

Oak Views

Exciting New Classes from VC Innovates!

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We increased our vocational offerings with the generous assistance of VCI this year. Mrs. Kelem and Ms. Allen worked hand in hand with the county staff to create Emergency Medical Response and

Child Development classes for juniors and seniors to take quarter 2. Mrs. Kelem's class included online training in first aid and certification in CPR. Students went on field trips to Oxnard College's fire academy and United Blood Services. Their speakers included paramedics from AMR and a counselor from NAMI. Ms. Allen's class featured speakers on the careers in education, social work, therapy, and others and put students through the rigors of parenthood via pregnancy vests



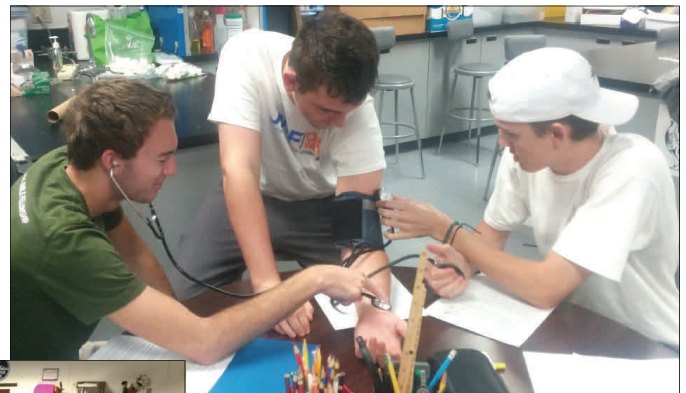
and mechanical babies. Students appreciated the hands-on aspect of the instruction and many expressed an interest in following up on the careers they were introduced to. Unlike our other VCI classes, Digital Imaging and Sound Engineering, these were offered during the school day.

Donations Requested:

- iPod Nano for students to use during quiet work time — to be loaded with instrumental music
- Craft items for Design Crafts (esp. decorative paper, stencils, and black Sharpies)
- Coffee supplies for Seniors Coffee & Tea Bar
- Gift cards from book stores or Amazon to expand student library
- Stained Glass supplies and equipment

Above right, Taylor Devers, Parisa Tarani, and Matt Friedman show off their babies. Students had 2 opportunities to practice parenting infants — with a partner and solo. It helped that the babies were programmed not to cry between 10 and 6

Above left, Xander Smith, Laura Williams, and Eva Melnik work on a blood pressure lab.



Above, Michael McGee, Nick Kryes, and Daniel Donahue measure pulse rates with a stethoscope.

At left, Ryan Rosen, owner and director of Camp Kinneret, takes Child Developments students through an exercise in group dynamics seen here left to right: Hallie Buenafe, Matt Friedman, Connor Gentry, Rudy Escobar, Amanda Rosen, Stephanie Greenberg, Kat Conley

Principal's Corner

I would like to thank all of the students who took part in the first fantasy football league at Oak View HS. We had a ton of fun over the season. Nothing is better than walking into the classrooms and hearing, "Mr. McGugan my team destroyed your team." Ya...it hurts..but I love the banter and appreciate how the students keep making my job FUN!!! Congratulations to the top two winners, Michael and Amanda. Michael won a nice pair of new Vans and Amanda was able to get her favorite Baltimore Ravens gear.



Last week I was able to go class to class and watch our teachers give out Attendance, Attitude and Achievement (AAA) Awards. I absolutely love going into the classes to see how great our students are doing. The teachers always have such unique, supportive, truthful things to say about how great our students are.



I am looking forward to the weather warming up because I am a born and raised California kid. However, this is also the time when students are more likely not to follow the dress codes. Parents, please remind your students to follow the dress code.

Thank you,
Stewart McGugan

Alumni Update

Below, Ethan OConnor returns to cash in his ASB scholarship. Ethan graduated last June and has been attending Moorpark CC. Student scholarships are designed to be

reimbursements for tuition spent. Ethan stops occasionally for a chat and to let us know how he's been. It is always a pleasure to catch up with him and hear of his continuing success as he works full-time and goes to school with a full load of classes.

At right, Brandon Burgess ('06) stopped in on a break from his job selling

high quality food items to local restaurants. Brandon went right to work after Oak View, and though he did attend school, has found a good job and is enjoying life. As he moves into management, he will revisit the need to get more schooling with a business degree, but for now, he's doing very well for himself, thank you kindly.



NOTES FROM THE JANUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Educating Compassionate and Creative Global Citizens

At the regular meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on January 17th, the Board approved the lottery process for the District of Choice program for the 2017-2018 school year and then conducted a lottery of applicants. The results are posted on the District website. The Board recognized Oak Park High School students: **Camilla Grossman, Natan Averbukh, Lauren Killian, Arman Badiei, and Samantha Neff from Ms. Lory's Geometry Class** for their timely care and help of a guest teacher who fell ill in their class. The Board heard reports from School Board Members, the Student Board Representative, and the Superintendent. The Board also heard reports from Oak Hills, Brookside, and Oak Park High School Site Councils. Dr. Knight provided an update on the District of Choice.

The Board took action and/or approved the following:

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approved Purchase Orders – November 21-December 31, 2016
- Approved Overnight Trip for Oak Park High School Debate Team Members to Palo Alto, CA, Stanford University, February 10, 2017 – February 13, 2017
- Approved Out of State Travel for Certificated Employees to Attend NAEA National Convention – New York, March 1, 2017 – March 5, 2017
- Approved Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints – January 2017
- Approved and Accepted 2016-2017 First Period Attendance Report
- Approved Notice of Completion – Project 16-09F, Districtwide Interior Lighting Retrofit
- Approved Notice of Completion – Project 16-05F, Districtwide Carpet Replacement

ACTION ITEMS BUSINESS

- Ratified Consultant Agreement with Sage Renewable Energy Consulting, Inc., for Independent Third-Party Review of Proposed Solar Power Design/Build Project *In order to verify the projected benefits, costs, and savings, the District entered into a consultant agreement with Sage Renewable Energy Consulting, Inc., for independent third-party review of the proposed solar power design/build project.*
- Approved Resolution #17-01: Approval of Findings

Pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.12 and Approval of Solar Power Design/Build Contract with PFMG Construction, LTD *Under the Solar Power Design/Build Contract ("Solar Agreement"), PFMG Construction, LTD will design, construct and install a districtwide photovoltaic system ("Solar Facility") to be located on each campus. The District will own the Solar Facility and will benefit from long term energy savings resulting from lower cost energy generated by the Solar Facility. In addition, as the owner of the Solar Facility, the District will benefit from available environmental incentives, including rebates, credits, reductions, offsets, and entitlements of any kind. The systems will generate approximately 1.3 million watts of electricity annually.*

- Approved Resolution #17-02, Authorizing Parcel Tax Election *The District's current parcel tax, approved by Oak Park voters in 2008, sunsets on June 30, 2017. On Jan 17, 2017 the Board authorized an election to renew the parcel tax at its current rate of \$197 per parcel, calling for a May 2, 2017 All-Mail Ballot. Senior citizens (65+) and people with disabilities who live in their homes may file for an exemption from the tax. Also, a provision was included that will only require a single exemption with an automatic annual renewal for our senior citizens and the disabled.*
- Approved Agreement for Parcel Tax Election Consultant Services with Clifford Moss.
- Amended and Approved Resolution No. 16-27, Resolution of the Board of Education of the Oak Park Unified School District Establishing an Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and Approving Bylaws for Measure S Therefore *The Board approved the amendment to modify the Committee Bylaws, to specify That Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Rosenberg's Rules of Order (2011 Revision).*
- Approved Annual Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, Including Bond Measures R and C6 *The annual audit reports for the District's financial records including Measures R and C6 were provided to the Board by Christy White of Christy White Accountancy Corp. No findings were reported as a result of the audit.*
- Approved and Certified 2016-2017 School Bell Schedules and Minimum Instructional Minutes *Education Code (EC) Section 46201 requires the governing board of every school district to certify that each school and each grade level has met the minimum number of instructional minutes as described in EC 46201 and meets the intent of the longer school day provisions of SB 813. As described in EC 46201.5, school bell schedules must provide for the minimum number of instructional minutes as follows: Kindergarten = 36,000 minutes/year Grades 1-3 = 50,400 minutes/year Grades 4-8 = 54,000 minutes/year*

Grades 9-12 = 64,800 minutes/year

- Approved Acceptance of Donations *The Board accepted the donations of the following: • Five Lateral File Cabinets for the Maintenance and Operation Department • Lumber for Oak Park High School Woodshop • Installation of Glass Mosaic "B" in Brookside School Courtyard • Approved Measure C6 Bond Fund Equipment Purchase – Classroom Cleaning Equipment for All Sites • The Board approved the purchase of six carpet extracting machines with accessories, two floor burnishers, two floor buffers, and three backpack vacuums, to improve classroom cleaning and sanitizing.*
- Discussed Governor's 2017-18 Budget Proposal for K-12 Education. Assistant Superintendent Martin Klauss discussed Governor's proposed budget and how it will affect Oak Park USD. Approved Project 15-13R, Language Lab Facilities at Oak Park High School as Measure R Project *The Board authorized the expenditures for the contract with the Ventura County Library for the now completed Project 15-13R, OPHS Language Lab Facilities at Oak Park Library to be charged to the Measure R bond funds.*
- Authorized Establishment of Measure S Construction Management Department and Approve Construction Manager Position *Based on its experience with Measure R, Administration recommended to the Board to establish a Bond Construction Management Department, headed by a Bond Construction Manager with 3 to 4 support personnel, all employed directly by the District. This would be the most cost-effective way to deliver construction management services as compared to contracting with a construction management company, which will be paid from the Measure S bond fund.*

BOARD POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Adopted the following New Board Policies and/or Administrative Regulations: • Board Policy 3311.1 - Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures • Board Policy 5116.2 - Involuntary Student Transfers •

Approved Amendment to the following Board Policies, and/or Administrative Regulations: • Board Policy 3311 - Bids • Board Policy 5116.1 - Intradistrict Open Enrollment • Board Policy 6142.95 - History-Social Science Instruction • Board Policy 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services • Board Policy 6179 - Supplemental Instruction

Oak View High School Quarter 2- 2016-2017

Gold Honor Roll 3.50 - 4.00

Laura Williams
Aaron Villaescusa
Jonathan Trogman
Nick Tew
Hunter Tavolieri
Marissa Tavolieri
Andrew Tamisen
Alexander Smith
Amanda Rosen
Michael McGee
Eva Melnick
Nick Kryz
Matt Hoffman
Stephanie Greenberg
Marc Funes
Michael Fuller
Jake Fuller
Rudy Escobar
Katrina Conley
Hallie Buenafe

Early Graduates

Oak View High School Quarter 2 2016-2017

Silver Honor Roll 3.00 - 3.49

Jordan Eminente
Emily Barber
Michael Cohen
Taylor Devers
Matt Friedman
Morgan Hirsch
Robert Romero

Scholastics

Below, seniors work hard to stay current in Careers class. Students are finishing up their personality essays, which included analyses of their learning styles, personality typology (MBTI) and values.

	PE	WR	TA	SA	R	CR	CC	NE	AL	OT	R	F	CR	F	CC	NE	Pres	NB	DONE!
Buenafe	X	X	X	X													X		DONE
Cobain	X	X	X	X	X								X	X			X		DONE
Donahue	X	X	X	X	X								X	X			X		DONE
Eminente	X	X			X	X						X	X	X			X		DONE
Escobar	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X		DONE
Gentry	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X		DONE
Greenberg	X	X															X		DONE
Hoffman	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X	X	DONE
Kryz	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X	X	DONE
McGee	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X		DONE
Romero	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X	X	DONE
Rosen	X	X	X	X	X							X	X	X			X		DONE
Smith																			DONE
Tavolieri	X	X															X		DONE
Watson	X	X	X														X		DONE
Williams	X	X	X	X													X		DONE



At left, Marissa Tavolieri, Robert Romero, and Connor Gentry graduate mid-year, having earned all necessary credits to move on in life. Ms. Allen presents each with a card, a hearty congratulations and a Payday candy bar to commemorate their achievement. Marissa Tavolieri was a 5th year senior, needing a bit more time to finish all of her credits. She acted as a good example for younger students to follow and her influence will be greatly missed. Robert and Connor graduated a semester early and are both working and attending classes at community college to get a head start on their post-secondary training. Here at OVHS we can craft the educational experience to meet individual student's needs. This is just one example.

Student Work — Poetry

Anxiety

by Hallie Buenafe

7.
Have you ever gone to bed
Because the world was ending
Only to see it begin again
The next morning

6.
Have you ever had to prove
You were hurting
And you made yourself bleed
Once the school nurse can't see into your head

5.
Have you ever had to seclude yourself
From everyone
After you learned the hard way
The world won't wait for you to bet getter

4.
Have you ever felt so many emotions
You wanted to throw them all up
But you swallow them instead
And hope no one notices

3.
Have you ever plugged your ears
The silence is too loud

2.
Have you ever felt your lungs collapse
Then debated telling someone
You don't know
Is the pain real or not

1.
Have you ever been so anxious
You don't know what's scarier living or dying
And the only thing you can do
Is take a deep breath
And count back from seven

The Little Death

By Anonymous

I woke up
Scared and sad
I tried to breath
But couldn't

Then I felt your touch
Your warm hand
Igniting a fire in my soul
Boiling my blood

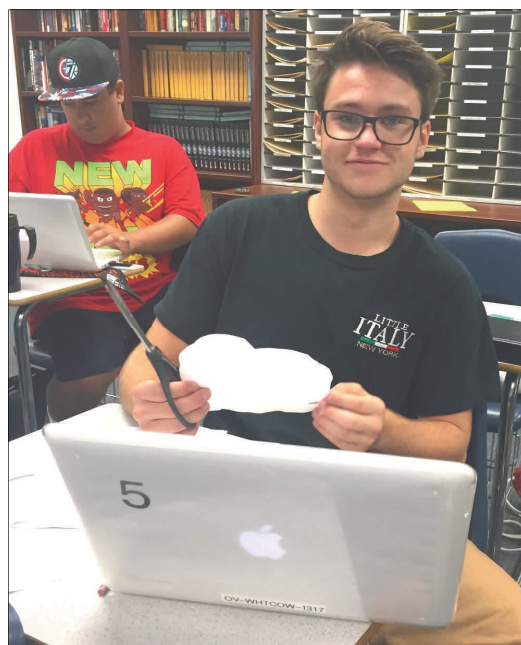
Your embrace
Sends chills down my spine
Tears fall from my face
And the fear drips away

You are the light to my dark soul
The warmth to my cold, shaking body
I can't breathe because of you
You make me smile when I want to die

Suffocate me with your love
Hit me with your kiss
Steal the breath
Straight from my lips

Suffocate me with your love
Hit me with your kiss
Hold me close until I'm
crushed

At right, Taylor Devers, Michael Cohen, and Aaron Villaescusa study on Quizlet via their iPads. Teachers embed technology in classes throughout the day, facilitating increased student learning and engagement



Far above Bella Hirsch and Kat Conley in Biology class. Above, Connor Gentry in Economics.



Community Service — Lokrantz School



Every year the students and staff at OVHS take bag-loads of gifts to the developmentally disabled students at Lokrantz Special Education Center. Each participant purchases a gift for a student, then gets to present it to the child in the school's auditorium. It is an event we look forward to every year. Mrs. Liepman, seen at left with Mr. McGugan and the Lokrantz coordinator, guides the ASB in facilitating this event. At right, Matt Friedman. Below left, Rudy Escobar with students looking on. Below right, Michael Cohen backed up by Aaron Villaescusa, Nick Tew, Billy Gulkin, and Jacob Fuller





Above from left to right: Eva Melnik, Taylor Devers, Matthew Hoffman, Jordan Eminente.

At left: Hallie Buenafe, Parisa Tarani, Katrina Conley

Below: Yasamin Efkhataari, Anais Armstrong, Andrew Tamisen, Marc Funes



From left to right: Hayden Baratta, Hunter Tavolieri, Amanda Rosen, Hady Tawil

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	Taylor Devers' Birthday 2	FLEX FRIDAY 3	Thomas Aoki's Birthday 4
5	6	Cody Marshak's Birthday 7	8	Marc Funes' & Sierah Tew's Birthday 9	FLEX FRIDAY 10	11
12	All School Field Trip 13	Valentine's Day 14	15	16	NO SCHOOL 17	18
19	NO SCHOOL 20	21	22	23	ALL STUDENTS HERE 24	25
26	27	28				

