



F.O.R. FORUM

*A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO COMMUNICATION WITH
OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
ADMINISTRATION, PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.*

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Principal Wehr's Message

The Oak Ridge High School community wishes to welcome you to the 2006-2007 school year. We opened the year with 2131 students and a vision of continuing to provide a quality teaching and learning experience for the young people of our community.

On August 31, 2006, the California Department of Education released California's 2006 Accountability Progress Report which informed districts and schools about their progress on the State Academic Performance Index (API) for the 2005-2006 reporting cycle, as well as the results of the federal 2006 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report, as required by the No Child Left Behind legislation. California's accountability requirement (API) measures the academic success of a school based on improved achievement on the State Testing and Reporting (STAR) assessments. Federal AYP requirements, however, are based on a "status bar model" which measures how well a school or district meets common minimum performance targets, or status bars. The 2005 Accountability Progress Report provides current API Growth data in addition to AYP status information.

Oak Ridge High School is proud to report that our 2005 base API of 826 grew to a 2006 growth API of 842. This 16-point gain is the highest in the district and places Oak Ridge High School in the top 10% of all public high schools in California. Further, Oak Ridge High School met all the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation with 86.6% of our students reaching the proficiency level in English and 83.2% demonstrating at the proficiency level in mathematics, having an API of 842 and a high school graduation rate of 98.6%

Oak Ridge High School has much to be proud of and we look forward to a year of continued growth in our academic, visual and performing arts, and athletic programs.

On behalf of the entire Oak Ridge High School staff we look forward to working with you and wish to thank you for your ongoing support.



**Want to
PROMOTE
YOUR
BUSINESS!
and
SUPPORT
OAK RIDGE!
at the same
time?**

RUN AN AD! In the school newspaper,

The Ridge Review!!!

Place a Business Card Sized Ad for only \$30!

A Full Page Ad is only \$325!

For complete details, e-mail

The Ridge Review Staff at:

ORHSAdvertising@Yahoo.com

OR

Telephone
916-933-6980
EXT 1406.

ORDER YOUR 2007 YEARBOOKS NOW!

Last year many students who wanted a yearbook were unable to get one at distribution because they failed to reserve one in advance. We can **ONLY** guarantee yearbooks to those who purchase and reserve a yearbook **BEFORE** distribution so we can order the right number of books!

Yearbooks go on sale Monday August 21st at a price of **\$70** until October 2nd. After October 2nd, the book price will increase.

STUDENTS; Here's how easy it is to reserve your yearbook!

Take your (1) Student ID, (2) a check written to *ORHS Yearbook* for \$70, (3) and go to the Finance Office (see Terri Taylor) during Nutrition Break, Lunch, or after school until 3PM. Once you've done this a book will be reserved in your name!

PARENTS; Take advantage of the **NEW OAK RIDGE WEB STORE!**

(1) Go to <http://orhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us>

(2) Scroll down the left hand side of the screen under "About our School" to the **ORHS WEBSTORE**, and double click.

(3) In the upper left hand corner of the screen, under "Browse" locate the **YEARBOOK** link, and double click.

(4) At the **ID** field, enter your student's ID number (located on her/his student ID card)

(5) Use either a Visa Bankcard or Mastercard to complete your purchase.

You will need the following to purchase items at the WebStore:

- + Mastercard or Visa Bankcard
- + Name and Student ID number
- + Your email address for confirmation
- + Password (which you create at the end of your first purchase)

Student names will be added automatically to the distribution list; however, your printed receipt is your safeguard against error.

Contacts: Janice White; Yearbook Adviser – Jwhite@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

Terri Taylor; Finance Manager – Ttaylor@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

ORHS Senior Send Off Letters!

If you would like to place a ¼ **page ad** in the Oak Ridge 2006-2007 yearbook that includes a senior send off letter and two favorite pictures of your senior student, please follow the steps below:

1. **Find two photos**, one baby or toddler picture and one current senior picture of your child.
2. **Make a quality copy of both pictures at Kinko's or a similar type copy shop.**
(Don't send originals – we can't promise you will get them back!!!)
3. **Write a send off letter** of up to **80 words MAX** to your child.
4. **Write a check for \$50.00 made payable to "Oak Ridge HS Yearbook"**
5. **Mail the letter, the two pictures and the check Before November 1st 2007! to:**
Janice White/Yearbook
Oak Ridge High School
1120 Harvard Way
El Dorado Hills, Ca. 95762
6. **Materials MUST be at the school by NOVEMBER 1ST to be entered into the book – late pictures must be returned, sorry.)**

If you prefer to purchase a ½ or full page ad (3 or more students only), please see the back of this page for further information and send the appropriate materials as indicated.

More info on Senior Baby Pictures for the 2007 ORHS Yearbook. Remember the **November 1st** deadline date. Should it be a traditional graduation picture you wish to include, hopefully it will have arrived by then. However – please know that **any current photo** of your child that you like may be attractively entered into this section of the book **along with any favorite baby picture. WE LOVE GETTING EARLY ADS – DON'T WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE. SEND ADS TO US AS SOON AS YOU CAN!**

If you have only one copy of your treasured photo(s), be sure to make a copy at Kinkos or a similar service; **send us only copies** for publication. Don't worry about sizing the photo. Photos are sized to fit during the layout process. **INCLUDE YOUR STUDENT'S FULL NAME AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR LETTER PAGE.** We get many pictures each year with only first names and (particularly if we have only a baby photo) we cannot properly identify students.

Include whatever message you wish in your send-off letter. If you have two letters (one from Mom; one from Dad) (a letter from the siblings) (three letters - Mom, Dad and Gram), (a poem) include what you want, but keep the word count to 80 words. When fit more than 80 words on ¼ page either the type ends up too small and hard to read or the photo sizes end up reduced.

THE OAK RIDGE YEARBOOK IS PRODUCED BY A SINGLE CLASS OF OAK RIDGE STUDENTS. Although we strive VERY hard for perfection; perfection is an unattainable goal. Errors do occur. We ask for your respect and sound judgment in this regard as the issuance of refunds causes significant financial setbacks to our program and we ask that you not request financial reimbursement for student errors.

Thanks for your support with this fun section of the book! We will do our best for you!

[Janice White; Adviser] [Kelly Nichols; Editor] [Melissa McLaughlin; Assistant Editor]

& The 2007 Yearbook Staff

OAK RIDGE SPORTS BOOSTERS (ORSB)2006/2007 Board Members

President - Beth Goodwin

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The ORSB is chartered as a non-profit corporation to benefit all sports at Oak Ridge High School. We fundraise, administrate and support all teams. Our efforts allow for Freshman teams, coaching stipends, uniforms, equipment, and the like. Most important to the success of the Sports Boosters program is the purchase of sports booster cards, and volunteerism.

All monies collected from the sale of sports booster cards stay at Oak Ridge to benefit every team. Please consider the purchase of a booster card (\$100 per family and includes entrance to all regular season home games that charge a gate fee).

Our meetings are the last Monday of each month (skipping December and July) at 7 pm in room B3 at the school. The next meeting is October 30. Please check the school's website under sports boosters for current events and meeting minutes.

Please contact Beth Goodwin at 337-6674 or bethanngood@comcast.net with any issues.

Go Trojans! Beth Goodwin

SAFE & SOBER GRAD NIGHT COMMITTEE NEWS

The ORHS Safe & Sober Grad Night Committee invites all interested parents to monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the staff lounge. For those of you unfamiliar with Grad Night, Safe and Sober Grad Night is an all night event for our graduating seniors held at Roseville's Golf and Sunsplash immediately after graduation. Everything is provided for our students with the price of their ticket. On Friday night after the graduation ceremony, they check in at the small gym and then are transported to Sunsplash where they can enjoy the wave pool, go-karts, miniature golf, the video arcade, laser tag, a DJ and a place where they can dance all night, make their own rock video, pizza, sandwiches, snacks, beverages, and much more!! On Saturday morning they are treated to a continental breakfast and then brought back to Oak Ridge. This event is totally organized by parent volunteers and planning starts in September.

Senior parents are busy with their graduates that night so freshman, sophomore and junior parents are needed to volunteer for this very worthy event. **If you have not already signed up with your Friends of Oak Ridge membership, please contact Adrienne Ellis at 941-9705, John Scarlett at 933-3472 or Charlene Intriago at 933-0847** to find out how you can help.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 12, at 7 pm in the staff lounge.

OAK RIDGE THEATRE ARTS BOOSTERS (ORTAB)

ORTAB supports the 125 aspiring actors and technicians who work relentlessly to present high quality productions under the guidance of ORHS Drama Director, John Healy.

Each year the Performing Arts Theatre Department puts on four major productions. The Fall Play will be, "A Streetcar Named Desire." It is sure to be a stellar production. Performances will be in October. Ticket Information will soon be found at our website. You can find us through the ORHS website under Boosters.

ORTAB meets every third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the ORHS Theater. Become a member and get into the act! Your dollars, prop donations, time and labor keeps the arts alive for our aspiring actors and technicians.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Foundation is happy to report that it recently presented the Board of Trustees with the final payment on the stadium bleacher loan. This final payment of \$141,000 reflects the successful collaborative efforts of the Sports Boosters and the Foundation, with the District's support, to retire the \$250,000 loan obtained from the District as part of a \$650,000 Foundation/Boosters stadium improvement project to construct bleachers on the Oak Ridge campus, in addition to other stadium improvements. Both groups, with tremendous community support, have organized successful fundraisers over the past few years to pay off the loan, including the annual Blue & Gold Auction and the annual Foundation Golf Tournament.

Next up for the Foundation will be additional stadium improvements, including synthetic field turf with track and field event stations, and a brand new concessions facility and bathrooms. Also in the planning stages are improvements to the Music building. The Foundation will be working closely with the District to coordinate these construction efforts as the District embarks upon its own district-wide construction Master Plan for school improvements, including those slated for the Oak Ridge campus.

Also in the works is an Alumni Database, to provide an ongoing link for former Oak Ridge students to the school and its activities, to share news of alumni, to facilitate class reunions, and other related activities. More information soon!

The Foundation's Capital Campaign, "Investing in the Promise," continues to pursue its goal to fund needed campus improvements, with pledges of over \$1 million dollars, to date. Other opportunities to support the Foundation include the annual Golf Tournament, reserved stadium seats at football games, and the chance to win a Harley Davidson motorcycle!

Foundation meetings are open to the public, and are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 in the Staff Lounge.

For more information visit www.orhsfoundation.com.



Past President Charlene Intriago and ORHS student, Andrea Sylvester are showing off the F.O.R. Calendar for the 2006-2007 school year. The cover design was created by Andrea Sylvester. She won the art contest. This was the first year that a student's art work has been displayed on the cover of the calendar. She also received \$100.00 in prize money. If you would like a calendar please fill out the membership form and send a check for \$20.00 to Friends of Oak Ridge. The calendar lists important information for students and their families for the school year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our F.O.R. Forum newsletter, there are a couple of announcements regarding "Friends of Oak Ridge" board for the 2006-2007 new school year.

Hello my name is Gina Barrick and I have accepted the F.O.R. President Position along with Kathleen Lionakis, we look forward to keeping the parents informed of the many events at Oak Ridge High School.

Gina Barrick – 916-933-6174

We also have the two new Volunteer Coordinators: Eileen Combs and Miriam Bauman they will use the information provided on the membership form to call you and invite you to volunteer.

Just a reminder there are plenty of calendars left, so it is not too late to join and support the Friends of Oak Ridge. A copy of membership form is enclosed in the newsletter just fill out the membership form with payment and the calendar will be mailed to you.

Our next Friends of Oak Ridge meeting will be October 9th 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the faculty lounge in the administration building. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for your support and welcome!

Gina Barrick

Kathleen Lionakis

Friends of Oak Ridge

2006-2007

Friends of Oak Ridge (F.O.R.) is the "PTO" of Oak Ridge High School. As a parent, it is one way for you to show your support of Oak Ridge and stay connected to the school and your student. Annual membership dues are \$20. As a member of F.O.R. you:

- ❖ Receive the F.O.R. calendar which includes a comprehensive listing of school events, information regarding school clubs and organizations, parent organizations, a campus map, a listing of faculty members, key school contacts and a very necessary item – Who to Call for What!
- ❖ Receive the F.O.R. Forum newsletter which is mailed to F.O.R. members **FIVE** times each year and one more way to help you stay informed of what's happening at Oak Ridge;
- ❖ Help F.O.R. to provide refreshments at Freshman Orientation, host two staff appreciation luncheons each year and Student Appreciation Day in December, support Safe and Sober Grad Night through volunteer efforts and monetary contributions and
- ❖ Assist F.O.R. as we coordinate parent volunteers at the school and work together with other Oak Ridge organizations for the benefit of our students and the school.

Stay connected – be informed – remember volunteering is optional – just join and show your support. You'll love your calendar and receiving the newsletters! Join today! Membership must be renewed annually. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the faculty lounge located at the school office.

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2006-2007

Student(s) name(s): _____ Grade(s) _____

Parents Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Membership Fee: \$20 per family (includes calendar)
Please make check payable and mail to:

FRIENDS OF OAK RIDGE
1120 Harvard Way
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Volunteer Opportunities

- Newsletter mailings Grad Night Dances Staff Appreciation Luncheons
 Events Office Help - i.e. stuffing envelopes - during school hours
 Can't volunteer but joining to show my support!

TEEN CENTER AND SKATE PARK

The Grand Opening of the Teen Center and Skate Park is scheduled for sometime in December. It will be something special for El Dorado Hills. This is a 4,016 square foot clubhouse for teens.

The layout is specifically targeted for young adults and their kind of activities. There is one large great room, which has smaller sections for different activities. The Teen Center will have electronic toys from a big screen television and both PlayStation 2 and X-Box. There are computers and even a DDR Machine. For the teens that want more activity there will be a Pool Table and a Ping Pong Table.

Then, there is the outdoor deck. It is 700 square feet and it will have tables and chairs for when they want to be outdoors. The deck overlooks the Skate Park. That will be amazing as well. The plans are to have ten obstacles with multiple rails, grind rails, roller rail, ledges, a spine grind box and half pipe.

The registration Fee is \$15.00 per month or a teen can drop in for \$5.00 a day. The Teen Center hours are after school until 6:30 p.m.

The Teen Center and Skate Park have been well planned out. It will be a place where teens can go and meet their friends and make new friends. A place to hang and enjoy the games or work on homework. It has it all. If you would like further information contact CSD Recreation Coordinator, Christine Foster at 643-4367

YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT BENEFIT CONCERT

Youth and Government is a very expensive club to be in, most of the expenses are in the three trips we go on throughout the school year. The first trip is in November, the second is in January, and they are both to Camp Roberts Military Base in Central California. At these two conferences we learn all about what we'll do at the Final Conference, and start making our plans with all the other Youth and Government students from all over the state. In February, we take our third trip to the State Capital, in Sacramento. This is where we hold our elected mock positions and deal with the State of California's business. Whether it is holding our elected positions, lobbying for a bill to be passed, arguing for our mock trial client's freedom, suggesting state or nationwide political actions.

It will cost a total of \$875, for all of this, but it is completely worth it, as the 100 people in our delegation and 2200 kids across the state all agree it is one of the best experiences of their entire lives.

The Youth and Government Club here at Oak Ridge is hosting a benefit concert to raise money for members to help defray the cost of three trips throughout the school year. It will be a music show in the Large Gym at Oak Ridge on Saturday, October 28th, and it begins at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available at the show. The bands playing will include *From Me To You*, *Go For Broke*, *Red Collar*, and *Hazel & Vine*. Tickets will be \$8.00. These can be bought at school in October, or at the door, the night of the show. Please come out to support the Youth and Government Club. It will be a fun night directly benefiting kids right here at Oak Ridge.

Greg Goodwin, President of the Youth and Government Club

REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

October 16, Monday
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Union Mine High School

Meet with the Representatives of University, State, Community Colleges, Private Colleges, US Military Academies and Trade and Specialty Schools.

A few of the schools that will send Representatives are:

UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Los Angeles;
CSU Sacramento, Chico, Sonoma;
Stanford, St. Mary's College, William Jessup;
University of Arizona, University of Portland;
Culinary Academy, Universal Tech, FIDM;
Folsom Lake College, American River College; and
US Military Academies

Also present will be ACT, Kaplan Testing, Financial Planning for College and El Dorado Scholarship Website

There will be two Break Out Sessions,
One for UC Admissions and the other for CA State Admissions.

ORHS HOMECOMING

October 20

10:15 a.m. Homecoming Rally

4:00 p.m. Parade

5:30 p.m. Junior Varsity Game

7:30 p.m. Varsity Game

October 21 Homecoming Dance
Tickets go on sale October 2 -20.

The O.R.H.S. Cheerleaders will be selling Homecoming/Spirit Ribbons during lunch the week of October 16-20th. This is fundraiser for the Cheerleaders and to celebrate 2006 O.R.H.S. Homecoming events. The cost of the ribbons are \$1.00 each and they make great keepsakes.

MATH TUTORING

Algebra 1 Tuesdays

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Room P-5B

Algebra 2 Wednesdays

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Room I-5

Advanced Algebra 2 Wednesdays

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Room I-4

Geometry Tuesdays

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Room P-11

Math Analysis Wednesdays

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Room I-6

Calculus Tuesdays

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Room I-3

There is a list of student tutors in the Counseling Office.
They can be hired for tutoring all of the levels of math.

F.O.R. Forum

We welcome submission from students, parents, faculty and staff. Our intention is to have a newsletter that has many of the events and activities at Oak Ridge High School.

If you have any articles or information which you would like to see in the F.O.R. Forum, please email them to karen@hellhaus.com.

We reserve the right to select and edit materials received for publication.

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