



# Oak Bay High School

## The Next Week @ Oak Bay High

### May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**May 11-13<sup>th</sup>** Rise Together Art Exhibit & Silent Auction  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Pac Meeting  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Grade 8 Transition Day-Early Dismissal @ 12:20pm  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Pro D Day-school not in session & Grad Dinner/Dance  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Victoria Day-Stat Holiday school not in session



**Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> was Red Dress Day** which is the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S). Friday after school, students from one of our Social Justice classes will hang red dresses throughout the school, coupled with information, to bring awareness to this ongoing crisis. In Advisory, students were invited to learn more about this National Day of Awareness and the work of our Social Justice class.

We understand that this can be a difficult topic. We will have counsellors standing by this coming week to support those in need. As always, please reach out to administration with any questions or concerns.

**The Oak Bay Interact Club** will be selling freezies and other snacks at the front of the school at lunch on Wednesdays. All proceeds will go directly to Malawi Girls On The Move, a charity which provides educational opportunities to young Malawian women. Find out more here: <https://www.malawigirlsonthemove.com/>. Please encourage your student to bring some cash and stop by to get a tasty treat and support an amazing cause.

**Rise Together for Ukraine Art Exhibit and Silent Auction** Rise Together is a collaborative charity created by two grade 11 Oak Bay High students, Holly Smith and Trishna Gill. From May 11th - 13th, Rise Together will be hosting an art exhibit and silent auction in support of Ukraine. They have partnered with a Ukrainian street photographer and documentary, Mikhail Palinchak, to have his war photographs/documents printed to canvases for viewing. Rise Together has also partnered with seven award winning artists from Vancouver Island as well one Oak Bay student to have pieces donated to be auctioned in support of Ukraine. The Rise Together for Ukraine Art Exhibit and Silent Auction is in collaboration with the Canada-Ukraine Foundation where 100% of proceeds will be providing humanitarian aid for those in Ukraine.

The Rise Together for Ukraine Art Exhibit and Silent Auction is from May 11th-13th and open to the community from 12pm-5pm downtown at Fortune Gallery.

**Location:** Fortune Galley (537 Fisgard St)

**Date:** May 11th - 13<sup>th</sup> **Time:** 12pm - 5pm

**More information:** [victoriarisetgether.com](http://victoriarisetgether.com)

**Grad 2022 Info Update** Grade 11 parents and students - Grad 2022 Block Party helpers needed: The Grad Block Party @ Willows Beach is back on for 2022 on the PRO D Day Friday, May 20th from 2:00-4:00! There is a long-standing tradition of grade 11 parents and students volunteering to help out so that the grade 12 families are free to celebrate. Please consider giving some of your time to support this year's grads. More info and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/aBpNgjw3Pp7atqcP8>

**Grad Class 2022 Silent Auction** Want to support this year's grad class and the school at the same time? Grad leadership's silent auction gives you that opportunity; we're raising money to put more seating in the school, as a final farewell to our high school! We have gift cards available from places such as Zambri's, Russell books, Quazar's arcade, Paws on Cook, and we're adding more items almost every day. Go to <https://www.32auctions.com/obhgrad2022> to start bidding! The auction will stay open until May 31st

**Indigenous Education and Graduation-** The Indigenous Education Department will be hosting a Recognition Ceremony on **June 9<sup>th</sup>** at the **Songhees Wellness Centre** starting at **5pm** for all graduating students identified as having Indigenous ancestry. This event is on top of the Oak Bay High School graduation events including the Recognition Ceremony held at UVic and the Grad Dinner Dance. There will be an email coming to students and families with more information.



**Senior Boys Rugby Team** Both Barbs teams went over to Surrey this past week to play in the BC Invitational Sevens Tournament. The junior Barbs placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the province, while the senior Barbs placed 5th. Both teams will be heading to the Island Finals in the next few weeks. The senior Barbs will be playing SMUS for the city championship next Friday at SMUS.

**Senior Girls Rugby** has been playing in a series of jamborees for the last month. Their regular season games started last Friday and they will continue to play in a series of matches to determine seedings for the Island Championships. The girls play in the Robinson Cup against SMUS next Friday.

**Track and Field** -the kids go to Lower Island Championships next Wednesday, May 11th and we have had approximately 70 athletes qualify for this event. Big Congratulations to Tyler Browne who won the Junior Boys 3000m and Giulia Gelmotto who won the

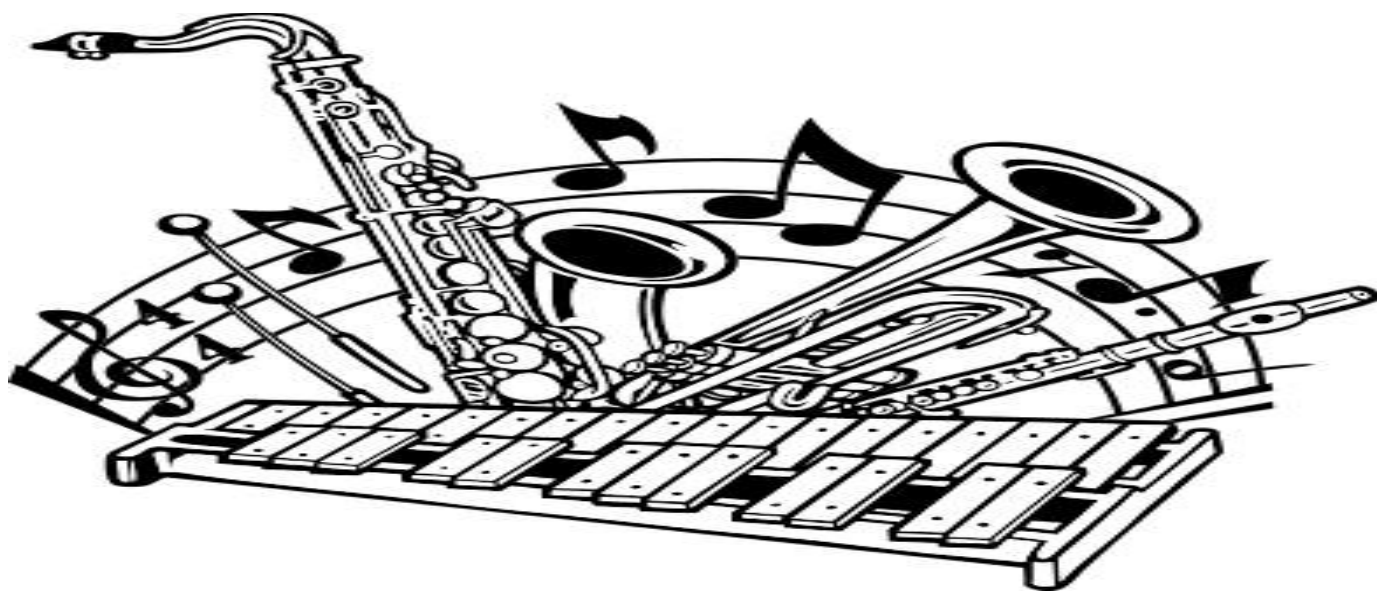
Senior Girls Pole Vault for the Lower Island Championships. Good luck to all of the athletes who will be competing up at UVIC next Wednesday!

**Our Golf Team** - After a successful Police Tournament (1<sup>st</sup> place) we now have the Lower Islands this coming Monday.



**OB Jazz Band**-- Congratulations to our grade 9 jazz band led by Mr Jacklin that was able to participate in the West Coast Jazz Festival. They received a silver standing with many great solo's and an awesome performance. Students in the band earned the following awards for their solo's played in Nanaimo-Congratulations to:

- UJAM Victoria \$200.00 scholarship to a Junior Player- Aubrianna Mitchell
- Van Isle Brass Camp Junior Trombone 50% tuition-Ben Keirns
- Solo Certificates- Spencer McNaughton, Ethan Ross, Yashika Dangra



**Counsellor's Corner**- For this edition, I'd like to piggyback on May's Snapshot on mental health messaging around the awareness of our child's physical/psychological growth during their teen years. Yes, it's true: our teens are sometimes aliens, and that's okay, as long as they are taking safe risks, making healthy decisions in the many, sometimes, bizarre realms of their current existence. Some of these realms will continue to exist, but some will also fade. Our role in shaping, growing, and at times pulling back, is to represent ourselves as a person in our child's life who they feel comfortable communicating with, when actions, behaviours, or awkward interactions, go sideways. We are their life coaches, which the May Snapshot so beautifully illustrates.

The Counselling Team.





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