



TROJANGRAM

ORLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Students...

Orland High School is off to a great start! As we transition into our fall break we are proud to review what we've accomplished over the past seven weeks. We've made great strides in the areas of academics, athletics, extra-curricular involvement and school spirit. We intend to continue developing and improving in each of these areas as we use "continuous improvement" as a theme on our march toward excellence.

Our school is making great strides academically. Our teachers have been working hard as collaborative teams to ensure they are delivering high quality standards-based curriculum at an appropriate pace. Our core departments have made and begun to deliver common quizzes and tests to identify how well our students are learning the material. At the same time, they are discussing the best ways to help struggling students while challenging our advanced students. The "interventions" we currently have in place for struggling students include: in class small group help, Algebra Lab, English/reading Lab, the CaHSEE English and Math Labs, pull out CaHSEE tutoring, after school/lunch tutoring and the soon to be launched "Power Hour." The parents of struggling students will soon receive a sign up sheet for their students to receive an extra hour of tutoring on our "early out" Wednesdays; this will be known as the *Power Hour*. This extra tutoring will occur in the library and will be staffed with instructional aides, peer tutors and other education professionals. All of the above mentioned activity is part of our new *focus on achievement* using the principles of Professional Learning Communities.

OHS is also improving in the areas of athletics, extracurricular activities and school spirit. We've had three home football games and as this Trojagram is being written we are preparing for our big Homecoming football game. OHS triumphantly reclaimed the prestigious battle axe in our traditional "Battle of the Axe" competition against Willows. The Axe will be proudly displayed in the announcer's booth during home football games and in the main office during the rest of the year. A big congratulations and "thank you" goes out to the entire OHS football program and its dedicated support staff. Our tennis, volleyball and swimming programs continue to advance with excellent efforts being delivered day in and day out by the students and, of course, Head Coaches Valentin, Coughlin and Batchelder. All of the OHS clubs and outside programs are doing excellent work both on campus and throughout the community. Each week the California Scholarship Federation and Key Club students are busy fundraising and working concessions at football games. Be sure to support both these excellent organizations at our next home event. OHS rallies, lunchtime activities, "funky Fridays" and other events have all helped to improve the school spirit at OHS. We've had high participation rates from students during homecoming preparations, lunch events and sporting events. Students are once again proud to wear OHS attire and there is generally a very positive feeling among students and staff at OHS this year. We intend to nurture, encourage and promote the triumphant return of true "Trojan Pride."

We are very pleased with the start of the school year. Our teachers and staff are energized and truly enjoy working with Orland's youth. After all, this is why we became educators. Each of us feels we can make a connection and a positive difference in the lives of your students. Please feel free to contact the school to speak with any of the professionals that are working together to give your students the best education and high school experience possible. Please visit our web page at www.orlandusd.net/orlandhigh for contact information as well as a wealth of information about OHS.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scheele, Principal

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The counseling department hours have changed, as Ms. Lasagna going on maternity leave. Our schedule for the remaining of the semester is as follows: Mr. Patrick works with students whose last names begin with A-L and he is available daily. Mrs. Moloney works with students whose last name begins with M-Z, and she is at OHS on Monday – Friday, except when she travels to North Valley High Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. During Mrs. Lasagna's leave, her students can see either Mr. Patrick or Mrs. Moloney. You may call us at 865-1210, ext. 113 and ask for your student's counselor, leave a message on our voice mail, or email us at www.orlandusd.net (select Orland High and then staff directory.)

Grade Reports will be mailed home on:

- 1st Quarter Grades – October 30th
- 2nd Progress Report – December 4th
- Semester Grades – January 22

If you do not receive a grade report, phone Dera Miller at 865-1210 ext. 113. Keep your teacher phone list handy and call when you have any concerns or questions. The counselors are here to help as well.

NEED EXTRA HELP?? Encourage your student to see the teacher if extra help is needed. Other resources are the local library and OHS Media, which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

College Night is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center at Orland High. Chico State and Butte College Counselors will discuss career/vocational and college opportunities, the application process, and financial aid.

ASVAB

Students in grades 11 and 12 (and grade 10 if there are seats available) have the opportunity to take the ASVAB Career Exploration aptitude test and interest inventory which is sponsored, and given, by the various branches of the U.S. Military Services. The results of the test and the interest inventory will help students:

- identify, understand, and organize information about their interests, skills, and work-related values;
- identify suitable occupations to investigate and pursue based on their own interests, values, skills, and competencies; and
- use career information resources to further explore these occupations.

The test will be given at Orland High School on Friday, November 20. To participate, students must sign up in the counseling office during the last week of October.

SENIOR NEWS

Fall is the time to submit your college applications:

- California State Universities at www.csumentor.edu. Application period is October 1st through November 30, 2009.
- University of California priority registration period is November 1st through November 30, 2009. Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/.

- Students can search other California educational programs through www.californiacolleges.edu and www.cccapply.org.
- US Military Service Academies are currently accepting application for the 2009 entering class. Application instructions and materials can be found at, http://boxer.senate.gov/services/academy_recs and must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2008.

Senior Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Orland High, Chico State and Butte College Counselors will discuss “Senior Issues”, career/vocational and college options, the application process, and financial aid.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Night is scheduled for December 2 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center.

FAFSA

Financial Aid is available for almost any educational program your student may choose to pursue next year, whether it is at a university, trade/vocational school, or community college. All financial aid begins with you and your student filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form online at www.fafsa.edu.gov. The FAFSA can not be submitted until January 1. The information and forms for the 2010 - 2011 school year are not yet available, but right now you can apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN speeds up the application and notification process by allowing you both to sign the FAFSA electronically. Both student and parent each need a PIN.

More complete information is available at www.fafsa.edu.gov and on the Orland High School website at www.orlandusd.net/highschool. Click on “Counseling,” then “After High School,” and then on “FAFSA”.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship information is located in the following classes: English IV, Civics, Economics, Agriculture, AVID classrooms, the Career Center, the Counseling Office, and online at www.orlandusd.net, click on Orland High, then Counseling, OHS for Senior Scholarships at OHS. Please encourage your senior to review the boards weekly and pick up applications in the “SELF –HELP Scholarship Box” located in the Counseling Office.

The Web is playing an increasing roll in the advertising and application process with <http://www.fastweb.com/> being the most comprehensive site. Please encourage your student to visit this site.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD NEVER COST MONEY, NOT EVEN ONE DOLLAR! IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO, DO SO AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION.

**Seniors planning on applying to a 4-year college/university in
October/November 2009:**

ACT/SAT TEST DATES FALL 2009

ACT Assessment \$32

(\$47 with optional writing test.)

(To determine if the college you are considering requires the writing test, go to www.actstudent.org and click on "Writing Test – Do you need to take it?"

The UC system does require the writing test, the CSU system does not.)

Register at *www.actstudent.org*

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
December 12	November 6	November 7 - 20

SAT Reasoning \$45
SAT Subject Tests \$20 basic fee
+ \$20 for lang. tests with listening
+ \$9 all other subject test

Register at *www.collegeboard.com*

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
November 7	October 1	October 2 - 15
December 5	October 30	October 31 – November 12

In addition to the ACT or SAT Reasoning Test, the University of California requires submission of two SAT Subject Test scores in two different subject areas: history, science, English (literature only), mathematics (Level 2 only), laboratory science, or language other than English.



CSF (California Scholarship Federation)

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 CSF Officers: President-Darcie Anderson, Vice President Kelsey Lohse, Secretary-Jimena Govea, Treasurer-Hortensia Llamas, and Historians Stephanie Kraemer and Emily Kraemer.

We have been really busy this year working the football game concessions to raise money towards our Monterey trip in the spring. Stop by on a Friday to support our team and CSF by buying a hamburger or another yummy treat. Our next activity is our annual scavenger hunt on November 11th.

OHS Theatre

The Orland High Theatre Class presents *Apartment*, an original comedy-drama by OHS student Garrett Miller.

When: November 17, 18, and 20 (Tues., Weds., Fri.)
Where: Orland High Multipurpose Room
Time: Door open at 7:00pm/Play begins at 7:30
Admission: \$5.00, students/adults. Children under 13, free.



Apartment centers on Charlie, a young man who suffers from agoraphobia after the death of his girlfriend. Come see the fun when Charlie's alter-ego and imaginary friend, James, causes more problems than Charlie needs.



YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Yearbooks are on sale now! Buy your yearbook before November 6th and personalize the front cover for FREE! Don't miss out on this great opportunity. See Mrs. Coughlin in Room 5 to reserve your copy before it's too late. Cost is \$55.00 with ASB card, and \$60.00 without. The price will increase as the year progresses.

Seniors!!! Don't forget that all senior pictures, baby pictures, dedication page information, and quotes are due to Mrs. Coughlin no later than December 9th. If you're interested in purchasing a dedication page, you must reserve the page with a deposit of half the cost. Full pages are \$125 and half pages are \$65. There are a limited number of pages available and they're going fast!

SENIOR PARENTS: Listed below are the dates for Sober Grad Parents meetings. We hope to see you there as we all enjoy planning this memorable evening. All Senior parents are encouraged to attend. Questions? ... call Kelli Long 865-7317, Melinda Matteucci 865-3357, or Diane Cochran 865-3215.

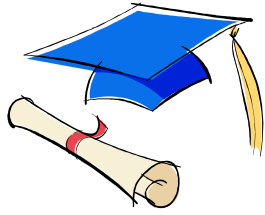
October 12th
February 8th

November 9th
March 8th

December 14th
April 12th

January 11th
May 10th

May 24th



GRADUATION AND CLASS RING ORDERS:

Jim from Josten's met with the Senior Class in September to provide information and order forms for Graduation products and class rings. He will be returning on Wednesday, October 21st during lunch to collect orders. For students who order their class ring at the same time as they order their graduation materials, they will receive the cap and gown free. Please be sure your senior student brings their \$40.00 deposit along with their order on October 21st.

FFA NEWS:

As always, this year has started off as a busy as ever for our Orland FFA chapter. In old news, our members built a float for the Centennial Parade and were pictured in the Chico Enterprise Record. The Splendor in the Valley dinner had a grand turn-out with more volunteers than ever before. The evening was a big success. On September 20th and 21st the officer team went to Chapter Officer Leadership Conference (COLC) where we worked on team building and learned new things to bring back to our Chapter.

For the month of October there is Pork Sandwich Sales on the 2nd, Shasta College Field Day on the 14th, the monthly meeting will be October 21st, National Convention on 21st-24th and Make a Difference Day on the 24th. Every year we sell tickets for pork sandwiches on the day of homecoming to members and businesses of our community. This year for Shasta College Field Day Forestry, Floriculture, Farm Power and Livestock judging teams will be going to Shasta College to compete. For National Convention, Ms. Canon will be going with a small group of students to Indianapolis, Indiana where they will be seeing our very own Frank Howard receive his American Degree, the highest degree in the FFA organization. The final activity planned for this month is Make a Difference Day, a National event with a goal to help out ones community.

Also for parents and students the chapter has a website that is regularly updated with pictures, events, a calendar and more.
www.ffachapter.net/ca/Orland.

