

OSA Student & Family Services Newsletter

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2021 NEW FAMILY WELCOME

Each quarter the OSA Student & Family Services newsletter will provide updates and information relevant to our team's mission. More information can be found on page 2 or feel free to contact kzaugg@oakarts.org.



WELCOME TO OSA!

OSA Families,

I want to first and foremost welcome you to OSA as the newest members of our community! It has been 15 months since our hallways in the Fox have been filled with the creativity and passion of our 800 students and we are so excited to welcome this energy back into the building in August. There are many new developments in both our academic and artistic programs that we can't wait to share with everyone. Our team is working through the summer to ensure a safe and productive return and look forward to meeting you all in person at the orientations the week before school starts.

With gratitude,

Mike Oz
Principal



**Virtual Orientation Thursday,
August 5th at 10am: For all
new students**

Students and families will meet key administrators, take a virtual tour of our buildings, and receive an overview of the bell schedule. Students will also be asked to take the MDTP Math assessment to determine which math class is best suited for your student's current math level.

[More information available online](#)

In Person Orientation

Purpose: Meet teachers and student support staff, receive Powerschool logins and email address, participate in a scavenger hunt to get to know the space and one another better, select a locker, and hear from a panel of students who will share their experiences with our new students and families. [More information available online](#)

Location: OSA Student Center (530 18th Street)



In Person Orientation for **6th and 9th** grade students & families

- **Date/Time:** Tuesday, August 10th from 2:30-4:00PM

In Person Orientation for **7th. 8th, 10th. 11th and 12th** grade students & families

- **Date/Time:** Thursday, August 12th from 2:30-4:00PM

OSA STUDENT SERVICES

At OSA, the mission of Student Services is "to establish and maintain a positive school culture (grades 6-12) in which all students are motivated to learn, support each other, and have structures in place that assist students in accessing their full artistic and academic potential.'

We do this through collaboration and coordinated efforts to create student-centered programs and services to meet the individual needs of our community; supporting academic success and personal growth for all students; promoting wellness and mental health; and building positive lasting relationships with students and families.

The [OSA Student & Family Resource website](#) was created to help families navigate available resources

Who do I contact about:

Comprehensive Student Services- Ms. Zaugg (kzaugg@oakarts.org)

Special Education- Ms. Ordaz (sordaz@oakarts.org)

Course Schedules- Ms. Schultz (aschultz@oakarts.org)

Student Culture & Community - Ms. DeRoos (aderoos@oakarts.org)

Enrollment - Ms. Peters (mpeters@oakarts.org)

School lunch- Ms. Brown (tbrown@oakarts.org)

Campus Readiness

Lead by our Director of Facilities and Safety, Mr. Walter Harris, our campus supervisors, Mr. Secrease, Ms. Olden and Mr. Vance, have been working tirelessly to upgrade our facilities, meet health and safety guidelines and prepare classrooms to welcome back both students and teachers.



Campus Return

We remain optimistic that the Covid situation in the Bay Area will continue to improve and are planning on a full return to campus for all arts and academic classes. This return is dependent on the current guidance that social distancing requirements in schools will be lifted. All updated city, county, and state health guidelines will be strictly adhered to and communicated with all families prior to the return on August 16th. We understand that vaccinations will likely not be available to our 10-11 year old students prior to our return and will be providing an opportunity for academic independent study for students not comfortable returning until fully vaccinated. We will share details with all families on August 2nd with up-to-date health and safety guidance and information regarding the independent study option.

NEW FAMILY FAQS

- **When does school start?**
 - The first day is Monday, August 16th. School starts at 8:15. Middle school ends at 3:20, High School ends at 4:15.
- **What supplies does my student need for the first week of school?**
 - Pencils, pen, notebook, binders, water bottle and a positive attitude!
- **Where should my student go on the first day of school?**
 - Students can go directly to their first period class, starting at 8:15. Schedules will be shared at orientation and available on Power School.
- **How do I log into Power School to see student's progress, attendance and assignments?**
 - New families will receive family login prior to the start of school. If you don't see it, by 8/16 email Ms. Brown at studentrecords@oakarts.org for login information and tutorial video.
- **Is there a parent/family organization I can join?**
 - Yes. Please contact aptboardosa@gmail.com the Alliance of Parents and Teachers (APT), a parent run group who will also provide login information for their communication platform, Konstella.
- **Does OSA offer an after-school program?**
 - Yes. OSA's after school program operates from 3:25 to 5:00 M/T/Th/F and 1:00 to 5:00 on Wednesdays. Students have a minimum day on Wednesdays to allow for staff professional development. Registration and cost information will be available in early August.