



MESSAGE FROM THE OAK BAY HIGH ADMIN TEAM

This report card marks the 2/3 point in our school year and I continue to marvel at the accomplishments of our students. Having just read report cards, I'm delighted to see the continued academic accomplishment of your daughters and sons. All of this academic accomplishment is hand in hand with the outstanding athletic accomplishments of our teams and the entertaining and exemplary work of our students in the arts. We have just concluded a two week run of the musical Grease and I really hope that you had the opportunity to see the talent on stage.

Every day our students continue to work in support of those less fortunate or in need in our community and beyond. This is an empathetic and caring group of students and I feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to work with them.

All of us are looking forward to the beginning of construction on the new Oak Bay which should begin in July. Very soon we will be starting to track our progress on our web page. I hope that the entire community will have an opportunity to share our excitement as the new building takes shape.

I hope that everyone has a great, restful and safe Spring Break.

Garrett Brisdon
Vice-Principal



MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know? Parents can now view the daily announcements on the Oak Bay High School website by clicking on "Daily Announcements" on the top right of the school website main page at <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/>

The website also includes contact information for teachers on the *Parents* page under Information/Email Teachers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6Report Cards distributed
- March 8Last Day of Classes

Mar11.....**SPRING BREAK**.....Mar 22

- Mar 25School Reopens
- Mar 27.....1:20 pm Dismissal
-Parent Teacher Conferences 2 – 4 pm
- Mar 28 – Apr 4 .OB Tour Band to New Orleans
- Mar 29.....Good Friday – NO SCHOOL



- Apr 1Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- Apr 9OB Jazz & New Orleans Tour Band perform at Hermann's Jazz Club
- Apr 15PAC Meeting – 7pm Cafeteria
- Apr 16West Coast Choir Festival -
- Apr 22Ukulele Fiesta – 7pm Theatre
- May 7, 8, 9.....Evenings of Dance – 7pm Theatre
- May 17Pro-D day – NO SCHOOL
- May 20Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
- May 22Year End Band Concert – 7pm Theatre
- May 23Strings Concert – 7pm Theatre
- May 27PAC AGM – 7pm Cafeteria
- May 30Jr/Sr Drama Presentation – 7pm Theatre

- June 1.....Tea Party Parade featuring OB Bands
- June 5.....Choir Concert – 7 pm Theatre
- June 10.....Track & Field Awards Dinner – East Gym
- June 12, 13Grade 9 Musical Theatre – 7pm Theatre
- June 18.....Grad Ceremony – 6:30pm UVic
- June 19.....Last Day of Classes!
- June 20-24Provincial Exams
- June 27Report Cards distributed
- June 28.....Admin. Day



Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Oak Bay East Gym - Classes dismiss at 1:20 p.m.

This round of conferences we will again use the electronic conference manager, as described below. **Also, please be reminded that the March conferences are specifically for parents of students who are struggling in class(es).**

The first time you use the Conference Manager you will be required to register for a new account, this only takes a minute or two. Please make note of your password as this same account will be used for the duration of the time you have children at Oak Bay. While parents can register at any time, booking of conferences **will begin at 6:00 pm on the evening of Wednesday, March 6th, 2013 and will close at noon, Monday, March 25th, 2013.**

Steps for registering and booking conferences:

- 1) In your browser type: <https://oakbay.schoolsoft.ca> (note there is NO www in the URL)
- 2) Register for a parent account
 - a. click the **REGISTER NOW** button and complete the registration page. Once registered you will be able to log in to the Conference Manager right away.
 - b. An email will also be sent to the address you specified that restates your user name and password. This email will be addressed from appointments@schoolsoft.ca (please check to be sure your system doesn't flag email from this address as junk)
- 3) Click the **BOOK NOW** button.
- 4) Select conference date and the teacher(s) you wish to meet with
- 5) Click the **NEXT** button
 - a. To coordinate bookings involving multiple teachers select from the list all the teachers applicable to your child(ren) whom you wish to meet with
 - b. Click on an available time slot for each teacher and complete the booking form that appears. You will see the booking appear in the summary list on the right hand side of the screen.
 - c. A confirmation email is sent for each booking you made or subsequently cancel/change.
 - d. You will also receive a reminder email and itinerary early in the morning of the conference date.
- 6) Confirm your appointments by looking at the **CURRENTLY BOOKED CONFERENCES** box on the right of the screen **OR** click **MY CONFERENCES** tab.
 - a. Only appointments that appear in this box, or on the My Conferences page are confirmed bookings
- 7) When finished booking, click the log off button (top right on the window).
- 8) You will have the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the use of the Conference Manager to the school administration through a user survey before completely exiting. We would appreciate you completing the survey as this helps us as we determine how conferences are booked in the future.

We greatly appreciate parents booking their own appointments, but know this is not always possible. If you are unable to book your own appointment, please call the school office (east or west office) and we'll be happy to assist you over the phone.

SUPPORT OUR OAK BAY 'BARB'S' RUGBY!

THE FAMOUS MESMER



COMING TO OAK BAY APRIL 11 & 12!

"THE LORD OF THE TRANCE"



Student show on Thursday April 11th for students at 7pm - tickets only \$5.

Adult only show and silent action on Friday April 12th – tickets \$10.

Doors open at 6pm and show at 7pm.

Go one step beyond anything you have ever seen before as Robert MESMER takes the hypnotic show to a whole new level. No swinging watches, mirror balls or clucking chickens in this hypnosis show. The show does not keep anyone waiting. It is a modern, fast paced show with high respect for every single volunteer on stage. Senses are altered and hilarious scenarios take place.

Mesmer has travelled all over the world as a headline act with Princess Cruise Lines. Robert packs his show with lots of action and sound effects. Don't miss this one!

Come to the east or west office to get your tickets!



OAK BAY PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting is April 15, 2013. Guest speaker will be Allen York presenting on *Suicidal Ideation: what to watch for and where to get help*. Please join us in the East Cafeteria at 7:00 pm.

Call for nominations for 2013-14 PAC. Please contact Tami Tate (tami.tate@tttconsulting.ca) if you are interested in joining the PAC executive. The PAC AGM is May 27, 2013. A number of positions are available for the upcoming year. The time commitment is limited and it is a great way to stay connected with Oak Bay High School.

The PAC needs your help to raise funds to support teacher and school sponsored projects and activities that enhance our children's learning experience. District funding does not cover the financial demands necessary to provide the enriched learning environment we have come to expect. Costs and educational expectations are increasing, however funding is not, your donation to the

PAC can help bridge this gap. The PAC is fortunate to have a society that is a Registered Charity OBSSSEE, so all donations are Tax deductible. 100% of the funds raised will be reinvested into enhancing our children's education and experience at school. Oak Bay needs your help to remain current and enriched. Donations are gratefully accepted at any time during the year. For more information and to download our donation form, please visit our PAC website at <http://www.oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/departments/pac/fundraising.html>

Tami Tate
PAC President

TRAVEL CLUB

OAK BAY GOES TO INDIA 2014!

Join the Travel Club for 12 days in Delhi, Jaipur & Agra —Spring Break 2014

Efforts in our classrooms inspire students to pursue their dreams, and so does travelling. Seeing the world motivates young people to expand their horizons and enables them to gain a global perspective through cross-cultural experiences. If your son/daughter is interested in this amazing travel experience, have them join us on our travels to Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra India. We will tour markets and visit the Jama Masjid Mosque, Lal Quila, the Royal Mall, and Connaught Place, tour Humayun's Tomb, Raj Ghat and the site of Mahatma Ghandi's cremation. Also included is a guided expedition to Agra Fort and of course — The Taj Mahal. The City Palace, Palace of Amber and Palace of the Winds precede a folk festival and journey to the Mubarak Mahal Textile Museum. Students will ride painted elephants and even experience an Evening Canter Safari in Ranthambore National Park. This is truly a once in a lifetime educational opportunity. For more details, email Mrs. Moreau at jomoreau@sd61.bc.ca.



To assist in fundraising, the Travel Club is collecting Canadian Tire Money – there is a box in either office or the library for donations.

TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field training begins Mar. 4th after school at the track. We practice Mon./Wed./ and Fridays and boys and girls of all grades and experience are welcome.

Mr. M. Sheffer

GRADS!

ARE YOU GOING TO UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE IN SEPTEMBER 2013?



ONLINE POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION (PSI) SELECTIONS for 2013 GRADS

Please complete the Online PSI Selections form if you are graduating and applying to a PSI this school year.

An instructional document is available at: https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx_updates/. The instructions include snap shots of all the screens students will use to select PSIs.

Students access the online form by logging into the Student Secure Web (SSW), <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>, and clicking the menu option "**Post-Secondary Institutions Selections**".

Note: *Students who do not yet have a SSW account will need to **create one** at the above SSW Website prior to gaining access to the PSI Selections form.*

Students must complete the PSI Selections as soon as possible to have interim transcript information forwarded in May 2013 to the BC Electronic PSIs list and to the OUAC institutions.

GRAD TRANSITION PLANS

A reminder for Grade 12s ~ what you need to complete for the Grad Transition Plan:

- ✓ 30 hours of work or volunteer experience (with proof of work - pay stub) and a written reflection
- ✓ 150 minutes of physical activity per week
- ✓ a healthy living plan
- ✓ a graduation transitions plan



There is an up-to-date list posted outside the Career Centre showing what you have completed to date. Please hand in your completed work to the Career Centre. If you have any questions about the GTP please see Mr. Alexander or Mrs. Giesbrecht or go to the Oak Bay website and look under the GTP section. <http://www.oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/departments/planning/index.php>



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

It is scholarship application season, so please use the resources available on the Oak Bay website. There is also comprehensive info about the Post-Secondary

Process and Scholarship process in two keynotes: (oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/staff/salexander/courses/sch-prep/index.html).

Please drop by or email if you have any questions. salexander@sd61.bc.ca

Mr. Alexander

ATTENTION GRADE 9 PARENTS AND GRADS!



CHICK EVANS CADDIE SCHOLARSHIPS
Victoria Golf Club



The Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship is a full four-year tuition and housing scholarship at selected U.S. universities. Victoria Golf Club launched Canada's first Evans Caddie Scholarship program in 2006 and currently has two Evans Scholars attending the University of Colorado at Boulder (Engineering and Business). Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria for the limited number of available Evans Scholarships.

- ✓ **CADDIE RECORD** (120 loops over two, three or four summers at VGC).
- ✓ **ACADEMICS** (Primarily A's).
- ✓ **FINANCIAL NEED** (Parents have limited ability to help with tuition).
- ✓ **CHARACTER** and **LEADERSHIP**.

Scholarship applications are accepted in September of the senior year of high school. Applicants need not play golf to be a caddie; Victoria Golf Club Professionals offer training in caddying skills.

Victoria Golf Club's Evans Caddie Scholarship program is presently accepting applications for 2013. For more information, please contact Scott Kolb, General Manager, Victoria Golf Club at 250-598-4321 / scott@victoriagolf.com or obtain an application form from Norma Jean at the Club's front desk – 1110 Beach Drive. www.victoriagolf.com

CAREER CENTRE NEWS

Latitude Global Volunteering:

What are you doing after high school?

Latitude Global Volunteering is a non-profit organization which is focused on youth development. Latitude volunteers are placed in schools, outdoor camps and community non-profit organizations in over 15 countries for periods lasting between four to twelve months. All volunteers receive FREE room and board; many will also receive pocket money.

Lattitude Global Volunteering (cont'd):

Volunteers are able to travel during weekends and holidays. They become members of their community and learn about a country from within. If you are interested please go to their website www.lattitudecanada.org or see Mrs. Giesbrecht in the Career Centre.

Shannon Giesbrecht
Career Centre Coordinator



Greater Victoria Public Library News

Grades 6-12 (ages 12-18)

Winter/Spring 2013

Teen Volunteers Needed at the Public Library **(Ages 13-18)**

Reading Buddies:

Help kids practice reading.

Central, Emily Carr and Juan de Fuca Branches
Saturdays, March 2 – April 20 (8 weeks)

Reading Buddies en Francais:

Help kids practice reading and speaking French.
Central Branch
Saturdays, March 2 – April 20 (8 weeks)

Tech Buddies:

Help older adults with new technologies.
Nellie McClung Branch
Fridays, May 10 – 31 (4 weeks)
New Tech Buddy training session on May 3

Knit Wits:

Create a neckwarmer to donate to a local shelter – no knitting experience required.
Contact teens@gvpl.ca for upcoming sessions.

For details, visit <http://gvpl.ca/about-the-library/work-with-us/teen-volunteers>. Register online at www.gvpl.ca or call your local branch for more information.

Readers, Writers & Storytellers

Spine Poetry with Books

Unlock your inner poet and create free verse with piles of books. Upload a picture and you could win a prize! Check out www.gvpl.ca/audiences/teens/book-spine-

poetry to see more spine poetry with books, find out how to make your own and more! Everyone welcome. Online & at all GVPL branches. April 2 - 30

Author Shirley Langer: Anita's Revolution

In 1961, over 100,000 Cuban teenagers volunteered to help eradicate illiteracy in rural Cuba. Meet local author Shirley Langer to learn about this fascinating chapter of history and her novel "Anita's Revolution." Everyone welcome.

Saanich Centennial Branch. Wednesday, April 17

Teen DIY: String of Lights

Give your room a new glow with this workshop. Learn a variety of techniques for creating teeny tiny lampshades. Ages 12-15.

Oak Bay Branch. Thursday, March 14

Teen DIY: Pebble Jewelry

Learn how to make spectacular glass jewelry on a dime in this program. Ages 12-15.

Oak Bay Branch. Saturday, June 8

All programs are free.

For a full listing of all library programs, visit www.gvpl.ca and register online .

Would you like to work with us to coordinate an author visit for your students? Email teens@gvpl.ca.

Would you or a colleague like to receive this information directly? Contact us at teens@gvpl.ca and we can add you to our distribution list.



The Victoria Junior Field Hockey Association

offers a Spring Field Hockey League for players aged 5 to 18.

- 10 week season, starting April 6, 2013
- Divisions for boys and girls

Come Try the Game Free Day! UVIC Turf Fields near McKinnon Gym
- Sunday, March 3, 2013

For more information, please visit www.victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca or email info@victoriajuniorfieldhockey.ca

Registration open now.

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Athletes of the Month

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Senior Boys
Matt Hampton

Senior Girls
Chloe Campbell

Junior Boys
Matt Gray

Junior Girls
Andrea Pellatt

Jr. Girls Basketball

The Oak Bay Junior Girls basketball teams have been doing incredible. They claimed 2nd place on the Island, only losing by seven points to Claremont at the Island Finals. Each player did their part in moving the team forward and creating the success they hold now. Team All-Stars from Islands were Andrea Psotka for the 1st team, and Jahniaa Thomas for the 2nd team. The Junior Girls will now be proceeding to Provincials on March 6th, which will be held at the Langley Event Centre. Congratulations to the girls with their success at Islands and all the best of luck at Provincials!

Kryssy Samson

Jr. A Boys Basketball

This past week the team participated in the Cities, which were sponsored by the Victoria Police. The boys won an intense game against Mt. Doug in our home gym on Wednesday sending them into the finals and to Islands. The boys lost to SMUS in the city finals, but are headed to Vanier Secondary for the Island Championship Tournament on Thursday, and will be playing there through till Saturday.

The top 3 teams from that tournament will move on to BC's and the boys are definitely contenders for first along with SMUS and Cowichan.

A few notable players include:

- Jacob Dinh has been starting since Mark Piazza has been injured, and has done a great job of stepping up his game

to play a more significant amount of minutes.

- Asher Loenen has not only been a great offensive threat lately but is also crashing the boards and grabbing rebounds all over the place.
- Both Finn and Taylor continue to be great team leaders on and off the court. Liam Saad-Roy is another player who is very vocal and takes leadership in getting the boys pumped up and keeping them focused.

We wish them the best of luck, as they compete for the Island title!

Maria Talalaeva

Jr. B Boys Basketball

The Grade 9 boys had an excellent season and ended up winning the Junior B League Cities over St. Andrews by 30 points with the win coming down to a great team effort with every player registering a point. From there the team moved on into the Grade 9 Island Tournament, which was hosted by Oak Bay. The boys cruised through the Round Robin and won over a very determined Dunsmuir team to reach the final. They faced a Dover Bay team similar in skill and size, which set the scene for an action packed final. Oak Bay overcame a early deficit to win the Island tournament 56 – 48, Madhu McConnel was named tournament MVP and Gavin Kratz was named First Team All-Star. Overall it was an amazing year and Coaches Rhodes and Metcalfe were extremely proud to see the boys reach their goal of an Island Championship.

Kenzie Wakefield

Sr. Girls Basketball

At the beginning of February (1st and 2nd) the team participated in the Bagpipe Tournament in Mission. Oak Bay played three games, winning two of them. This tournament was a good way to get some decent games in before playoffs. The Lower Island Championships (February 14th to 16th) were held at Stelly's and at Oak Bay. The Breakers, having achieved first place during league play, were given a bye to the semi-finals. This meant that their first game was on

the Friday at Stelly's. Oak Bay defeated Stelly's handily which sent them to the finals in their home gym on Saturday night against Claremont. Fans filled the bleachers for the Sr. Girls' last home game of the season. The Breakers left no doubt that they deserved the Lower Island title and defeated their rivals.

Two weeks ago, the girls took on Claremont at the Island Finals in Nanaimo. The girls played very well defeating Claremont and bringing home the title of Island Champions for only the 4th time in school history and first since 2008. Morgan Roskelley was MVP of the tournament. Lauren Yearwood was a 1st Team All-Star and top Defensive Player. Chloe Campbell was named 2nd Team All-Star.

The first game at the Provincial Championships saw the girls defeat Burnaby South 76 – 48. At time of publication, the girls' next game will be 3:30 Friday afternoon at Langley Event Centre.

Emma Koloska

Sr. Boys Basketball

It has been over 10 years since the Oak Bay Bays have raised a Sr boys basketball banner. However this year's hardworking, defensive minded team hopes to change that. Although the team's goal is "to place top 6 at the AAA provincials in Langley." (March 12-16th) as stated by Gr. 12 point guard Liam Horne, this competitive team has lots of potential, led by top scorers and co-captains Matt Hampton and Liam Horne. (3rd co-captain Jake Miller) As the season comes to a close the Bays find themselves ranked 7th in BC for all AAA teams with only one league game left. The boys are working extremely hard, practicing four days a week, to achieve their goals. The Bays faced the first obstacle on their road to Provincials with Lower Islands held at Reynolds, Feb 22-24th and then the second with Islands at Mt. Doug, March 1st-3rd.

The Senior Boys basketball team lost in the Island finals to Claremont at Mount Doug after wins against Vanier and Cowichan. Matt Hampton and Liam Horne were 1st Team All-Stars at the tournament. It was the 2nd Final in a row for the Bays, winning last year. The Bays now take on Belmont Tuesday night

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at 7:20 for the right to be the 2nd Vancouver Island seed at the Provincial Championships next week. Good luck to coach Franklin and the boys!

Dayna Clark

Jr. Girls B Basketball

As with any new team, the Junior B Girls Basketball team started out as a team of girls who tried to get used to playing with each other. They overcame this challenge, and once they figured out how to play as a cohesive group, the girls poured their hearts out on the hardwood courts. One of their best games in the season included a win over Vic High, with a score of 45 – 12. Bree Keefe, a player on the team says she is hoping to carry on playing the sport, due to her “inspiring team”. The 13 – girl team is looking forward to their next game, coming up next Tuesday, Feb. 19th against St. Margaret’s. Kendall, the coach for the team, says that she has seen a large improvement since the start of the season, and that the girls continue to build upon their skills. There is one league game left before the team goes to Playoffs, and they hope to do their best once there.

Good luck girls!

Maria Talalaeva