

Oak Views

Semester One Wrap Up

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Thank You!

- To the Akoury family for donating a big bag of yarn for our knitters. Much appreciated!
- To the Eminente family for bringing in treats for student incentives.



Eli Andrade and Derren Cruz practicing games for Child Development

During the fall, we have a wealth of VCI classes for students to participate in. Not only do we have our usual Friday classes, Digital Imaging and Film & TV Makeup Artistry, but Mrs. Kelem teaches her Emergency Medicine ROP class and Ms. Allen teaches Child Development ROP.

Students in the EMR class



Nick Tew at the Lokrantz School.

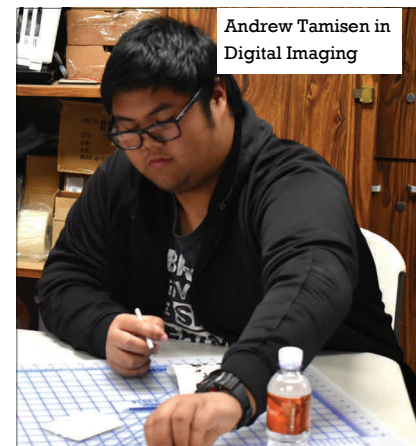
by first medical responders and their various career paths. They also became first aid and CPR certified. The class went on field trips to United Blood Services and the Oxnard Fire Academy.

The Child Development class spent every Thursday at the district's preschool, Oak Park Neighborhood School, located on the OHES campus. They got first hand experience of the developmental theories they learned in class. Students were responsible for taking care of mechanical babies for days at a time and experiencing the physical discomfort of pregnancy by wearing a pregnancy suit. The class culminated with groups designing preschools based on theoretical principles learned throughout the class.



Cody Marshak and Ashlyn Dobbie in EMR

All school field trips included the Getty Villa and Body Worlds. Our stu-



Andrew Tamisen in Digital Imaging

dents once again brought gifts to students at Lokrantz — one of our anchor community service events.



Kiana Gand and Ashlyn Dobbie at Body Worlds

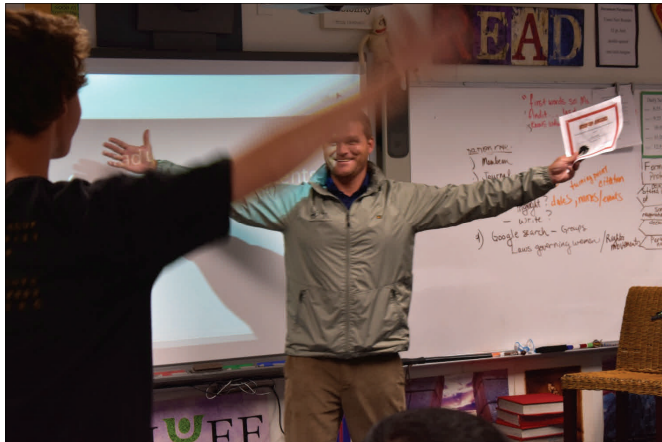
Principal's Corner

I am so thankful to work at a school where teachers, counselors and all staff truly want to come to school to work with your children. Our school offers a place for students to express themselves in ways that they might not feel comfortable to do at other schools. Proudly, I can say that our students and staff encourage individuality, which allows our students to experience the feeling of being wanted, heard, and accepted.

heard about how they feel and how we can help them. We want to keep an open dialogue with our students about their feelings about school and their overall well being. We offer so many ways for students to be heard through Girls Empowerment, Teen Boys groups, part-time school psychologists, a self-compassion group that will be added in the fourth quarter, daily conversations with our teachers and opportunities to speak with counselors.

We ask that you continue to ask your student how their day was and to really probe them about their experiences at OVHS. Ask them open-ended questions, that they will have to provide detail in order to answer you, rather than giving a yes or no answer. We also ask that you reach out to us with questions. We appreciate your feedback, guidance, and support.

Thanks, Mr. McGugan



In addition to working with your children on a daily basis, we also think about following district policies with emergency lockdown drills, fire drills, earthquake drills. Our teachers are able to lock their doors from the inside, just in case of a lockdown.

If we ever have an active shooter situation, we teach our students and teachers to react with the "run, hide, fight" mode.

Recently, we have all been affected by the tragedy in Florida with the horrific school shooting. We want students to have a voice and be

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Alumni Update

Amanda Rosen ('17) checked in after her first semester at Moorpark — she earned a 4.00 with a full load! Not unexpected but what a wonderful report. **Ethan OConnor** ('16) just finished his EMT training course. He will make a great firefighter some day, and will put his energy to great use in helping others right now. **Jordan Corbett** ('17) is heading for adventure

in Arizona with a job transfer — more schooling and life as an adult on his own all wrapped into one!

Andrew Levine ('08) checks in with his yearly report. He is still doing well as the head of IT for a corporation in Texas and just gave a major talk at a convention in New York. His parents (and we) could not be prouder.

Ashlyn Dobbie ('18) graduated early at the end of quarter 2 and reports she has already been accepted into the school of her choice XXXXX. Congratulations Ashlyn!



Jordan Corbett headed to Arizona and adult life

SELECTED NOTES FROM THE JANUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on January 16th, the Board adopted a resolution to accept new District of Choice students for the 2018-19 school year and approved the lottery process for the District of Choice program for 2018-2019 school year. A lottery of applicants was conducted, based on the number of applications received for each grade level this year OPUSD has notified every student who applied for grades DK-12 that they have been provisionally accepted to the District. There are no waiting lists as in prior years and this early acceptance will allow parents to more effectively plan for the 2018-19 school year. The results are posted on the District website.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

CONSENT ITEMS

***Approved** Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – January 2018

***Approved** Notice of Completion, Project 17-33S, Districtwide Security Cameras, Electrical Wiring Accepted 2017-2018 First Period Attendance Report

ACTION ITEMS BUSINESS

***Authorized** Establishment of District-operated Extended Care Program

At its meeting on October 17, 2017, the Board of Education provided direction to the administration to explore the feasibility of a district-operated extended care program for Grades DK-8 at Oak Park Unified School District schools beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Based on the detailed report of the exploration and research, including financial analysis, which was developed based on multiple successful programs and the very enthusiastic response to a District survey of parent interest provided to the board the Board of Education unanimously authorized the establishment of the District operated Extended Care Program to begin in August 2018.

***Approved** Resolution #18-02, Calling for Full and Fair Funding of California's Public Schools California has the world's sixth-largest economy and the high-gross domestic

product of any state. Yet, we rank near the bottom nationally in funding for public schools, a status that threatens the prosperity of our state and the strength of our communities. While California lags behind most of the country in public school funding, school districts and county offices of education are facing increased financial pressure from rapidly rising costs. It's time that California end decades of underinvestment in public schools and provide the resources needed to offer all students a high-quality education. To that end, the Board of Education passed a resolution to urge the State Legislature to fund California's public schools at the national average or higher by the year 2020, and at a level equal to or above the average of the top 10 states by 2025.

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OVHS Sponsored Blood Drive Is A Resounding Success!



Thank you so much for hosting the blood drive at Oak View High School this week. The drive was a big success and will go a long way toward replenishing the blood supply for patients in need in our community. 23 people registered to donate and we collected **28 units of lifesaving blood** which exceeded our goal by 7 units!

We are very grateful for all the hard work that went into planning and executing this blood drive. The combined support from students, school staff and district staff was wonderful. You have a great team and we enjoyed meeting and working with all of you.

Donna Fratella

United Blood Services

Honor Roll for Quarter 2

Gold Honor Roll

3.50 – 4.00

Genevieve Aoury

Michael Cohen

Madison Eminente

Sierah Tew

Ryan McComb

Taylor Devers

Ashlyn Dobbie

Eva Melnik

Marc Funes

Silver Honor Roll

3.00 – 3.49

Cody Marshak

Emily Barber

Michael Rodriguez

Andrew Tamisen

Jonathan Trogman

Nate Kegley

Below, Eli Andrade, Derren Cruz, and Yasamin Eftekhari act out a story at Oak Park Neighborhood School, the preschool for OPUSD.



Derren Cruz prints a transfer in Digital Imaging

VCI Course Pictures



Ryan McComb practices his parenting skills in Child Development



Taylor Devers and Emily Barber make movie magic.



Parisa Tarani and Eva Melnik create special effects makeup.

VCI Courses Provide Hands-On Activities

At left, Genevieve Akoury represents OVHS at the Ventura County disaster preparedness drill. Our students volunteered as victims for the Ventura County Memorial Hospital. Below, Jonny Trogman and Jacob Fuller share a laugh in Digital Imaging class. Below left, Andrew Tamisen and Aaron Villaescusa await instruction for their part in the mock disaster drill. Far below right Hady Tawil and Jacob Fuller practice skills they may use when administering first aid.



Lokrantz Gift Giving Trip



At left, Andrew Tamisen, Aaron Villaescusa, and Eli Andrade



Above, the group poses prior to entering the school where donuts and happy children await! Below, Matt Friedman presents a teddy bear to a student of the Lokrantz school. Students have participated in this community service event for decades, able led by Mrs. Liepman and the ASB board.





Derren Cruz



Adi Eminente



Olivia Richmond



Kat Conley



Cody Marshak



Marc Funes



Jake Sands



At left, Nate Kegley cannot resist trying out the toys with one of the students from the Lorkrantz school. OVHS students purchase and provide most of the gifts given to these students, though district office and retired personnel also contribute. Many students pay for their gifts using money earned at after school jobs. The joy shared is worth every single penny.

Check Out



Our quarterly checkouts are a time to celebrate success. Certain students are lauded for particular achievements. Above left, Eli Andrade gets a step up award for growth in character as did Parisa Tarani and those who donated blood. Above right, Matthew Ruble shows off his award for perfect attendance for quarter 2. In addition, Mr. Rogers reviews credits earning opportunities and requirements and celebrates remarkable achievements. Adi Eminente and Hady Tawil each earned 26.5 credits quarter 2! This involves by in and out of class hours as well as VCI classes and internships. Hady earned the most credits outside of school with 16.5 and was most improved from quarter 1 to quarter 2. Michael Fuller earned the most number of credits within the school day with 16 credits. Finally, all students move their markers on the Road to Graduation on full display in Ms. Allen's room. Below left, students check out their new status on their most recent transcripts and prepare to edge closer to their eventual end point. Below right, Kai Balke and Mr. McGugan help students to move their icons without the aid of stepladders.



Museum of Tolerance



Three of our core subject areas were enhanced by a field trip this year. Our school visited the Getty Villa in the fall in support of Ms. Allen's Greek mythology class. In December OVHS students visited Body Worlds at the California Science Center, which was particularly relevant to students in Mrs. Kelem's biology and EMR courses. In January, our school visited the Museum of Tolerance which provided additional perspective to all students, most especially those enrolled in her U.S. history course. Above, Kat Conley and other students view tableaux and listen to a recorded explication of events leading up to the Holocaust. At right, Adi Siboni and Marc Funes look at a donor wall near the entrance. Below, Aaron Villaescusa and Stephanie Griffin view one of the many maps located in the museum. Below right, Michael Rodriguez and Hady Tawil take in the objects and narratives in a display case.



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Resilience,
Responsibility**



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	Ms. Allen's birth-day 6	7	8	End of Quarter 3 All outside credit documentation due 9	Derren Cruz & Stephanie Griffin birthdays 10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	Spring Break 30	31