

OSA Update - October 30, 2009

(Available online at www.oakarts.org and in print at the reception desk.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Junior Parent Meeting:

All Junior Parents are invited to a meeting in the student center on November 12th at 6pm. We will discuss college planning and Junior/Senior events. Please RSVP to Ms. Hendrie at ghendrie@oakarts.org.

PSAT:

Many students who took the PSAT on campus on October 15th and have not yet paid the \$15 fee. The College Board charges the school for each test that we submit for grading. If you have not yet done so, please submit payment of \$15 for your students's test to Ms. Hendrie.

The PSAT The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and [<http://www.nationalmerit.org/>] National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT. It also gives students a chance to enter other scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. In December, your students will receive a score report outlining their strengths and weaknesses in these areas. They can then use this information to better prepare for the SAT which is a college entrance requirement.

Ease on Down the Road Walk-a-thon:

Friday, December 4th at 11am will be our first all school fundraiser benefitting both OSA's production of The Wiz and Deaf Hope, a non-profit organization based in Oakland. Students have received pledge sheets from their 3rd period teachers and should collect pledges until the walk. We are looking for parents to volunteer on the day of the event. Please contact Brianna Larkin (blarkin@oakarts.org) or Michael Berry (mberry@oakarts.org) if you are interested.

Literary Arts Open Mic:

Calling all spoken word artists, musicians, poets, and artists: The Literary

Arts Emphasis is hosting our first Open Mic fundraiser this Thursday, November 5th at 6pm. Admission is \$3, and we will also have food available to purchase. More information - contact blarkin@oakarts.org

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser:

The Instrumental Music Emphasis and Literary Arts Emphasis are co-hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, December 12th at the Jack London Barnes and Noble. The two emphases will receive a percentage of all books sold using the attached voucher at the store that day. Come and buy your holiday presents, and support OSA at the same time! The day will feature student performances from both emphases. More information - contact blarkin@oakarts.org

December 4th Concert:

Instrumental Music and Literary Arts are hosting a joint concert Friday, December 4th at 7pm. This event will feature spoken word and poetry mixed with drumming, jazz, and hip hop. This is our third collaborative performance. Please support both emphases and join us for a fun concert! More information - contact blarkin@oakarts.org

ARTS MANAGEMENT:

We are working hard on The Wiz, support OSA musical by contacting me if you can help with items bellow: jfrevon@oakarts.org

1/ FLAT LATEX PAINT, please donate, or get OSA paint at a discount, help our set budget.

2/ PROPS, see the list attached, and if you can donate or loan any of this items, let me know.

3/ We need help to load-in The Wiz show on December 7th & 8th all day from 8:15 am to 7pm, it will be fun and on the FOX stage, let me know if you can help even for a few hours?

Thanks for your support, on the first musical ever put on The Fox stage.

THEATRE DEPT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tickets available for the 'Everyman' production on November 20th and 21st at 7pm. For more information or contact Mr. Berry at - mberry@oakarts.org - or through OSA's Box Office line at 510-873-8808.

You can get your tickets at <http://oakarts.tix.com>

THE WIZ:

Tickets for 'The Wiz' available!

The tickets for OSA's production of 'The Wiz' in the Fox Theatre are available now. You can buy them at <http://oakarts.tix.com>

ATTENDANCE CALLS:

One week ago, OSA began sending automated attendance calls. If you have input or concerns around this service please contact the technology office at technology@oakarts.org or the registrar's office at registrar@oakarts.org

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

Middle School Students Ice Skate After School

Ice skating after school on Wednesday's will continue 11/4, 11/18, 12/2 and 12/9. The lesson is for all levels and it is from 4-4:30 and free skate continues until 5 p.m. Right now the class is small and your children are welcome to join. Cost is \$13 a session plus \$3 for skates. One must pay at the time of the first lesson and fill out a sign up sheet that includes emergency contacts. We plan to continue again after winter break if there is enough interest.

Also, there is public skating from 4-5 every day. OSA students can attend. The cost is \$8 plus skates. If they take the lesson they are "supervised". If not, they are on their own.

More information contact Karen Sternstein (Jenna's mother 7th grade vocal) and/or David Hicks skating Manager at Oakland Ice Center Karenstst@aol.com or dhicks@sharksice.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Halloween Dance - Contact jdcogmon@oakarts.org
October 30, 2009 7pm-10pm
\$1 if in costume and \$3 if not in costume
High School students only
OSA Campus

Staff Development Day - No school for students
November 2, 2009

Literary Arts - Open Mic
November 5, 2009 at 6pm-9pm
OSA Student Center

Staff Development Day - Students released at 12:35pm
November 9, 2009

OSA Board/APT/Emphasis Meetings
November 10, 2009 6pm
OSA Campus

Veteran's Day Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
November 11

Junior Parent Meeting
November 12, 2009 6pm

Vocal Music Performance: Opening of the Lafayette Library
November 14th, 2-5 p.m.
Location: 952, Moraga Rd. Lafayette, CA 94549

Visual Arts Small Show - joins up with more than 20 Galleries for First Friday
Art Murmur
December 4th, 2009 - 6 - 10 pm
Bay Area Legal Aid Gallery - 18th and Telegraph, Oakland
Come view and buy VA students amazing artwork
More info: claudia@minimash.com

Ease on down the Road Walk-a-thon - Contact mberry@oakarts.org
OSA and DeafHope fundraiser
December 4, 2009 10:30am
Lake Merritt

Instrumental Music and Literary Arts Concert - Contact blarkin@oakarts.org
December 4, 7pm
OSA

OSA Presents 'The Wiz' in the Fox Theatre!
December 10 & 11th at 7pm
Buy your tickets now!! <http://oakarts.tix.com>
Contact blarkin@oakarts.org

Barnes and Noble Bookfair supporting Instrumental Music & Literary Arts

December 12, 9am-11pm
Jack London Barnes & Noble
Purchase Voucher -

http://www.oakarts.org/downloads/B&N_voucher_121209.pdf