



Dear Class of 2021 Families,

Below is the email that I sent out to your students. Many students are having a hard time and I know we grown-ups are not immune to everything happening in the world. Please feel free to reach out and start a conversation about how your student is doing if you wish. It was lovely to meet (and see again) a number of you on September 2nd and I'm finally having a chance to follow up. We have a strong community of parents and many want to form a committee of 12th grade parents & guardians to support our seniors through this last year of high school. I think it's awesome that this community can come together to reinvent the rites of passages for these times.

Thank you for your creativity, willingness to contribute and collaborate. I'll be in touch with some of the ideas floating around for senior portraits and see if we can find a suitable time for another meeting for those interested.

Take Care,

Wendy

Dear Class of 2021,

I hope everyone is doing as best that they can. I wanted to remind you of the support surrounding you when you need support for college applications and essays and also for mental health and wellbeing.

Zoom links for all meetings listed below are available in emails sent to parents and students. For the security of our students, OSA does not post public Zoom links. If you didn't receive the email containing links, please contact Ms. Snyder at wsnyder@oakarts.org

College Support Sessions
Wednesdays from 4:15-5pm

Tomorrow, Sept 15th, we will be looking at some sample essays and getting into smaller groups to workshop essays. Don't worry if you haven't started, we'll find a place for you!

College Application How-Tos & Scholarship Lists

Don't forget to access the resources in the 12th grade Google classroom on Common App, Naviance, UC application & recommendation how-tos. Please email me with any questions you have!

Student-led College Support Club

Essay workshop
Fridays at noon

One on One help with College Counseling Interns

Jing Xiao and Yichen Shao are available for one-on-one help with college lists, applications and essays. Sign up with them via emails sent to Grade 12 student and family email addresses.

Jing Xiao, Urban architect, Chinese language teacher, counselor in training.

Yichen Shao, former high school teacher and counselor in training.

And for mental health and wellbeing, please feel free to check in with me if you are feeling overwhelmed and need support in any way. [Here is the link](#) to our OSA Mental Health team and [outside resources for Mental Health](#). Also, the student-led Mental Health Awareness Club meets on Mondays at noon. All are welcome.

Take Care,

Ms. Snyder
Academic, College & Career Counselor