



Oct 11, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians & Students,

Just some reminders for the upcoming week:

Monday, Oct 14, 2024 **-Happy Thanksgiving** Schools not in session
Wednesday, Oct 16 **-OB Band Concert** (7:00 pm Dave Dunnet Theatre)

Needing your help...

The number of students arriving late to class has been a real challenge for all of our teaching staff this year. It is not unusual for classes to have less than 50% attendance when classes begin at 8:55 am each morning. Oak Bay High School recognizes teenagers need their sleep and this is why we have a later start time than many schools. Despite this, we have students repeatedly late, particularly in the morning, even after many conversations have occurred.

Having students arrive late impacts everyone in the class; it is disruptive to the teacher who is trying to get started in their lessons and to the students who are missing instructional time. Our request is that you please help us in encouraging your child to get to school on time. If necessary, have them get up earlier, take an earlier bus, or to avoid going to Starbucks first thing in the morning if these behaviours have them running late for school. Thank-you!

SEEKING GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE CAREER CONNECTIONS EXPO

The Career Education Department at Oak Bay High School is thrilled to be hosting our fourth annual Career Connections Expo on November 6, 2024, and we'd love for you to get involved!

Our mission is to give students the chance to interact with professionals from a wide variety of career fields and gain valuable insights from experts like you. During the Expo, students will select two career-focused sessions that interest them. Each session will last 30 minutes, featuring a 15-20 minute presentation followed by a 10-minute Q&A.

We are currently looking to add more speakers to our lineup. If you or someone you know works in fashion design, pharmacy, veterinary science, or tourism and would be interested in participating, please contact Roxanne Taggart at rtaggart@sd61.bc.ca.

Thank you for helping inspire and guide the next generation of professionals!

"Water is Life Exchange Program 2024/2025:

The Water is Life Exchange program is a partnership exchange between Maurick College in the Netherlands and Oak Bay High. Oak Bay students will visit Maurick College in April 2025 and Maurick students will visit Oak Bay High in May 2025. This exchange is open to grades 10-12, with priority for higher grades up to 8 students.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Develop practical scientific field skills.
- Engage in a local, relevant, real world research project.
- Earn 4 credits through 'Directed Studies' course.
- Develop friendships and collaborative networks through an exchange with Maurick College.
- Visit and experience the culture of the Netherlands, including a chance to visit Amsterdam.

Our **parent meeting** will be held next **Thursday October 17** at **7:00pm** in room 233. Entry to the school will be through the main front door. Questions? Email djshrubsole@sd61.bc.ca or aheyes@sd61.bc.ca."