

Oak Views

Graduation Is Just Around The Corner!

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Donations Requested:

- Craft supplies — We'll take anything from paint to yarn to buttons to Fimo.
- Stained Glass supplies
- Coffee supplies for Seniors Coffee Bar
- Gift cards from book stores or Amazon to expand student library

Graduation is Friday, May 26th 5:00 p.m. at the Oak View High School softball field. Graduates should arrive earlier @ 4:30 dressed in cap & gown (white shirt & tie for boys). Tickets are NOT needed for graduation.

PARKING will only be available on the streets due to construction in our parking lot. Allow extra time.

Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal: May 26th (Friday), @ 12:00 at the Oak View High School.

Senior dinner: May 9rd (Tuesday) 5:45 pm –Cisco's

This annual dinner where we gently roast and toast your senior brings the school together as a family and means a lot to each senior. Please come; You may invite as many relatives as you wish. Please turn in

your order forms (\$25 per person) by **April 18th** at the latest.

Individual Senior Portrait: NOW

through April 30th If you would like a professional individual senior portrait, sittings are available at O'Connor Bros. Photography studio in Simi Valley. Call to schedule your appointment at 805.306.9542.

Best Bargain Ever! Yearbooks at \$55 Until 4/30!

The OVHS yearbook is remarkable in that EVERY student has a hand in creating it. While there is a yearbook staff putting it all together, each student has at least one page — seniors have two — to craft using his or her own pictures.

Never will your son or daughter be more represented in a yearbook than this one! Every classroom, every event, every aspect of student life is covered, and each student is represented multiple times through out the book.

In addition, the book is entirely in color. The price will go up to \$65 by the end of the year, so get one

NOW.

Principal's Corner

Seeing two of our former students recently enter the military (Marines), I am inspired to write about my time in the US Navy. I entered the military after being at California Lutheran University (CLU) for one year. I was not ready for a four year college environment, and so, I did not do that well at CLU. I was in desperate need of a fresh start. Having grown up with close family friends who were in the Navy combined with the fact that I often surfed and spent time near the Pt. Mugu naval base, I decided to join the Navy. I used my service as a time for me to mature, and to gain an understanding of who I was and who I wanted to be. The Navy helped with that. I was able to travel the entire world on two world cruises, onboard the USS Nimitz CVN-68. The Navy offered college courses at night, while I was on land and also on our ship when I was out on deployment. After I completed my four years of service, I was able to use the GI Bill towards completing my college education that I had started while serving. There have been several students who have approached me about my experience in the military. Although it is not the right option for everyone, I am more than happy to answer any questions you and your student may have. Here is to a great end of the school year. Thanks, Mr. McGugan



Alumni Update

We love to hear from our recent graduates. Below, Sadara Polk ('16) and

Antoine Boumier ('16) check in. Sadara is doing well, working hard at Starbucks and enjoying her own place. Antoine is resting between his travels and is looking for what comes next.

Far right, we get word that Walker Alexandre ('13) has just graduated from Marine Boot Camp. And at right, Devon Irribarren, who will head off to



Marine boot camp in August, is working construction until it's time to head out.



NOTES FROM THE MARCH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the regular meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on March 21st, the Oak Park High School Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Basketball Teams and their Coaches were recognized for their 8-0 season record and for winning the Coastal Canyon League Championship, respectively. The Board also recognized *Sumedha Attanti and Madeleine Phillips* for their NCWIT Aspirations in Computing Awards. The Board heard reports from School Board Members, the Student Board Representative, and the Superintendent. The Board also heard reports from, Brookside Elementary School, Red Oak Elementary School, Medea Creek Middle School, and Oak Park High School Site Councils. Andy Goldbeck provided an update on the Oak Park Education Foundation. Jane Nye introduced herself as a newly appointed MAC member and the MAC liaison to the Oak Park Unified School District. Dr. Knight provided an update on the District of Choice.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

ACTION ITEMS BUSINESS

- **Approved Adoption of Resolution #17-10, Participation in CSBA California School Cash Reserve Program** *TRANS are short-term debt instruments issued by school districts throughout the State to create an additional reserve to the general fund. In our District, this reserve will act as a cushion to the general fund in the event that we experience temporary cashflow needs due to the withholding of state funds to later in the school year.*
- **Approved Renewal of Joint-Use Agreement with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District for 2017-2020** *This renewal of a long-time agreement for cooperative use of facilities owned by Oak Park USD and Rancho Simi and Park District is a nonexclusive permit to use the buildings, grounds, and facilities of the School District for programs and activities of the Park District, and vice versa so long as such activities do not interfere with or adversely affect programs and activities sponsored by either District.*
- **Approved a positive Certification of the**

2016-17 Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Revisions

● **Approved the 2016-17 Safe School Plans** *For each district school the Oak Park Unified School District must annually review and update its Safe School Plans in order to remain in compliance with EC 35294.2. These updates include staff responsibilities, and procedures to be followed by students and staff in the event of disaster or emergency. These plans are available at each school site for public view.*

● **Approved Agreement for Measure S Architectural Services** *The Measure S Prioritization Committee has recognized that it is essential that the District engage a qualified and experienced architectural firm to assist with facility planning and prioritization, project design, and plan submittal and review by the Division of the State Architect. The board approved the request for proposal for architectural services to Dougherty Architects in connection with Measure S projects.*

● **Approved Change Order No. 1, Project 17-01S, Districtwide Solar Installation** *On January 17, 2017, the Board entered into a contract with PFMG Construction LTD, for Project 17-01S, Districtwide Solar Installation. During the course of the project, District and school site staff identified changes to the project's scope for conditions unforeseen at the time the contract was awarded, and requested the contractor to provide additional conduits and outlets for future electrical and security camera installations.*

● **Approved Agreement for DSA Testing and Inspection Services – Project 17-01S, Districtwide Solar Installation**

● **Approved Agreement for DSA Inspector of Record Services – Project 17-01S, Districtwide Solar Installation**

● **Approved Measure R Construction Contracts, Project 14-16R, Districtwide School Signage – Oak Park Independent and Oak View High Schools, and District Administrative Office** *Included in the Measure R Master Plan, Project 14-16 R was approved to improve site signage at all sites to provide improved safety by making*

specific District facilities more easily identifiable by emergency first responders. All sites have now been completed except for Oak Park Independent and Oak View High Schools, and the Education Services Center. District staff has solicited and received proposals to replace the 31 year old concrete sign that is heavily damaged by weather and age to identify the schools and offices on the 5701-5801 Conifer Street property.

● **Approved Modifications to the Facility Use Agreement with Westlake-Agoura Girls Softball Association** *The agreement is between Oak Park USD and WAGS for use of the OVHS softball field and associated facilities.*

● **Approved Measure R Construction Contract, Project 17-04R, Emergency Sidewalk Repairs at Brookside Elementary School** *The district will be replacing the entire sidewalk from the school entrance down Satinwood Street to Conifer Street. A separate landscape project will be approved to plant twenty new trees along the parkway as part of this beautification and repair project.*

● **Ratified Measure R Construction Contract, Project 17-05R, Emergency Side-**

Approved Measure R Construction Contracts, Project 14-16R, Districtwide School Signage – Oak Park Independent and Oak View High Schools, and District Administrative Office.

walk Repairs at Oak Hills Elementary School

● **Approved Measure C6 Bond Fund Equipment Purchase – Districtwide Emergency Radio System Upgrades** *Replacement and upgrade of aging emergency radio system equipment, including antennas, repeaters and radios.*

AAA (Attendance, Attitude, Achievement) Award Recipients

Ms. Allen

Consumer Math

Matt Hoffman

English

Nick Krys

Stained Glass

Bailey Watson

Stephanie Greenberg

Mrs. Kelem

Physical Science

Eva Melnick

Marine Science

Nick Krys

Mrs. Liepman

Algebra

Sierah Tew

Psychology

Marc Funes

US History

Derren Cruz

Cody Marshak

Hunter Tavolieri Graduates Early



With hard work and diligence, Hunter completed all of his necessary credits at the end of quarter 3 and left us to take on the adult world early. He will work until he is ready to begin Moorpark in the fall. Our program is designed to fit the needs of students — they graduate when they are ready. Some students will be done with all of their credits early because they have done work outside of school and made best use of all opportunities to earn credits within classes. Others will take more time, even as much as a year, because that is what works best for them. Some seniors who are still attending have earned all of the credits but want to stay and finish out the year. We do what works for students, and that works for us, too!

Six-Word Sentences

It has been said that brevity is the soul of wit. Whether or not it is true, giving a strict limit to the number of words used to convey information helps students be concise..... And it can be a lot of fun, too. Students in Ms. Al-lent's English class were asked to write a story in only 6 words. Here are some of their contributions.

Ball shot. Goal made. New MVP.

I never got to say good-bye.

Shouldn't have eaten that Taco Bell.

It's not just a phase, Mom.

Bright lights. Loud screeeech. RIP deer.

Illuminating sky. Plane on fire. Crash.

One crash. One death. One story.

At school. Allen's room. "Oh, crap."

"A pencil in the ceiling?" Mrs. Kelem

Burning jungle. Dangerous steps.

Unseen death.

Pretty flowers. Oh no, a skunk.

Butterfly! Oh, no, bee!

Kill all the ants. Stomp! Stomp!

More drama, more fights,
more problems.

I complete goals, get
Reese's Pieces.

I sit with a few fools.

He pushed the gas-pedal;
I fall.

2 pink lines. 16. Kicked
out.

Dodgeball. Pretty nails. Ball to face.

Glassy eyes, heart on fire. Broken.

I hope I graduate on time.

Who threw that grenade in here?

Hug good-bye, I already miss you.

Sees makeup. Buys makeup. Looks in
bank.

Start: Cohen subs. End: Cohen
curse.

Six-word essays are
fun to write.

First date, marry, baby, divorce, re-
peat.

Home, boat, chains, pain, farm. Slave.

Man, thank God I'm an atheist.

GRAD ADS STILL AVAILABLE! HALF-PRICE UNTIL APRIL 30

Seniors have always gotten 2 full pages in the OVHS yearbook — one personal page created by the student and on page for senior interview, quote, and picture. Families and friends can congratulate the soon-to-be-graduate with a congratulatory ad at the back of the yearbook. **THOSE ALEADY PURCHASED WILL BE DOUBLE IN SIZE!**

Purchase by April 30 and pay only \$55- for 2016/7Yearbook!!!!

student name _____

_____ \$65 **Now only \$55!!** yearbook

_____ \$advertisement business card sized - \$25 **Now \$12.50!** _____ quarter page - \$50 **Now \$25**

_____ half page - \$100 **Now \$50** _____ full page - \$200 **Now \$100**

See upcoming email to all seniors and parents for further information.

Licensed To Drive!



Driving — a significant rite of passage. Several students have obtained their driver's license and even gotten their first car this year. Recently Nick Tew and Stephanie Greenberg did just that, and now they are experiencing the freedom that comes with being LICENSED TO DRIVE!

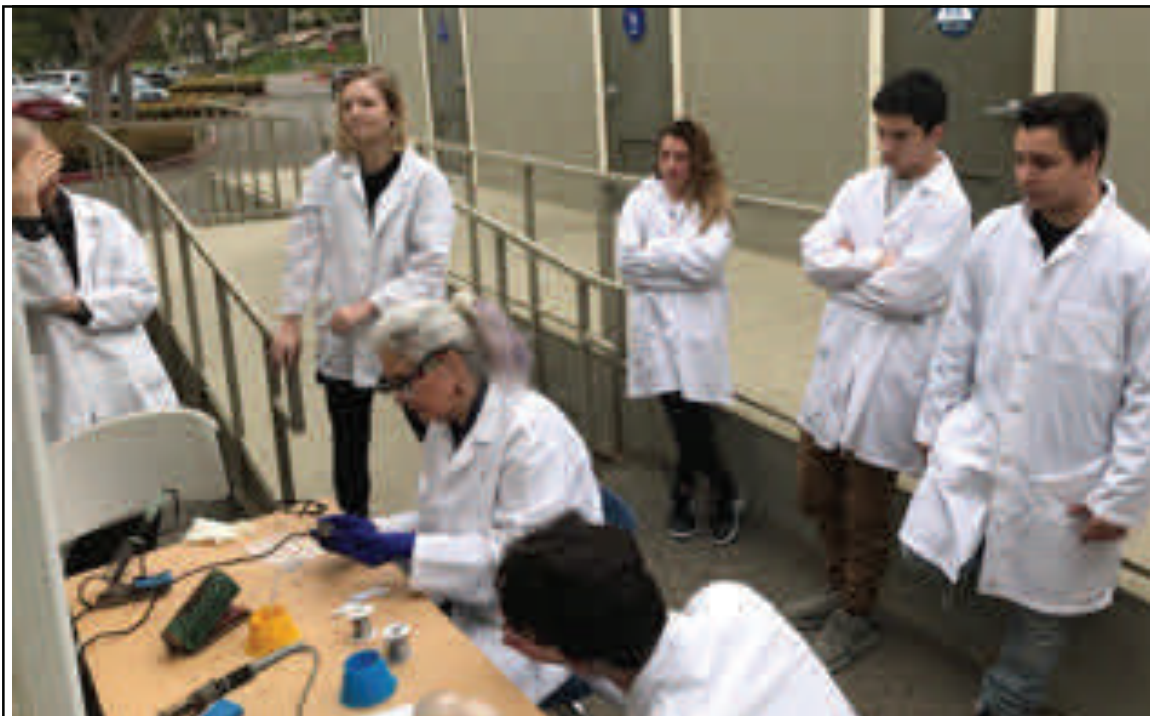
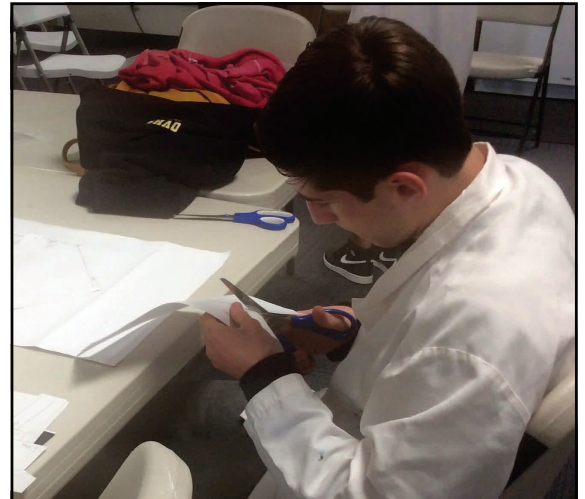
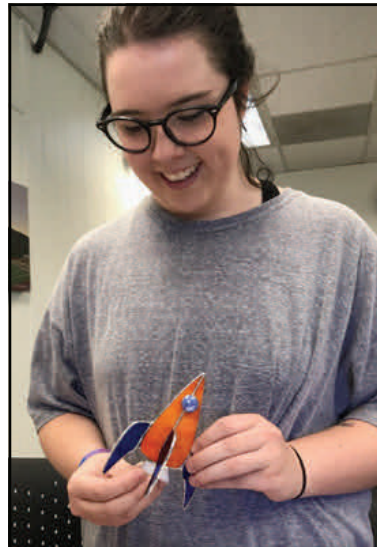
More Stained Glass! At left, Michael Cohen displays his first chosen project. All students first make a star, then they are free to choose what they would like to do next as long as it is fewer than 16 pieces. Students will also create a 3-D project. Below, Emily Barber presents Mrs. Liepman with an apple for being a wonderful teacher. Below left, Amanda Rosen and Bailey Watson grind away at their cut pieces in room 104.



Stained Glass Artisans Are At It Again



Every spring, the stained glass artisans come out again! Ms. Allen trained in this craft almost 25 years ago and enjoys passing along her skills to the View Crew. This year, students are already crafting beautiful and complex projects. Laura Williams, seen here at left, has even set up her own home studio.



Far above, Stephanie Greenberg foils and burnishes her cactus tableau. Above, Matt Hoffman cuts the pattern for his Kings logo project. Above left, Hallie Buenafe shows off the 3-D rocket ship she made from her own pattern. At left, Xander Smith, Laura Williams, Choe Hall, Orr Hersh, Michael Cohen stand by as Ms. Allen gives a demonstration on how to solder the pieces together. Aaron Villaescusa sits with her and watches the magic happen. These are first year students. The second year students are in the workshop grinding or cutting away at their glass pieces.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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2	Nick Tew's birthday	3	4	Eva Melnik's birthday	5	6	Flex Friday	7	8
9	10	11	Xander Smith's birthday	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	Flex Friday Progress Reports Michael McGee's birthday	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	Flex Friday	28	29		
30									