



OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Oak Ridge High School Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year. We are excited to begin the year we have planned for your students. Oak Ridge students are fortunate to have access to many amazing opportunities. We continue to offer one of the best academic programs in the state. In addition, our students have access to nine college and career pathways, four different world languages, a champion Academic Decathlon team and so much more. Year after year our students continue to dazzle us and graduate as highly proficient college and career ready young adults. Whether it is academics, the arts or athletics our students are achieving at the highest levels.

With all of this success Oak Ridge will continue to be an institution that is driven by the growth mindset. That mindset is based on the goals shown below. These have been our focus for the preceding 3 years and we will continue with that focus in the coming year.

Goals:

1. Teachers will implement and refine instructional strategies to provide in-class interventions for underperforming students in order to close the achievement gap.
2. The school will improve the social emotional health of their students as indicated in the California Healthy Kids Survey.
3. Staff and administration will continue to make schoolwide decisions based on data to support achievement of all students.

Goal one and two are passions of mine and most of our staff. We are working with the Assessment Training Institute to bring the power of formative assessment and mastery teaching to bear on goal number one. At the start of this school year Oak Ridge will have half the faculty trained in mastery teaching and highly effective formative assessment strategies to close the achievement gap with our underperforming students.

The social emotional health of teens across the nation is poor. No previously tested generation has had lower social emotional indicators on state assessments than our current generation. Weekly the news brings us another story about the struggle this generation is having with depression, anxiety, unhealthy stress and loneliness. Our students are not an exception. As I stated last year, we have partnered with Stanford University's Challenge Success to improve the social emotional health of our students. Clearly teens are facing societal issues that are larger than just the schools; however education does play a large factor in the dilemma. Oak Ridge is committed to doing the hard work that is required to help our students. We have started by partnering with the leader in this change. We look forward to sharing the additional changes that are coming this year.

Oak Ridge has been a big believer in teacher collaboration for many years. The research on achieving highly effective teacher collaborations continues to evolve and so we will evolve with it. The biggest change for us will come with goal three. In the previous school year we worked with a Professional Learning Community (PLC) expert from ASCD (The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) to reinvent our PLCs. We will continue to have this expert train our PLC teacher leaders this school year as well. We are determined to have teacher collaboration focused on student achievement data and how this data can help us improve student achievement.

Important Dates & Details

Event	Date/Time	Location
New Student Registration • Questions: Kathy Schults at kschults@eduhsd.net	Friday, July 27th and Monday, July 30th 8:30-11:30am & 1:30-3:30pm	Counseling Office
Freshmen/New Parent Orientation	Wed. August 1st at 6:00pm	Large Gym
INCOMING FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR CLASS SCHEDULES AT THEIR ORIENTATION		
Freshmen/New Student Orientation	Thurs. August 2nd from 3:30-5:00pm	Large Gym
Returning Students Receive Schedules via Aeries	Released Online Friday , August 3rd at 5:00pm	Aeries Portal
First Day of School	Monday , August 6th	Oak Ridge High School
Back to School Night	Monday , August 27 at 5:30	Your Student's Classrooms

Student Schedules

This winter, students went through the process of requesting classes for the 2018-19 school year. Oak Ridge continues to offer both breadth and depth of college preparatory coursework for students. Our graduation rates coupled with college admission rates continue to reflect student readiness for college-level rigor and success with post-secondary endeavors. You have already received a letter from the counseling office containing a list of the classes that your student will have this year. The Friday before school starts you will be able to login to Aeries after 5pm to see the periods and teachers your student has received for each class. Freshmen and new students will be able to get a paper copy of their schedule early during the Freshmen/New Student Orientation.

Student Photos

August 9th and August 10th are picture days. Students will have their pictures taken during their English classes. To order pictures (after they have been taken) go to mylifetouch.com and input the following information: (Paper forms will be available for your student to bring home as well)

- Picture Day ID: CR028189Q1
- Lifetouch Support: 916-869-8667 (if needed)

Communication

Oak Ridge communicates and keeps our families up to date using Parent Square. If you are new to Oak Ridge you will receive an invitation (via email) to Parent Square before school starts. For additional convenience and information please check out our website at orhs@eduhsd.k12.ca.us and follow us on FACEBOOK: @oakridgehighschool and TWITTER: @ORHSEDH.

Oak Ridge High School considers it an honor and a privilege to work with your students. We are dedicated to rigorous teaching and learning every day. It is our responsibility to ensure that every student is prepared with the knowledge and skills they need to find success and that they achieve that success while maintaining a healthy physical and emotional balance in their lives. We look forward to working with each and every one of you this year.

Sincerely,



Aaron Palm

Principal, Oak Ridge High School