suppose all in all I currently oversee 6+ departments (on and off mountain), with 150 employees and 5 managers, ski lifts, plow trucks, heavy equipment, and such – so I am busy. Needless to say, I have done quite well. Moving to Vermont was one of the biggest risks I have taken and one of the **best** decisions I have made. I still volunteer as a paramedic here and live in a nice "cabin" in the woods. I have 2 golden retrievers and a basset hound and couldn't be happier. I will be finishing my degree in Occupational Safety and Health at San Juan College in the near future.

**I would have never imagined back then what I would be doing now, or where I would be living. Looking back, I am quite amazed and truly thankful for the support and encouragement of the Oak View staff. You were all awesome and I truly wish you all the best.**



At left, the OVHS staff celebrates Thomas Cobain's official graduation. He spent the summer finishing up the last few credits of his senior requirements and is now a full-fledged high school graduate!



At left, once again we celebrate with recent graduate Nick Kryas as he relates the news that he will begin working toward his BA in business at Full Sail University in Florida this fall. He plans to follow that with a MA in sports management.

## We Bring Back A Winning Line-Up! — Teaching Staff

### Ms. Allen



Ms. Allen is glad to be back at work after a busy summer. She spent two weeks in Germany with her daughter, came home to get married, then went on a two week honeymoon to Scotland. Last spring she graduated from CSUN with a Masters in Educational Psychology.

In her sixteenth year at Oak View, Ms. Allen teaches all English classes as well as Consumer Math, Careers, Design Crafts, Child Development, and Stained Glass. This year she will work to make sure all OVHS English classes earn A-G certification, AKA college prep.

Ms. Allen worked as a waitress for seven years to put herself through school at The Evergreen State College where she earned her BA in English and history and her teaching credential. She taught in Washington state and at Paramount USD in California before taking some time to raise her girls -- Rosie 27 and Sarah 22. She is an avid gardener, an inventive cook, and an eternal student.

**"Every year here is exciting. The best people -- staff, students, and parents -- come through Oak View. Everyone leaves an impression. What will yours be?"**

### Mrs. Liepmann



Randi Liepman has been at Oak View since 1982! Working here was her first full-time teaching job, and she loved it so much she has never left. She is definitely a people person, having always worked at jobs that required excellent people skills.

She teaches all the social sciences here as well as Algebra, Psychology, Parenting, Film, and Current Events. She loves "working with a great group of people! Getting to know the students and becoming like a family." She also loves the beautiful setting where our school is located.

Ms. Liepman is married with two children. She grew up in Arizona, but attended college at the University of Redlands for her B.A., and UCI, for her teaching credentials.

Her son Chris graduated from his master's program in London and moved to New York and her daughter graduated from UCSB.

**"I am excited to get to know the new students and see the new seniors graduate! I'm looking forward to being with my wonderful co-workers. I missed them over the summer."**

### Mrs. Kelem



Mrs. Kelem had another wonderful summer traveling. This she traveled to Costa Rica and the luxury of having all of her 4 children join her and her husband. They had wonderful adventures exploring the rain forest and the beautiful beaches. Now she is rested and excited to be coming back to Oakview for her 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Mrs. Kelem has taught science for the last 10 years, including all levels of science from middle school to high school. She has previously taught biology, geo-science, marine science, chemistry and anatomy. She worked for CVUSD for 5 years, and OSD before joining Oak Park.

Mrs. Kelem grew up abroad living in multiple countries before landing in California in 1985 where she met her husband of 32 years. She has lived in Newbury Park for the last 26 years raising her 4 children aged 13-31.

Prior to becoming a teacher, Mrs. Kelem worked in the Biotech industry for over 15 years as a Validation Engineer. Due to her love of both children and science she decided to make a career change into teaching and has loved it ever since.

This year at OVHS she will be teaching Geometry with our new Integrated Note book curriculum, Biology, Physical Science, Marine Science, Health, Film, and our VCI class Emergency Medical Response.

**"I'm so happy to be back with my OVHS family, and seeing our previous students and getting to know our new students. It's going to be a great year!"**



## We Bring Back A Winning Line-Up! — Office Staff

### Ms. Roberts



Ms. Roberts is a SoCal native. She graduated from UCSB and has worked in banking and the restaurant business before coming to Oak View. Ms. Roberts lives in Agoura with her husband and dog. Her youngest son is attending SDSU. The Roberts have four other adult children living in the Southern California area, along with 8 grandchildren! She began working for OPUSD in 1997 as a

**I always hope each year will be the best! I'm looking forward to a great year.**

guest teacher coordinator and the office manager for summer school. She came to OVHS in 2002, so this will be her 16th graduation!

### Mr. McGugan

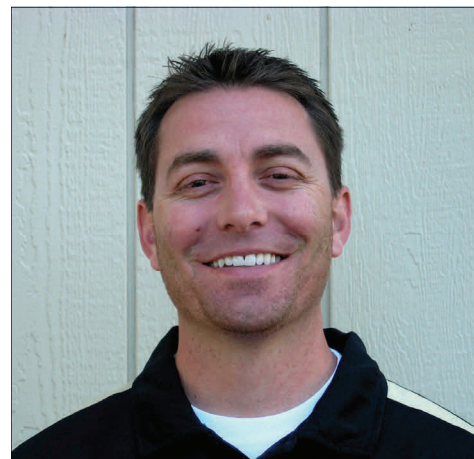


Mr. McGugan was born and raised in the Conejo Valley. He grew up in Newbury Park, and attended public schools in his community. Stewart has always loved athletics. He played baseball and football in high school and is a true fan of all sports. He was in the US Navy for four years, onboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. Throughout his time in the military, Stew traveled all over the world and experienced many different people and events that taught him lifelong lessons. They helped him to realize how lucky he is to live in Agoura Hills, and it is for this reason he resides here with his wife and three daughters who all attend OPUSD schools.

Professionally, he has worked as a counselor at Calabasas High School. When he came to Oak Park High School, he was hired as the transition counselor, where he worked very closely with MCMS to ease and facilitate the transition of 8<sup>th</sup> graders into the high school system. The next year he was promoted to the Assistant Principal position at Oak Park high school. For his five years as Assistant Principal, he oversaw athletics, facilities, ASB, curriculum, counseling, SPED, attendance and discipline. He is a member of the district leadership team and he works closely with the union negotiations teams (classified and certificated) in the district. This is his 5th year at Oak View High School.

In his personal life, he loves playing with his kids and spends as much time as possible helping coach them in soccer and softball. In his free time, Stew also likes to exercise and surf. He also loves beating up on Mr. Rogers' football/kickball teams on Thursdays.

### Mr. Rogers



Mr. Rogers is working at two schools all within his regular workweek. He is working at OVHS and OPIS. Each school is different in its own way but all are fun to work at. He previously worked at Royal High and has had a total of fifteen years in working in K-12 education. He has held the jobs of substitute teacher, PE teacher, and counselor (K-5, Middle, and High School).

Having grown up in Camarillo and attending college at Ventura and UCSB he is familiar with the local schools and communities. He graduated from UCSB with a degree in Sociology and a minor in sports management. He went on to get his Masters degree in Educational counseling. "I love working in education", "I tell people my job doesn't feel like a real job because I get to work at a school and talk to students every day."

He currently lives in Camarillo and enjoys being with his family, good food, watching Notre Dame football, and going to the beach whenever possible. Something you don't know about Mr. Rogers is he ran with the bulls (made sure not to get hit) in Pamplona Spain in 2006.

His favorite aspect of being at OVHS is working with the students and being part of the Oak View family. His goal is to help all students reach their academic, social, and career goals.

## We Bring Back A Winning Line-Up! — Support Staff

### Mrs. Gnatowsky



Having graduated from Oak View herself as the Valedictorian of the class 2007, Mrs. Gnatowsky enjoys leading our students on to success. She spent the summer on the beautiful islands of Kauai and Oahu enjoying the beaches and the local wildlife. Mrs. Gnatowsky has a passion for helping animals and she and her husband are proud owners of two cats, three dogs, a lovebird, a hamster and a tortoise. She is an avid reader who enjoys art, farmers markets and vegetarian cooking.

**“ I love Oak View because it’s a place where the staff is dedicated to helping every single student succeed. Oak View gave me a great start in life and I love being able to give the same back to our students.”**

### Mrs. Tribe



With her three children and two dogs in tow, Mrs. Tribe is grateful that her job feels like a gift. In her fourth year as school psychologist, she calls Oak View her happy place. She also did her internship in Oak Park and feels as though she is part of a family at Oak View. She is continually amazed by the students at Oak View and learns so much from them each year. She loves working with the students and just hanging out with them. Whether it be meditation time, counseling, problem solving or working with the wonderful Oak View teachers and staff, her time at Oak View is the highlight of her week. She has even been known to keep snacks and treats in her office in the hopes of visits from students.

Mrs. Tribe earned her BA in English at Boston University and began her career in the computer software field managing children’s educational content. She went on to earn her Master’s in Education and teaching credential at Pepperdine University and became a second grade teacher in Culver City. She loved being a teacher so much that she thought she would do it forever until one boy changed all that. He was a troubled youth who had several family stressors as well as academic and emotional challenges. She became intrigued with the process of specialized education and later went on to earn another Masters in school psychology at Philips University. Gayle firmly believes in the importance of being able to rely on yourself and hopes to start a mindfulness group at Oak View. One of her favorite quotes – “Falling down is an accident. Staying down is a choice.”

**“The cracks in the façade are what make us works of art. I look forward to getting to know you, cracks and all.”**

### Mr. Deck



Mr. Deck was born and raised in Clovis, California, outside of Fresno. He was a Blue Devil at Dry Creek Elementary, a Thunderbird at Kastner Intermediate, and a Cougar at Clovis High school, where he played baseball. A LOT of baseball. Mr. Deck played baseball at Fresno State and at Westmont College, where he was an All American. He also earned his degree in Kinesiology there. He played Minor League baseball for the Westman Wranglers, based out of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, and was inducted into his high school’s athletic Hall of Fame for Baseball last year.

Mr. Deck went on to get his MS in Physical Education/Kinesiology at Azusa Pacific University and his teaching credential in special education through CSUN and Azusa Pacific. He also has autism certification through VCOE. Mr. Deck served as a baseball coach at Westmont College and several high schools and was named Coach of the Year for Ventura County and the Marmonte League. He taught in several schools including those in Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Agoura before his tenure with Oak Park and Oak View High Schools where he is in his 7th year teaching special education. He works with OVHS students who have an IEP Monday through Wednesday afternoons in his study skills class.

Mr. Deck loves to coach and is concentrating his efforts on his children’s teams until they are older, though he is much sought after as a high school and college coach. He is married and has 2 sons who go to Oak Hills Elementary. His wife is an attorney in her own law firm. He loves to snow ski with his kids, hang with his French bulldog, and spend time in the mountains.

**“I love working with students. I believe developing a positive relationship with each student is the most important thing I can do as a teacher -- being there to push them when they need pushing, support them when they strug-**



# First Day!

Below left, Marc Funes, Michael Rodriguez, Nate Kegley, and Ryan McComb get to know each other. Below right, Mrs. Kelem and Mrs. Liepman are VERY excited for the new year to begin.



Below left, Rodney Haire gets a first look at Oak View in action as returnees Derren Cruz and Michael Cohen contemplate the year ahead. Below right, Eva Melnik, Jonny Trogman, and Ashlyn Dobbie get ready for Careers class.



Below left, Mr. McGugan welcomes Emily Barber back to school. Below middle, Adi Siboni gets a first look at his new school schedule while Jacob Fuller and Jonny Trogman catch up with friends in the office. Below right, Taylor Devers and Matt Friedman chat happily.



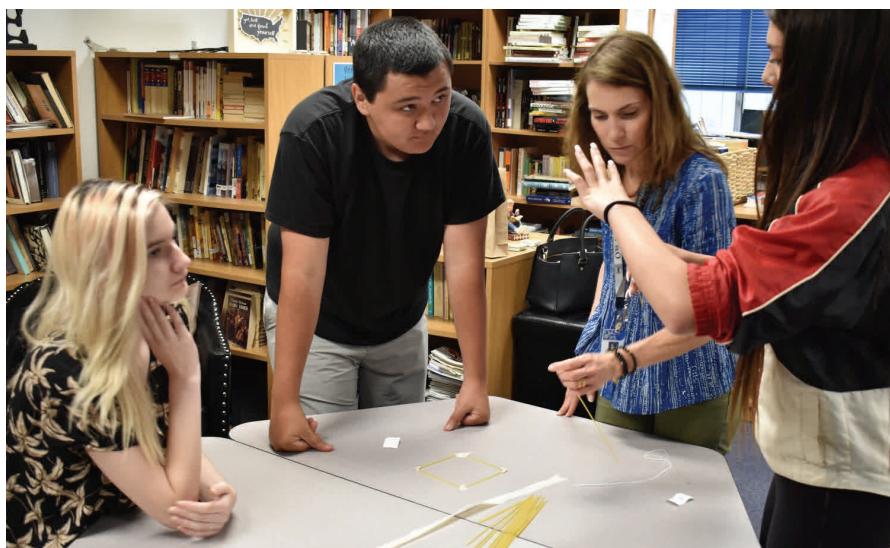


## First Day Team Building

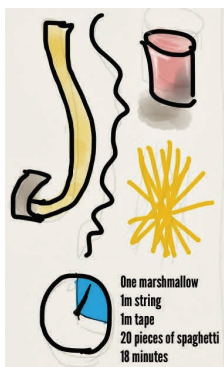
One of our primary goals is to foster group work skills in our students. Our project-based curriculum supports the growth of the ability to communicate, group-think, and work competently and cohesively with others. At right, Cody Marshak, Derren Cruz, Adi Siboni, and Aaron Villaescusa work together to create an innovative design incorporating spaghetti noodles, tape, string, and a marshmallow. Teams of 4 had to work together creative and collaboratively to create their structure in just 18 minutes.

Below left, Sierah Tew, Jacob Fuller, Mrs. Tribe, and Yasamin Eftekhari experiment with different options.

Below right, Mrs. Liepman, Nate Kegley, and Mrs. Kelem get down into the detail work.



At left, Andrew Tamisen and Michael Rodriguez think on their next design move. At right, Eva Melnik and Chloe Hall weigh their options.







At left, Mr. Rogers, Kiana Gand, Emily Barber, and Marc Funes strategize.

Below, Mr. McGugan measures the height of a successful building scheme.



At left, Madison Eminente, Parisa Tarani, Nick Tew, and Jonny Trogman. Below left, Ryan McComb, Kat Conley, Rodney Haire, Michael Cohen. Below right, Genevieve Akoury, Taylor Devers, Michael Fuller, Ashlyn Dobbie — The Winners!



2nd Place



The Winners!





## Check out our Check Out

At left, Mr. McGugan leads students in our first Check Out of the year. They are held regularly to give our community a time to share important information, discuss issues of note, and celebrate successes. We always hold one on the first day of school to welcome new and returning students and set the tone for the year. Below, students listen intently to Mr. McGugan's Welcome Back speech.

Michael Fuller, Aaron Villaescusa, Derren Cruz, Ashlyn Dobbie, Cody Marshak, Andrew Tamisen, Parisa Tarani, Marc Funes, Adi Siboni, Yasamin Eftekhari, and Rodney Haire.



## Help Us Stock Up On Supplies for the Year!!

First, thank you to parents who have already brought in supplies for our school.

With our site budget still impacted by budget cuts, we rely on parent donations of goods and money to make it through the year.

**Our students are not required to bring any supplies to school; we appreciate your assistance in making sure they never go wanting.**

If you can, please make a monetary donation (tax deductible) to the school or send in school supplies such as copy or lined paper, pens, pencils, 3-ring notebooks, Kleenex, etc. Ms. Roberts always has information on what is needed. She can be reached at (818)735-3217.

**A HUGE THANK YOU**

**To the following families  
for their generous donations:**

**Eminente, Dobbie, Marshak,  
Tew, Haire, Trogman, and Hall**



# Credit Check



Mr. Rogers leads our quarterly credit checks — a time for all of us to celebrate achievement in earning credits toward graduation both in and out of school.

Above right, Mr. Rogers congratulates Cody Marshak for earning the most credits outside of school (32) during quarter 4 and over the summer.. Above right, Eva Melnik enjoys her reward for earning the most credits within the school day quarter 4 at 19! At left, Andrew Tamisen gets a big High 5 from Mr. Rogers for perfect attendance quarter 4, which he shares with Ryan McComb.. All students are encouraged to earn credits beyond the school day through academic pursuits, hobbies, musical and artistic talents, community service, and athletics.

At right, students enjoy the presentation of individual and group achievements in accruing credits. The culminating activity is each student's placement of his or her icon on the Road to Success across the wall in Ms. Allen's room. It keeps track of student progress toward graduation and is updated several times per year.



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# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	No School Parisa Tarani's birthday	Michael Rodriguez' birthday	5	6	7	All Students Here Progress Reports
10	Anais Armstrong's birthday	11	All School Getty Field Genevieve Akoury's birthday	13	14	Flex Friday 15
17	18	19	20	No School 21	All Students Here 22	23
24	25	26	27	Senior Getty Villa Play (evening) Clean Teen Field trip (day)	28	Flex Friday 29
						30