



Oquirrh Hills Happenings

Oquirrh Hills Middle School - Michael Glenn, Principal
For 2nd Semester (Jan-May) 2017

Big Calendar Items (Be sure to check the website):

SAGE TESTING HAS BEGUN FOR LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, & SCIENCE

Mon. May 15, 8th grade SBO Speeches and voting (8:40-9:15a) in the Cafeteria

Mon. May 15, 9th grade SBO Speeches and voting (8:40-9:15a) in the Auditorium

Wed. May 17, 7th grade Eagle of the Quarter Assembly (8:40-9:15a)

Thurs. May 18, 8th grade Eagle of the Quarter Assembly (8:40-9:15a)

Mon. May 22, 9th grade Eagle of the Quarter Assembly (8:40-9:15a)

Tue. May 23, Eagle of the Month Breakfast (8:40-9:15a)

Wed. May 24, New SBO Induction Luncheon

Thurs. May 25, Locker clean out (8:40-8:55a)

Fri. May 26, Student Talent Show in the a.m. and Field Day in the afternoon

Mon. May 29, NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Tue. May 30, Memory Book Distribution

Wed. May 31, Grade Level Awards Assembly – 9th (3rd per), 8th (4th per), 7th (5th per)

9th Grade Dance 1:55p-2:50p

Thur. June 1 – Jordan School District Graduations (RHS is at 3pm)

- No Tardy Party (8am)
- 9th grade Lagoon Day
- 7th graders last day

Upcoming Dates for the Fall 2017

Registration Info - The registration window for next school year will be July 31 – August 11. Registration information will be sent out prior to July 31st.

Tues. Aug. 22, 7th Grade Orientation (7th grade first official day of school)

Wed. Aug. 23, First Day of School for ALL students at OHMS

Note from the Principal

Parents and students,

It is hard to believe we are done with the school year in less than a month. It feels in many ways like the first day of school was just yesterday, and at the same time, we're all counting down the days until June 2. As I reflect on the year, I have to say it has been terrific. We started the school year with many new staff members, great expectations and excited students. Now we're wrapping up and I'm asking myself where the time went.

If you did know already, I would just like to remind you of what a great school Oquirrh Hills is. It is due in large part to all the support you give, the great students we have and a dedicated and hardworking staff. I just wanted to highlight a few high spots from the past year and give some recognition where it is due. First of all, a huge thank you to our PTSA board and members who did so much to support us this year. You make a huge difference and do a great job honoring our teachers.

A huge thanks are in order to the school Community Council as well. Thank you for all the time and energy you put in this year. We have a great plan for next year. For those who are not aware, they have funded mobile labs, study skills, after school enrichment, classroom aides, lunch school and a great deal of professional development.

Our student leadership teams also deserve a shout out. The Student Body Officers, PTSA, SOAR teams and Stage Crew have worked very hard to put together a great year. Back to school week, Oquirrh Rush, Spirit Week, Blue, White and Red Ribbon weeks are just a few examples of their efforts to help our student body grow together. Many of these student leaders were even able to meet the governor last month during his visit to the school where he signed three bills into law. What a day!



If you missed our spring concerts, and the musical, please plan on attending next year. We have so much talent here with both teachers and students, and they have performed at new levels.

So, as we end another school year, once again let me just say thank you for all you have done to make OHMS such a great place to learn and work. I hope you all have a great summer and for those who are returning next year...come ready to work hard and grow with us next year!

Mike Glenn

STEM NEWS:

The Jordan School District hosted the annual Community Stem Night on April 20th at Elk Ridge Middle School. All of our after-school STEM programs participated that evening. Many of the secondary schools from JSD provided a STEM experience for those in attendance. Our students shared their expertise in: Robotics, scribble bots, Lego Mindstorms Robot programming, and the advanced programming students shared the video game they created during our after-school STEM program this year. It was a very successful night and kudos to our STEM teachers and students for being part of the success.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD NEWS:

Congratulations to our OHMS Science Olympiad Team this year. Here is a record of their accomplishments at various competitions:

- Science Olympiad state competition
- We took silver in 3 events
 - Invasive species - Maddie Call and Hannah Breinholt
 - Ecology - Hanna Breinholt and David Ertel
 - Microbe Mission - Thea Spigarelli and Jocelyn Ducourant
- We took 8th place overall



School News:

WELCOME OFFICER TOM LOEVLIE We have enjoyed a great year with Officer Tom Loevlie from the Unified Police Department. He has been in every 8th grade Health class and has met many of our students through his positive interactions. We look forward to working with him again next year. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback for him, he can be reached at 801-412-2378.



CAN FOOD DRIVE - We thank each you for supporting the PTSA's Can Food Drive. We had three overflowing donation bins to donate to the Utah Food Bank. Mrs. Stewart's TA class took 1st place in the class competition. Great work.

DEBATE - The Debate Team has put forth a lot of effort this year and it showed at their District competition this past month (April). Katelynn Barton, Khlcee Norman, Natalie Rice, Anjali Sutar, Alyssa Watson, Logan Greer, Anna Wrigley, Matthew Drachman, Seth Hansen, Natalie Hatch, Manya Nair, Zander Quinley, Logan Reep and Jordan VanGesen all competed at the District level winning various awards and trophies for their performance. Based on this competition many moved on to compete at State. Students did an excellent job and Matthew White placed in the top ten for best speaker. Congrats Debate members!

LUNCH SCHOOL - Is an opportunity for students to work on missing assignments, make up quizzes or tests while they eat their lunch. It is offered daily in room 208.

MATH TUTORING - Friday mornings in room 206, 9:00-9:45

Counselor News:

Over the last few months, the counseling center has been busy with registration, Parent University, Career Day, and Job Shadow Day. While helping our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students register for the 2017-2018 school year, we were able to help students to plot a course of action for the upcoming school year and beyond. Also in March, we concluded the last Parent University in our three-part series. Parent University's focus for this third portion was financing for college. We were able to host Ms. Eccles, the scholarship coordinator, from Riverton High School to give more insight to the topic. The information presented included various resources about scholarships, grants, and savings accounts that make post-secondary education more feasible.

Also in March, the 8th and 9th-grade students participated in Career Day and Job Shadow Day. Career Day involved approximately 50 volunteers from various fields from within the community who presented information in two sessions to students. It is designed to provide information to students and help them explore careers from various fields. These interactions encouraged students to explore their interests and helped the students to develop a better understanding of how their academics connect with possible future career choices. While our 8th and 9th graders were participating in Career Day, our 7th-grade students participated in Job Shadow Day. The Job Shadow experience allows students to explore a specific career of interest by observing an employee while performing their normal work duties.

As the 2016-2017 school year draws to a close, we in the counseling center wish the parents, students, and staff of OHMS a wonderful summer. We look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year.

PTSA News:

During March, the PTSA sponsored White Ribbon Week and Fight the New Drug came and spoke to our students. A presentation was also done for parents that evening. Here are some links for those who may want more information or that may have missed the presentation.

The following link will take you to The Guideline: A Parent's Guide to Addressing Pornography With Children. <https://store.fightthenewdrug.org/collections/books/products/the-guideline-pdf>

You can also go here to download a Family Media Standard. <http://fightthenewdrug.org/family-media-standard/>
You can sit down as a family and determine what is and what isn't allowed to be viewed in your home.

The presenter suggested this video to watch. He didn't have enough time in the presentation to show this. <http://fightthenewdrug.org/video-this-guy-biked-3800-miles-across-america-chains-to-fight-pornography/>

Parents, each month we honor a teacher as our Teacher of the Month. If you have a teacher you would like to nominate, please email the teacher's name and why you feel they should be the teacher of the month. Email ohmsapta@gmail.com

Thank you to all of our great parent volunteers that help with our ribbon weeks, book fair, parent teacher conference dinners, memory books and Eagle of the Quarter. We also want to thank Sodalicious, Stefano's Gelato and La Fountain for sponsoring our Teacher of the Month Award. Please support these wonderful businesses as they have supported our school this year.

We can't do it without you. Thanks again for your support of PTA at Oquirrh. ----Brittany Maxfield

Next PTSA Meeting: TBD in the Fall of 2017

Please feel free to join us at this meeting or any others that fit your schedule.