

Oquirrh Hills Happenings

Oquirrh Hills Middle School - Michael Glenn, Principal

Jan.-March 2018



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

Wed. Jan. 17th Start of 3rd Quarter

Thurs. Jan. 25th In-coming 7th grade registration night 6p @ OHMS

Mon. Jan. 29th – World Language Week Begins

Tue. Jan 30th – Hearing Re-screening 8:30-10:30a

- MESA 3p
- Combined Band Concert with SHMS & RHS @ RHS 6:30p

Wed. Jan. 31st – Eagle of the Month breakfast (Jan. trait – NICE)

- Combined Orchestra Concert with SHMS & RHS @ RHS 6:30p
- Southland Elementary school play “Dig-It” @ OHMS 7p

Thurs Feb. 1st – In-coming 9th grader registration assembly (during TA)

- Southland Elementary school play “Dig-It” @ OHMS 7p

Fri. Feb. 2nd – In-coming 8th grader registration assembly (during TA)

Tue. Feb. 6th – 7th grade Harry Potter Assembly

Fri. Feb 9th – Midterms for 3Q

Mon.- Fri. Feb 12th -15th – Book Fair in the Media Center

Mon./Tues Feb. 12th & 13th – Soph Orientation @ RHS 6p

Tue./Thur. Feb. 13th & 15th – Parent Teacher Conferences at OHMS (4-7:30/4-8P)

Fri. Feb. 16th – No School Parent Teacher Compensatory Day

Mon. Feb. 19th – No School – Presidents Day

Thur. Feb. 24th – Eagle of the Month Breakfast (Feb. trait – Determined)

Sat. Feb. 24th – OHMS Science Olympiad to compete at SNOW COLLEGE

Thur Mar. 1st – PTA mtg 12:30p @ OHMS

Fri. Mar. 2nd – Failing Notices will be sent home

Wed. Mar. 7th – OHMS production of Peter Pan Jr. Evening performance 7p

Thur. Mar. 8th – Career Day &

- Job Shadow Day- All 7th graders should be shadowing an adult and will be out of the building.
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Fri. Mar. 9th – Spring Pictures

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Mon. Mar. 12th – Sophomore Orientation @ RHS 6-8p.

Thur. Mar. 15th – School Community Council 5:30p @ OHMS Board rm.

Mon. Mar. 19th-23rd – White Ribbon Week

Tue./Wed. Mar, 20th & 21st – State Orchestra Competition

Wed. Mar. 21st – Choir/Band/Orchestra Evening Concert (Time TBD)

Thur. Mar. 22nd & 23rd – State Band Competition

Thur. Mar. 22nd – Last Day of 3rd Quarter

Fri. Mar. 23rd – No School – End of Term



Mon. Mar. 26th – Fri. 30th – Spirit Week and Can Food Drive

Mon. Mar. 26th-Wed. 28th – Eagle of the Quarter Assemblies

Thur. Mar. 29th – Eagle of the Month Breakfast (March trait – Supportive)

Tue. Mar. 27th – Thur. 29th – Student Talent Show Auditions after school

Tue. Mar. 27th – Parent University 7p

Oquirrh Fest Holiday Fundraiser:

We wanted to take a minute at the beginning of this issue and express our heartfelt thanks for supporting our Oquirrh Fest fundraiser this past December 2017. Our community truly comes together, in an extraordinary way, to change the lives of others. We, ourselves, become changed as we participate in these experiences as a collective whole. So... Thank you for your generosity and for being part of the change.

Here are the totals to celebrate:

Riverton Holiday Heroes - \$2500

Jordan Ed Foundation - \$2500

Intermountain Healing Hearts - \$18,535.72

Grand Total Raised = \$23,535.72

Note from the Administration:

I can hardly believe we are already into the third quarter of the school year. With the start of a new quarter comes a great opportunity for students to re-focus their efforts! We offer a lot of support to help students be successful in school. Here are just a few ways your child can get extra help:

- Ask questions during class.
- Make arrangements with the teacher to get extra help before or after school.
 - Attend lunch school for help with homework or to make up a test. Any student can come...just show up! Get a ticket from your class teacher that you will be doing the work for. Show the ticket to your teacher before lunch and you can leave 2 minutes early to get your lunch and go to room 206 for help. There are teachers and academic trackers there to help you.
- Make effective use of Eagle Hour.
- Eagle Hour is built into our bell schedule during 2nd period, and is held four days a week, offering students extra time and support for learning within the regular school day.
- Teachers can pull in a specific group of students during Eagle Hour to re-teach those students who did not show understanding of a concept during regular instructional time.
 - Teachers may also hold study sessions in their subject area to allow students time to work on assignments, with a teacher available to help them. Students may ask their teachers to request them for Eagle Hour time on the department's assigned day.
 - Students who have not been requested to go to a specific teacher during Eagle Hour remain in their 2nd period class and are given time to work on homework or do additional reading or research. Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities as needed.
- After school enrichment is also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p for students who would like extra help from a teacher.
- Friday morning, we have our Academic Trackers here from 9:00 am to 9:45 to help with math tutoring or any other homework help.

We look forward to a great third quarter with our students!

Terry Price,
Assistant Principal, Oquirrh Hills Middle School

School News:

Faculty Spotlight – Meet Tim Su and Dallin Thomson

Tim Su – Tim has been hired as a full time teacher in our Foreign Language Dept. as a Dual Language Immersion Chinese teacher. Here is a brief write up about him in his own words.

“I was born in an athletic family in Taiwan. My father was a part of the volleyball national team back in the 70's, and my mom played handball in college; hence, sports have been playing a big part in my life since I was a child. I studied in England and Thailand as a student, and was fortunate enough to spend some time in different parts of Europe as a soccer player. I graduated from Westminster College, and the reason that I want to be a teacher is because I believe in the power of dreams, and I want to help the kids to know that "never give up on what you love doing, because eventually, it will lead you to what you're meant to do!"

We are excited Tim is here and sharing his expertise with our students.



Contact info for Detective Thomson:
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Dallin Thomson - Dallin has been assigned to OHMS as our new SRO (School Resource Officer). He is replacing Detective Loevlie who has been transferred to be the new SRO at Riverton High School. Here is a glimpse into his family and career in his own words:

“I have been in Law Enforcement for 17 years. During this time, I have been assigned to many different areas of the valley and held several different assignments. Some of these include Patrol, Drug Court, Canyon Search & Rescue and Detective on the Federal Drug Task Force Team. While on that team I had a partner with me at all times, Canine Dak who is now retired after 10 years of service and a permanent member of our family.

I have been married to my wife for almost 20 years and together we have 3 kids ages 14, 10 & 8. I love the outdoors and enjoy camping, fishing and hunting.

I have had many great assignments during my career and I look forward to this new assignment working with the staff in serving and helping kids to grow at OHMS and SHMS.”

Welcome Detective Thomson. We look forward to working with you here in the Nest.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dear OHMS community,

Do you, or anyone you know, have a folding music stand in good condition that is not being used anymore? I am looking for 40-60 folding music stands in working order that our music students can use when we travel for performances in our area. We just did our tour of the local elementary schools and Kari Sue Hamilton School and such items would have been a great help. Any support you can give would be appreciated. Thank you very much!

Mr. Perkins

MEDIA CENTER

Book Fair in the Media Center 2/12 - 2/15. Open conference nights, 2/13 & 2/15.

Beehive Book Challenge @ Auxiliary Service Building with South Hills MS, Joel P Jensen MS and Ft Herriman MS morning of 3/22. See Mrs. Sandra Doehler in the Media Center for more details.

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK is Coming!!! January 29 through February 2. There are lots of fun activities that we will be doing in our Spanish, French and Chinese classes here at OHMS. Some of them include poster contests, souvenirs in the display cases, labeling our homes with Spanish/French/Chinese words and teaching them to our families, a dress up contest on Wednesday for the whole school to participate in, skits, songs, dances, poems and games in our classes, and conversations with all the teachers that speak Spanish, French or Chinese in the school. On Friday, we will be eating traditional food and drinks from Mexico, France and China. REGISTER FOR SPANISH, FRENCH or CHINESE and Join Us NEXT YEAR!!!

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Fine Arts Department is proud to present Peter Pan, Jr. Performances will be held Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday March 7, 8, & 9 @ 7 pm. Tickets are \$3. Information about online ticketing services will be released via SkyAlert. Thank you in advance for your support of the arts and our talented & hardworking students at OHMS.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies department held its annual Geography Bee for 7th and 8th graders on January 17th and 18th. Our winners were: 1st place: Kyle Anderson, 2nd place: Katelynn Barton, and 3rd place: Ethan Hall. All the participants were awesome and we want to congratulate our winners! Kyle Anderson now has a chance to gain a spot at the state bee. Best of luck Kyle on the qualifying test!

INKSPOT (OHMS LITERARY MAGAZINE)

Oquirrh Hills literary magazine, INKSPOT, is now available online. You can view it by going to ohmsinkspot.com or you can use the link/button on the school's website. Submissions will be updated monthly by the INKSPOT staff.

SNAP PLAN

At each School Community Council we discuss the safe walking routes of our students. If there are concerns that need to be addressed, please contact a member of the administration with your thoughts. Here is a link to the state website. <https://www.udot.utah.gov/main/f?p=100:pg:0:::V,T:,2954> Attached to this newsletter is a pdf of our Safe Walking Route.

STEM

The Oquirrh Hills Middle School STEM Robotics program attended the 5th Annual Utah STEM Expo Jan. 27, 2018 @ the South Town Expo Center.

Our Team (Velocity Raptors) was able to meet with families to show and share how the robot works. The challenge event for this year's First Tech Challenge State Championship will be on Feb. 10th at Weber State University. They will be competing against 36 other robotics team from Utah. Good Luck to the Velocity Raptors.



Sam Turley, Ben Raguskus, Rohan Siddamsettiwar, & Alex Raguskus

Counselor News:

It's already that time of year! Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is in full swing. It's time to start thinking about classes for the upcoming school year. Students will be given instructions on what they need to do to register for classes in assemblies in January and February.

The following are the scheduled dates for the registration assemblies during students TA class:

8th Grade Registration - Thursday, February 1st (packets due in ELA classes on 2/8)

9th Grade Registration - Wednesday, January 30th (packets due in ELA classes on 2/7)

Incoming 7th Grade Students for the 2018-2019 school year were invited to attend our Rah-Rah assembly on January 25th. The Rah-Rah assembly is a way to let these students get excited about becoming OHMS Eagles. We also invited students and parents back to OHMS that evening for a registration evening event.

For more information regarding registration please go the Counseling Center webpage at <http://ohmscounseling.weebly.com/> Please check back often as the information will be updated as it becomes available.

Upcoming events include:

- February 8th at 7 pm- Parent University. This is the second part of our three-part series which includes the topics of JSD graduation requirements, honors/AP course offerings, and career pathways.
- March 8th- Career Day and Job Shadow Day

During Career Day we invite volunteers from various fields from within the community to present information to our 8th and 9th grade students. Career Day is designed to provide information to students and help them explore careers from various fields. These interactions encourage 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 participate in Career Day, our 7th grade students participate 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.

If you would like to volunteer for Career Day please contact the Counseling Office at [\(801\)412-2360](tel:(801)412-2360).

A special thank you to our wonderful community for being supportive and helping to make OHMS an amazing place that is focused on student success. None of it is possible without your support.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for all that you do. Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whitney
Counselor at OHMS

PTSA News:

Thank you to all of the parent volunteers that came in to help with “Reality Town” this November. The Ninth Graders got a taste of money management during that activity. Another big thank you to those who assisted with the money boxes during Oquirrh Fest. It was a great success! If you are looking for a few ways to get involved, you can simply join the PTSA for \$6.00. On the State and National level, your \$6.00 helps to fund advocates for legislation to improve education. A portion of the \$6.00 helps at OHMS, and you don’t have to do anything else. If you choose to, you can volunteer to assist with such activities as Eagle of the Quarter, the upcoming Book Fair during parent teacher conferences the week of February 12, or help with White Ribbon Week in March. For the month of February, we are doing a membership drive. We will be doing a drawing at the beginning of March. If you join before the end of February or are already a member of the OHMS PTSA you have a chance to win an airline ticket with JetBlue. All you need to do is join! Thank you for all you do and if you have any questions just go into the office or call, and we can let you know what you can do to be involved for the remainder of the school year.

Next PTSA Meeting:

PTSA meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 12:30pm in the OHMS Board Room near the main office. Please feel free to join us for any of our upcoming meetings.