



# Oak Bay High School

## This Week @ Oak Bay High

### Sept. 21-25, 2020

Sept. 18, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our students, staff and families as we finish up our first week! It is during these changing and challenging times that we have been reminded of the quote from former United Kingdom Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli "Change is inevitable, change is consistent". We greatly appreciate all the positive comments and support that your parent community has given to us during our start up. All in all, this week was a success! We continue to be so proud of our students and proud to be a part of the Oak Bay community.

#### Updates:

#### **Meet-the-staff Zoom night - Thursday, September 24th.**

As we try to keep things as normal as possible even during a pandemic, we want to provide the opportunity for you to meet the staff working with your child(ren) this quarter. You will receive an optional zoom invitation from your child's block A and C teacher. If your child has an outside the timetable course, you will receive a third invitation. It will be simple: click on the link at the appropriate time to join the meeting and you will be prompted to connect. For you, video and microphone will be optional. If you are nervous about or have never zoomed before, here are a quick introductory video on how to join a zoom meeting.

1. How to join a Zoom meeting:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ&list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM\\_I1Ild3N\\_XI77fKDzSXe&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ&list=PLKpRxBfeD1kEM_I1Ild3N_XI77fKDzSXe&index=2)

#### UPCOMING DATES

September 21-

PAC Meeting @7pm

September 23-

Music Theatre Meeting @ 3:20

September 24-

Meet the Staff Evening Zoom

A: 6:30pm

C: 7:00pm

OT: 7:30pm

September 24 & 25-

Fire Drill @ 2:30

September 28-

Pro-D

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

Block A: zoom begins at 6:30

Block C: zoom begins at 7:00

Outside the timetable courses: zoom begins at 7:30

**Course Changes** - A huge thanks to our counsellors for their hard work in trying to fulfill course change request forms from students. They have been focusing on the immediate, quarter 1, and will continue to work through quarter 2 through 4 requests as time allows.



**School Photos:** These photos occurred on Tuesday this past week. The photographers noted numerous times how respectful and attentive our students were. If your child missed school photos, retake will be on October 13th in the morning.

**Health & Safety** - As we continue to review our procedures around the school, we have been adjusting as needed. We have increased our school entrances from 4 to 5 in order for students to not cluster together and allow for the flow of traffic into the building. Our students have been very good about remembering to wear their masks when they are on school property and in the halls. As you can imagine, keeping a school our size clean, sanitizer bottles full, high touch surfaces cleaned twice per day is not only essential but also a very hard job for one person. Our day-time custodian has been working so hard and we very much appreciate Jim Petruzelli.



**Office Staff** - Another huge thanks! These amazing people are often pulled in so many directions. They are answering questions from students, questions from staff, and the phones. They are helping us with school photos, preparing start up materials for students and basically organizing our school life. When we get pulled in many directions, they are fielding it all. Please continue to show your appreciation and patience as they are balancing many plates.



**Cops4cancer:** Oak Bay's Cops for Cancer campaign got off to a very successful start this past weekend. The car wash was well supported by many students, staff, parents and community members. The students have started to canvas the neighborhood, by dropping off flyers in all mailboxes, in order to seek donations. Please go to the Oak Bay Team Fundraising Page, to make your donations (<http://bit.ly/oakbayc4c2020>). We have also extended the online auction which will be live until September 30th, and there are new items being added daily (<https://www.32auctions.com/OBC4C2020>). If you have any items you wish to donate, please let us know ([kzolbrod@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:kzolbrod@sd61.bc.ca)). Quite a few students are sacrificing their hair, and have begun to seek donations for the head shave that will be held on September 30th. We will be selling Oak Bay branded face masks starting next week, as part of the C4C fundraiser. There will be the opportunity to buy, in limited amounts, masks with the school logo, along with logos from Athletics, Band, Choir and Dance. We will be taking preorders for those who wish to purchase them, once they arrive at the school. Lastly, there will be a contactless bottle-drive which will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 8:00am until 3:00pm. We are asking all community members to drop off bottles to the Cranmore Road parking lot at that time, in order to raise more funds for this great cause. We will also be accepting cash and cheque donations at this time.



## **Lunch period and times without scheduled classes**

In order to make sure we are following Ministry of Health guidelines, as well as rules established by local businesses when off school grounds (ex. visiting a local business or park) we are asking students to take responsibility for ensuring that they are .

- a. Social distancing at all times, from each other and other community members.
- b. Respecting limits businesses may have on the number of patrons allowed inside.
  - Many businesses have reduced their capacity to allow for social distancing. Students should not enter these businesses unless they are planning to make a purchase.
- c. Respecting requirements around mask wearing at local businesses.
- d. Not congregating in parking lots or outside doorways, which make it more challenging for other customers.

We thank you in advance for your assistance with the above requests. We have a collective responsibility to be positive members of the community and respect the safety and rights of others. We know that this year will be different from years past. We know change is difficult. We know that maintaining social connections and having opportunities to connect are important. However, we must also understand that we are all being asked to be mindful, and occasionally make sacrifices, in the best interest of our community's collective health and safety. Overall, our school is off to a great start to this unique year and we thank everyone for the efforts you are making.

Lastly, if you do not have twitter, you have missed out on our PSA announcements (@OBPulse)!! You can also follow Mr. Aerts (@TomAerts61) and if you have the OakBay App, which can be downloaded here (<https://oakbayhigh.appazur.com/app/>), you can always see our newsletters, announcements and tweets on the message board. As a subscriber, you can determine if you would like to have the messages pushed as a pop up on your phone or just have them emailed to you. You can subscribe to your child's classes through the app so that if their teacher sends out any information beyond their google classroom, you will also receive that messaging.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely

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