

Oak Views

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Much

Appreciated!

Thank you to the
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fin, Goldstein,
Lewis, and
Allen/Ecklund
families who have
made a money
and/or materials
donation!

OVHS provides ALL school
supplies, materials, &
field trips

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 and enhanced course offerings, improved instructional practices, our great field trip program, and our growing college prep curriculum. Classroom furniture, curriculum, books, and instructional equipment were purchased and delivered over the summer, and we settle into our second year with Principal Cromwell at the helm. **We consider ourselves fortunate to receive the level of support we do from the district and community.**



Samantha Rivas, Juliana Parker, Adam Wolfson, & Ethan Pimstone

Thank you!

PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Oak View High School continues to evolve its nature and environmental focus this year. Led by Superintendent Knight's vision, we will grow our program to include activities and curriculum that engage us with the natural world. The school board and Dr. Knight provide support for our many and varied field trips, including a journey to Anacapa Island to see our good work from last year and add to it. Each teacher has embedded instructional change in current courses to build on our programmatic changes. Mrs. Kelem is teaching an Environmental Science program this semester that will lead students in embracing our new focus. She has already gotten students outside, interacting with the natural world.

INSTRUCTIONAL EVOLUTION

All three of our teachers have been extensively trained in project-based instruction, and all staff will continue to develop



Jackson Spence, Makenna Shoaf, Samantha Rivas, Nathan Lewis

course work that fosters critical thinking skills and provides for more choice and challenge in daily course work. Ms. Allen is a trainer for the district in these techniques as part of a cohort of teachers. We continue to build literacy techniques in all classes to prepare students for college and adult life.

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Most of our courses are now certified as college prep and meet the A-G requirements for acceptance to UC and CS schools in California. Our students have transitioned to 4-year colleges before, but always out of state. The California requirements can now be met within our program and through classes offered via UC Scout. Please see Mr. Rogers for more details.

Bell Schedule

Per. 4/5 10:50—12:05

Per. 6 12:10—12:40

Monday through Wednesday

Friday

Per. 1 8:35—9:20

Per. 1 8:35—10:05

Per. 2/3 9:25—10:55

Per. 2 10:10—11:40

Break 10:55—11:20

Per. 4/5 11:20—12:50

Per. 6 12:55—1:40

Thursday

Per. 1 8:35—9:05

Per. 2/3 9:10—10:25

Break 10:25—10:45

Absence?
Call Mrs.
Roberts at
(818)
735-3217
ASAP!

Making the Most of a Golden Opportunity

Through the foresight and work of Mr. Cromwell and Dr. Greenlinger, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, OVHS staff has access to resources this year via a state grant to improve and enrich our program. Teachers will be going to many conferences this year to improve instruction in math and English and continue to develop our nature-based curriculum. These include both national and state conferences and will necessitate teachers being gone more than usual. As most conferences are on the weekend, they will not disrupt our instructional program very often. We will

also be exploring ways to create interdisciplinary units for students. We will work with a math consultant to improve instruction in that discipline as well. Teachers will also have the opportunity to write new curricular units, built with the specific talents, interests, and needs of OVHS students in mind. This will be a year of learning and development, one that is sure to bring lasting improvement and change to the program here at Oak View.

Principal's Corner

Dear Oak View Students, Parents, and Families:

The Oak View Staff and I welcome you to the 2019-2020 School Year. We extend an extra-special welcome to students new to Oak View. We know you'll enjoy your time with us, acquire a meaningful and useful education, and become part of the "Oak View

sociation. Over all we are a great school!

Oak View is blessed with a beautiful campus, caring, well-trained teachers, and a supportive School Board and District administration. The additional ingredient needed for success in preparing students for their future is involved family members. We want and encourage parents and caretakers to stay in regular communication with the school. Research consistently reaffirms that the single most important ingredient to student success is parent involvement. Please feel free to give us a call whenever you have questions or concerns. We consider all of you to be part of the Oak View family and we invite you to participate in the special activities and events at Oak View.



By working together, we can create a positive difference in all of our lives! Let's have a great year together!

Kent Cromwell, Principal



Family." We have a very special school and are so glad you are all here. Oak View has received a six-year accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the maximum given by the As-

Above, Principal Cromwell leads our first checkout of the year. At right, he's handing out schedules on the first day back to school.



NOTES FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING May 14, 2019

Educating Compassionate and Creative Global Citizens

At the May 14th regular meeting of the OPUSD Board of Education, one public speaker, on a non-agenda item, expressed gratitude and appreciation for the education provided to his two children at OPUSD. The District recognized staff members Dick Billingsley, Pennie Brown, Serafin Cortes, Martin Klauss, Beck Koch, Cindy Lokitz, Enid Miller, Debbie Sands, and Joyce Thomas on the occasion of their retirement from OPUSD.

The Board heard reports from School Board Members, the Superintendent, and the Site Council representatives from ROES and BES. Dr. Knight recognized and thanked outgoing student board member Gavin Cornick for being an exceptional student Board member. Jane Nye, the MAC liaison to OPUSD, reported that the Volunteers in Policing is expected to start soon as the County Board, the City Council and the Sheriff's department have approved it.

CONSENT ITEMS

The Board approved the following:

Accepted the 2018-2019 Second Period Attendance Report

The District's Revenue Limit funding is based on its ADA (Average Daily Attendance), which is reported to the State three times per year. The First Period Attendance Report, commonly referred to as P-1, is filed with the State at the end of the fourth school month. The Second Period Attendance Report, typically called P-2, reports the av-

erage of month one through the last school month that ends on or before April 15th of the current school year. The District's actual Local Control Funding Formula revenue is based on the P-2 Report. The third and final report, the Annual Report, is filed at the conclusion of the fiscal year. The second reporting period has concluded and the Board accepted the District's P-2 Report. The report shows 96.98% average daily attendance, which is below the projection.

ACTION ITEMS BUSINESS

Accepted Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee Annual Reports for Measures C6, R, and S

Review and Discuss 2019-2020 Enrollment Projections

Mr. Stew McGugan, Director of Student Support and School Safety provided Current enrollment and the enrollment projections for the 2019-20 School Year.

Approved Re-Appointment of Oak Park Citizens' Oversight Committee Members and Authorized Recruitment Process of New Members for the 2019-2021 Term

The Board approved the reappointment of Audrey Israel, Grant Meikle, and Bing Xu Liu to serve as members for a two-year term from 07/01/19 to 06/30/21. There is a vacancy for two members to serve on the oversight committee. The recruitment process will begin shortly.

Ratified Award of Bid and Professional Services Agreements for

Measure S Project 17-47S, DSA Certification of Administration Building at Brookside Elementary School

The board ratified the award of bid to SBS Corporation, Inc, Base Bid only, in the amount of \$989,827, as a lowest responsive and responsible bidder and also ratified the professional services agreements for this project with Kenco Construction Services, Inc. for DSA Inspector of Record services, in the amount of \$33,920, and with NV5, Inc. for DSA testing and inspection services, in the amount of \$11,323.

Approved 2019-2020 School Handbooks/Discipline Plans

The Board approved school handbooks which will be part of the annual registration materials, subject to staff making changes requested by the Board. The approved handbooks can be accessed at this link: <http://bit.ly/2XZ6eT8>

Reviewed Assessments of The Board Approved 2018-19 Goals and Moral Imperatives

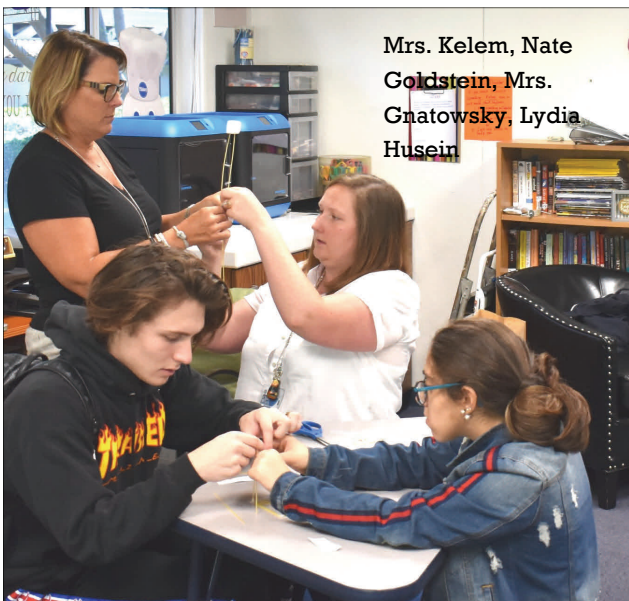
At it's August 21, 2018, regular meeting, the Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 Goals and Moral Imperatives. The Board reviewed the progress the District has made towards the completion of these goals. These are available on the District website at <https://www.oakparkusd.org/goals>

Marshmallow Challenge

Our yearly team-building activity has been the Marshmallow Challenge for a while now. This year had a great outcome with several groups experiencing success — a freestanding structure that supported their marshmallow. There were some interesting configurations, several innovations; and a lot of cooperation and team work. We all had a great time, and ultimately, the team who kept their eyes on the prize won — they **started** with the marshmallow!



Ramona Reeder,
Shelly Cohen,
Stephanie Griffin,
Brandon Courtis



Mrs. Kelem, Nate
Goldstein, Mrs.
Gnatowsky, Lydia
Husein



Jacob Saul, Mrs.
Liepman, Olivia
Ecklund, Callie Bee-
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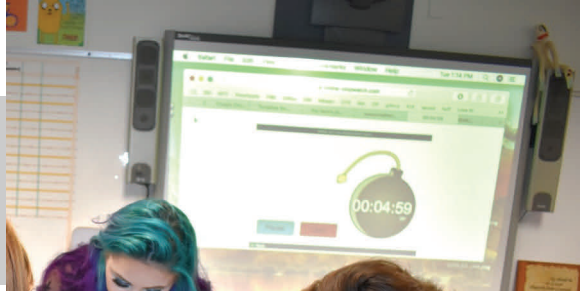
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Adi Eminente,
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Mathers



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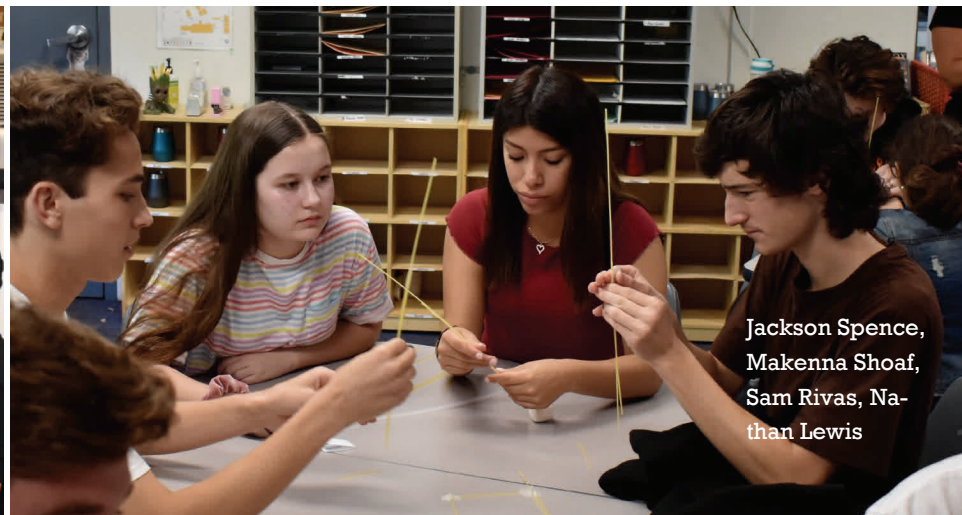
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David Roberts, Michael Ruble, Kat Leopold



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Andrew Escobar, Nathan Pimstone, Adam Wolfson, Mr. Deck

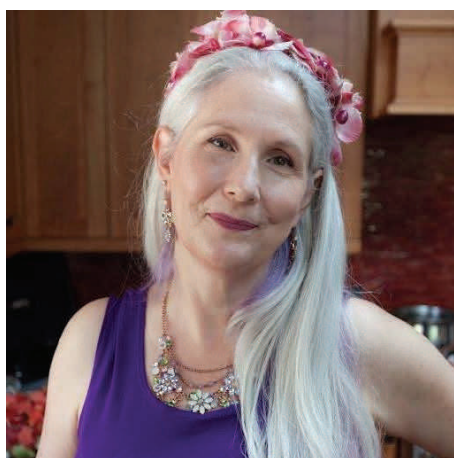
The Winners!



Mrs. Liepman, Jacob Saul, Olivia Ecklund, Callie Beeman

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 and her husband spent four weeks in Greece, and Ms. Allen had a great time touring all of the archeological sites of places students will study in her Greek Mythology unit.

In her eighteenth year at Oak View, Ms. Allen teaches all English classes as well as Consumer Math, Careers, Design Crafts, Child Development, Yearbook, and Stained Glass. This year she will continue her work to make all courses she teaches A-G certified.

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 and at Paramount USD in California before taking some time to raise her girls Rosie and Sarah who attended Oak Park schools. She earned a Master's in Educational Psychology at CSUN in 2017. She looks forward to working with the rest of the staff to continue to develop the valuable and interesting programs at OVHS.

"Every year here is wonderful, but this year provides many opportunities. The grant money we have from the state will help us to make OVHS even better!"

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.

Mrs. 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 year she traveled to central Europe, Florida, and Mexico with her family. Now she is rested and excited to be coming back to Oak View for her 6th year.

Mrs. Kelem has taught science for the last 12 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 33 years. She has lived in Newbury Park for the last 28 years raising her 4 children aged 15-33.

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, Environmental Science, Biology, Physical Science, Marine Science, and Film.

"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. The Roberts have five adult children living in the Southern California area, along with nine grandchildren!

She began working for

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

OPUSD in 1997 as a guest teacher coordinator and the office manager for summer school. She came to OVHS in 2002, so this will be her 18th graduation!

Mr. Cromwell



It gives me great pleasure to have been given the honor to serve as the Principal of Oak View High School. My name is Kent Cromwell and this is my second year at Oak View. I love being part of this family!

I began my career in education as a Continuation High School teacher in 1998, after graduating from Sonoma State University. Although I was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley (Woodland Hills), I chose to remain in Sonoma County to begin my career. My intentions were always to return to Southern California. At this point in my life, I have finally relocated back to the San Fernando Valley and it feels great!

In my spare time I like to be outdoors. I enjoy hiking, surfing, mountain biking, off-roading, skiing, and pretty much anything that gets me moving. I also like to travel. This summer I was able to visit Rome, Florence, Venice, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam. I am always looking for new and exciting things to do and places to go, so if you have any ideas, let me know!

Mr. Rogers



Mr. Rogers counsels at two schools all within his regular workweek, serving both OVHS and OPIS. Each school is different in its own way but both 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 attended 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

Ms. 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 8th 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 it.”

Check Out

We start out the new school year right — all together. After a team-building activity, Mr. Cromwell leads us in reviewing policies and procedures as well as introducing the new program and reminding students of all the wonderful features of attending OVHS, including our Friday VCI classes.



From left to right: Mr. Cromwell, Jackson Spence, Mr. Rogers, Makenna Shoaf, Mrs. Kelem, Sam Rivas, Mr. Deck, Nathan Lewis, Andrew Escobar, Mrs. Liepman, Matthew Ruble, Maxwell Ely

Below: Lydia Husein, Kat Leopold.

At right: Juliana Parker, Jacob Saul, Olivia Ecklund, Adi Eminente, Kellen Ligtiz, Jacqueline Mathers



Many Happy Returns (& New Students, Too!)

Old and new come together to re-form our Oak View family. These two pages contain pictures of our arrivals as well as lessons students learned this past school year.



Collin
Carson,
Kellen
Lignitz



Zachary Hirsh



Nathan Lewis

One important lesson I learned about myself this year was that I sometimes take things too seriously. Also, that I am a hard worker. I feel like as the years go by I mature more and more, but this past year I feel like I matured a **lot** more. I am taking more responsibility and thinking deeper before I make decisions.



David Roberts

The most important thing I've learned about myself is that when I try, I can really succeed and do anything I put my mind to, which is really important. Switching schools really made me realize this. It was a good lesson because now if I really want to succeed in something, I can if I put my all in it and just do "me." It was a slow realization because at first I thought that I can't do anything, but it turns out I can do a lot if I just believe in myself. Now and in the future I know I can do what I want to and I won't ever give up.



Callie Beeman



Juliana Parker

One of the most important things I learned about myself this year is how much I am capable of academically. Before I came to this school, I always got okay grades and I always understood the material but I had so much other stressors that my intelligence wasn't able to shine. I just thought I was average or slightly below average in intelligence. When I came to this school, I just felt so comfortable socially and I had way less stress and anxiety that I was able to actually see how much I can really do. I figured out that I am an amazingly fast worker and learner. I can get things done early or right on time and I can understand the material. This year, I just really flourished and was able to see who I was underneath all the anxiety and depression.



Ramona Reeder, Nate Goldstein



Stephanie
Griffin

If I had to sum up the last year of my life into one word, I would say that it had been the year of epiphanies. I learned that as long as I am consistent, I will always feel content with my accomplishments. I learned that if I forget to laugh for an extended period of time, I can begin to feel withdrawn from society, which is usually a product of me being obsessed with my projects while not spending time with my peers. I learned that if I am not constantly working toward something greater, it feels as if my life has no meaning and it will grow stale. I enjoy this quality though; it shows that I will always be doing positive things with my life or I won't be living at all.

The most important thing I learned about myself this year is that I can do it. Whatever I put my mind to, I will push through. The people who I would least expect to helped me learn this.



Lydia Husein



Kat Leopold

No matter what happens, life still goes on and everything will be okay. I learned to bounce back from whatever life throws at you, and that maybe at first you will not understand why, but eventually you will.



Alum Aaron Villaescusa, Adi Eminente

At first, I really didn't like it here because I didn't want to be here, but after a couple of months, I began to find my true self. I started working hard and getting better grades, and I felt I was succeeding in life. I learned that I am way more capable of doing things than I actually thought I was. The people who helped me learn this lesson were all the people at Oak View. I worked hard and listened to my teachers and the best ever counselor, Mr. Rogers.



Shelly Cohen

I want to do big things in my life. I want to live better and for my future children to live better. I want to make sure they're secure financially and emotionally.

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Back to School Night
August 21, 6:00-7:00



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	First Day of School 6	7	8	All Students Here 9	10
11	12	13	14	15	Flex Friday 16	17
Brandon Courtis' birthday 18	19	Picture Day Juliana Parker's birthday 20	Back to School Night 21	22	Flex Friday 23	24
25	Jacqueline Mathers' birthday 26	27	28	29	Flex Friday 30	31