

# Oakland School for the Arts

#### **Remote Town Hall**

#### September 8th, 2020







# Appreciations

Thank you for joining us today and thank you for playing a role in making our remote learning plan as effective as possible!

Our school community remains strong, despite the isolation we are experiencing.





We have over a 98% attendance rate in the first month of school!

Back to School Night went smoothly and provided families with a window into the classroom.

Daily arts instruction is appreciated by our students and families

Student government is up and running.

Weekly grade level meetings have been highly attended.



### Reminders

Students should log in to Zoom 5 minutes early to ensure any tech errors do not cause tardiness.

If possible, allow independence for your student when in the classroom. If space is an issue, headphones are an effective way to do this (school can provide if needed).

Please report absences to attendance@oakarts.org.

If unable to get online due to tech issue (including planned blackouts) report as an absence.



# Current Situation Regarding Remote Instruction

Key Word: Sustainability

As Alameda county remains on the state Covid-19 watchlist, our primary focus at OSA is monitoring the sustainability of our students, teachers, employees and families. Regular feedback from all of these stakeholders is critical.



#### **Executive Director Report**

#### Programming: Arts:

Evaluating and Assessing Arts Programming

Research top universities, conservatories in higher education throughout the U.S. and abroad

#### Align our arts curriculum to:

- National arts standards
- Entrance requirements to top collegiate arts programs
- Build into curriculum the repertoire, coaching and support to earn scholarships



#### **Executive Director Report**

#### Equity and Access: Student Lens

#### Making sure that every student has access to:

Technology

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Student Support:

A Health and Wellness program has been designed to assist with remote learning.



# Equity and Access: Adult lens

Design Professional Development: Diversity / Equity & Inclusion

Seasoned Facilitator: Candice Wicks-Davis from Edutainment for Equity

Year long- PD residency from August - June

During September focus groups will be held with: Students, Parents, Staff & the Board

DEI Research and Development Role to map out what OSA's DEI program should look like



# Equity and Access: Important Dates to Calendar:

During September focus groups will be held with: Students, Parents, Staff & the Board

OSA Middle School Students: September 15th from 2:00-3:00 OSA High School Students: September 15th from 12:30-1:30

Parents: September 29th from 6:15-7:15



# **Executive Director Report**

Vision:

Support OSA by improving systems - communication, leadership, strategic meeting schedule, new roles for staff

Support OSA by building community - alumni meetings, community partnerships, area superintendents, national and local school leaders, national Arts Schools Network.

Support OSA by building the infrastructure of OSA / Finance

Long Term Objective: To support OSA by looking for a new home to house the current and growing departments that we have.



## **Student Support Update**

- **Eight** new students joined OSA 8/31
- Grab and Go Lunches M-F (email frlapplication@oakarts.org)
- **Student Survey** in Advisory 9/9-feedback on remote learning, arts, academics and wellness
- Student Support Team meets twice a week to review students of concern and create support as needed
- Counseling Schedule is live on <u>Student & Family</u>
  <u>Resources Page</u>

#### OSA Virtual Support Schedule

This support schedule is effective August 18, 2020. It will be updated with counseling options as they become available. For more information about student Support available for all OSA students and families, please email kzaugg@oakarts.org

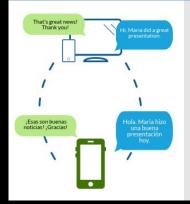
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		OSA Advisory 9:00-9:30am		
				BAWAR Drop In Support 11am-12pm https://us02web.zoo m.us/i/8543377737 Z (starts 8/28)
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High School Drop In Support 12:50pm-1:50pm High School Drop in			OSA Teachers & Staff Drop In Support 12:15-1:15	
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		College & Career Drop In Support	Family Support Drop In Support	



## **Student Support Update**

#### **Talking Points**

Communication Tool to contact teachers & receive OSA updates through text.



### Using Talking Points to Families



Educators message families with Talking Points web or mobile app.



Families receive text message in their home languages.



Communicate with families in 20+ languages.



# **Counseling Update**

Schedules are posted with Google Classroom information entered. Some arts are doing final enrollments into electives, but after that things should be settled. Also, all new students have their PowerSchool login information.

The add/drop date for high school classes has been adjusted for remote learning and is posted on the <u>Academic Counseling Website</u>. We will be reminding students about it in grade level meetings.

For tech assistance (Zoom, Chromebooks, hotspots, etc.), please reach out to <u>techrequest@oakarts.org</u>. For PowerSchool login assistance or transcripts, please reach out to <u>studentrecords@oakarts.org</u>. For help with attendance, please reach out to <u>attendance@oakarts.org</u>.



# **Special Education Update**

We have hired a new Middle School Case manager! Mr. Bartlett has been working diligently to create a schedule for meeting with all students. Please stay tuned.

General education teachers have student IEP information. Encouraging students to attend support office hours is a great additional support.

We have begun holding IEP meetings.

Please reach out to case managers with any questions: Laura Aranda (grades 9 & 10)- <u>laranda@oakarts.org</u> David Padula (grades 11 & 12)- <u>dpadula@oakarts.org</u> Robert Bartlett (grades 6-8)- <u>rbartlett@oakarts.org</u>



# **Technology Update**

**Technology Access:** We have issued 100+ hotspots and 250+ Chromebooks. If you need a hotspot or Chromebook the campus is open **Monday-Friday from 9-4pm**.

**Online Textbooks**: Mr. Smith is working with the Faculty to ensure students their necessary logins for the online textbooks and the SRI.

Free Internet: Comcast has opened their network to public - Free Internet from Comcast

Tech Support: Please email techrequest@oakarts.org

Thank you for your continued support.



# **Student Government/Clubs**

- Grade Level Reps were announced at last Wednesday's Grade Level Meeting
- With those positions in place, we now have a complete student council!
- We are now transitioning towards student driven and run Grade Level Meetings to increase student engagement
- The Student Club schedule was emailed out to all students last night
- The email contained the name of the club, its leader(s), faculty advisor/host, Google Classroom link, and the day/times the Clubs are scheduled to meet each week
- Please encourage your children to join these clubs as a way to meet new people and feel connected to OSA



# How You Can Be Involved School to Parent Communication

# <u>OSA Connects</u>

We believe in strong school/parent connections, and we need your help! Schoolwide volunteer committees are listed and all are welcome to ioin.

#### **OSA Connects:**

Your home for meaningful volunteer engagement at Oakland School for the Arts

#### What is OSA Connects?

These volunteer groups provide much needed, reliable, and trained support to our OSA faculty & staff. Families are encouraged to find a committee (or twol) to deepen their connection to OSA and interact with other OSA families. Especially during these socially distant times, it's so important to reach out and stay connected!

#### Mission Statement

We understand that the success of our community is the success of us all. OSA Connects is about maximizing the potential of all our students through volunteer support of the OSA faculty and staff who, in turn, nurture our students.

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." – African Proverb



#### OSAdvocates Join this Committee!

While OSA may not legally engage in partisan political activities, we are certainly allowed to encourage good citizenship through voting, and to educate the public on issues at hand and their impacts on our organization. All are welcome!

Co-chair: Martha Reydon



#### Academic Room Parents Join this Committee!

Interested in supporting an OSA classroom? Teachers need paperwork help, emails sent or wishlist items to support the learning process!

Committee Chair(s) needed.

#### Hospitality Committee



The OSA Hospitality Committee supports our teachers through Holiday Party planning and food contributions, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Back to School & Year End appreciation events.

Co-Chair: Lola Hanacek

Advancement Join this Committee!

Raising funds to support our amazingly comprehensive instruction has never been more important. This committee works to support our Advancement staff and their development strategies.





# **School to Parent Communication**



www.oakarts.org for announcements, contact info, and communication log.



Subscribe to our school calendar from our website to stay on top of all events.



Each parent and student receives a PowerSchool login for grades & attendance.

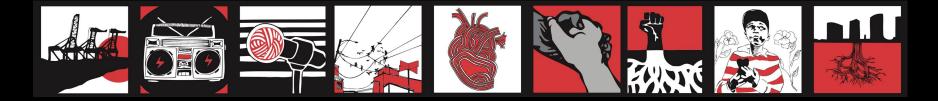


@osaschool or Oakland School for the Arts - follow us !



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The best way to ensure you receive emails from the school, from academics & arts teachers, and counseling is to ensure the email listed in your PowerSchool is correct. If you're unable to log in to PowerSchool, please contact <u>studentrecords@oakarts.org</u> for assistance.



## **Community Feedback**

Our first teacher survey went out two weeks ago. The voice of the teachers is listened to closely as we monitor the sustainability of a comprehensive remote learning plan.

The first parent/guardian survey will go out later today. Please take the time to provide detailed information.

We appreciate you taking the time to respond to the surveys and highly value all feedback.



# **Q** and **A**

#### Next Town Hall: September 29th, 8:30am