



Friends of Oak Ridge (FOR)



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A Quarterly Newsletter Dedicated to Communication With Oak Ridge High School's Students, Teachers, Administration, Parents and the Community.

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From our Principal

Oak Ridge High School has had a wonderful first semester. Our students continue to demonstrate their talents and skills through academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Most recently the California Business for Education Foundation selected Oak Ridge High School as one of the top public schools in California. Schools receiving this distinction from California's business community have consistently demonstrated high student academic achievement and have made significant progress toward closing achievement gaps among all students. This honor is a great reflection of our dedicated staff, engaged students and our supportive community.

Please look for our semi-annual "Celebrating Academic Excellence" newsletter. Its purpose is to share a sampling of what some of our recent graduates are doing, their reflections on their ORHS experience, and a multitude of examples of ORHS student achievement. Oak Ridge High School continues to be proud of our efforts to educate the youth of our community and prepare them to have global impact as they transition beyond our campus.

I would like to thank the parents for continuing to contribute their time and energy to students clubs, our Visual and Performing Arts program, our sports program and other school activities. Their willingness to volunteer allows us to persist in our community-wide effort to offer our students incredible opportunities. The ORHS Foundation, School Site Council, Music Boosters, Theater Boosters and our Sports Boosters have been fantastic and have contributed so much to the students, staff and school. The 7th annual Blue and Gold Auction, sponsored by the ORHS Sports Boosters is scheduled for April 28, 2007 at Mercedes-Benz of El Dorado Hills. For more information regarding this impressive evening please contact Beth Goodwin at 337-6674. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Principal's Message

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On March 5, 2007 representatives of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be visiting Oak Ridge High School for a mid-term visit in our six-year accreditation. This will be a great opportunity to share with WASC our progress on our site action plan.

In closing, I would like to thank the parents for providing us with supportive feedback on the Aeries Browser Interface (ABI). ABI allows you to get online information about your student's grades, attendance information and more. Oak Ridge High School is committed to using this technology to include parents in the education of their student. For further assistance with this new online resource, please contact Aaron Palm, Assistant Principal at apalm@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

We are looking forward to a successful second semester as we strive to instill community, character and a life-long love of learning in all Oak Ridge High School students.

Advertise in *The Ridge Review*

Do you have a business that provides services or products to TEENAGERS? Want to reach over 2,000 of them?

RUN AN AD IN THE OAK RIDGE NEWSPAPER;
THE RIDGE REVIEW!

Business card size ads are as inexpensive as \$30.00! Full, 1/2 & 1/4 page ads are available.

E-mail the advertising staff at:
ORHSAdvertising@yahoo.com

Or contact Adviser; Janice White at
JWhite@eduhsd.k12.ca.us

We accept your art or can create an ad for you!

The 2007 Ridge Review Staff

FOR Presidents Message

Welcome to our F.O.R. Forum newsletter. My name is Gina Barrick, the 2006-2007 F.O.R. President, and I would like to inform you of an announcement and an opportunity to be involved in F.O.R. and your school.

OPPORTUNITY

F.O.R. Calendar for 2007-2008 needs someone to put together the calendar. This would include adding all the detail to the calendar for next year and all the important phone numbers we provide to help all of us stay connected. Also setting up a Calendar Art Cover with the school and choosing the winner by May 2006. If this open position is interesting to you please email me at gmbtravel@hughes.net so we can discuss our options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

F.O.R. board would like to thank Tony Barre for stepping in to be the editor of the F.O.R. Forum Newsletter for the remainder of the school year.

FREE ADVERTISING FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR O.R.H.S Clubs. Don't forget to submit your announcements as well as your ticket orders to: tony@tonybarre.com.

Key Club Sponsors House Construction Project

Key Club is sponsoring a house for Rebuilding Together on April 28th. The work on the house will include necessary repairs and improvements determined by our Team Captain, Luther Daughtery. We have to provide \$5000 in order to sponsor a house; plan the scope of the repairs; recruit and train the volunteers; and purchase the needed supplies. This will be a wonderful opportunity for staff and students to work together on one of the most meaningful, hands-on projects we undertake all year. If you would like to help with this worthwhile project, please email Robin Gruwell, rgruwell@eduhsd.k12.ca.us. You may also send donations to Ms. Gruwell at the Oak Ridge address; make checks out to the ORHS Key Club indicating "Rebuilding Together."



OAK RIDGE H.S. SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT FUNDRAISER

The ORHS Safe and Sober Grad Night Committee is hosting a fundraiser at both Round Table Pizza Restaurants in El Dorado Hills on Monday, March 12th from 5 pm to 9 pm. Round Table will donate 20% of the group's net sales during that time period to Safe and Sober Grad Night. Customers must present the flyer below showing they are participating in the fundraiser and the flyer can be used for dine-in or take-out. Flyers are also available at the ORHS school office. Please support Grad Night and help the grad night committee make this a great event for our graduating seniors. Contact Paula Sozzi at 933-4146 or Charlene Intriago at 933-0847 for further information.

WHEN: **MONDAY**
MARCH 12TH, 2007
5-9 PM

WHERE: **ROUND TABLE PIZZA**
EL DORADO HILLS

2222 FRANCISCO DRIVE
 (AT GREENVALLEY ROAD)
 (916) 933-4300

4510 POST STREET
 (MARKETPLACE AT TOWNCENTER)
 (916) 941-1577

Come Join Us For A PIZZA NIGHT At
 ROUND TABLE PIZZA To Raise Money For
ORHS SAFE & SOBER GRAD NIGHT
****Bring this Flyer with you!****



ROUND TABLE PIZZA Will Donate 20% of Our Group's Net Sales to
 ORHS'S SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT

Reserve Your Yearbook Now Before They Sell Out

There are still a few **YEARBOOKS** left! The staff will sell these remaining books until all ordered books have been sold. Don't be left out. **RESERVE A YEARBOOK NOW BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD OUT!**

(Last year over 200 students did NOT receive yearbooks because they failed to order them when they had the chance and none were left by distribution day!) SOOOO.....

If your student does not yet have a yearbook...

1. *Write a check to ORHS Yearbook for \$75.00.*
2. *Send the student with the check AND her/his ID to Terri Taylor in the Oak Ridge finance office ASAP!*

Books may also be purchased ONLINE at the ORHS WebStore (ORHSWeb.Com) by selecting Web Store and following instructions provided - you will need your student's school ID number to order online.

Sports Boosters Needs Your Help with Auction Donations

On April 28, 2007, The Oak Ridge High School Sports Boosters Club is hosting its 7th Annual Blue & Gold” Auction and social entitled “Diamonds & Denim” at Mercedes-Benz of El Dorado Hills. In order to make this evening a huge success, we are asking for your support by donating an item of your choice, service that you provide, or a financial contribution. All Donations are tax deductible; Sports Boosters will provide you with tax receipts.

Last year's successful and fun event raised approximately \$65,000 through donations of products and services from generous individuals and merchants like you. These funds are going directly to support Oak Ridge Sports team needs as well as school facility improvements.

Oak Ridge Sports Boosters is a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation chartered for fundraising to help support the student sports programs at Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. Our mission is to compliment the Oak Ridge academic programs by supporting the pursuit of athletic excellence through the subsidy of coaching stipends, uniforms, equipment, tournament fees, conditioning programs, camps and more.

This is an excellent way to advertise your business among area residents. Items of substantial value are auctioned live, giving your business maximum exposure. Silent auction items are displayed with your business name, address and phone number or business card, and all donors are published in the Auction Program. Your business will receive excellent visibility as we expect 500 people to attend this event.

With the help of sponsors like you, the Oak Ridge Sports Programs are able to achieve higher levels of athletic achievement in the pursuit of academic excellence. If you have any questions, or to arrange for a donation pick up, please contact me at our Auction Hotline – (916)-337-6674

Beth Goodwin

Auction Chairperson

Parent Power Night Features Clay Roberts

Parents and Community Members:

You're Invited to the 2nd Annual Oak Ridge High School Parent Power Night

Monday, March 12, 2007

7:00 P.M.

Oak Ridge High School Performing Arts Theater

Oak Ridge High School, the El Dorado Union High School District, and the El Dorado Hills Vision Coalition are the proud sponsors of a presentation by *Mr. Clay Roberts*, distinguished speaker and author who has been featured on NBC's Today Show, Frontline, in Good Housekeeping, Newsweek, U.S. News and World Report, and has been a keynote presenter at over 200 international, national, regional, state, and local community events.

Mr. Roberts will share information regarding the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. These assets are concrete, common sense, positive experiences and qualities essential to raising successful young people. They have the power during critical adolescent years to influence choices young people make and help them become caring, responsible adults.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about ways that you can help your child and other young people become successful adults.

Forrest Seely Wins Annual Oak Ridge Sports Booster Poster Art Contest

Kudos to Conni Hardie and her art class for participating in the annual Oak Ridge Sports Booster Poster Art Contest. This art work will be displayed about town and in local publications to advertise our annual Blue&Gold Auction. Congratulations go out to Forrest Seely



who's artwork garnered first place, and Melissa Sandoval who earned second place. These two artists received financial awards! All participants received a gratitude gift. We really have some talented artists in residence.



Your Article Can Be in the F.O.R Forum

Submit articles, news, announcements, advertisements to Tony Barre. Email them to tony@tonybarre.com

Parent Access ABI Lets You Stay Connected with Oak Ridge High School and Your Student

Parent ABI allows you to get online information about how your student is doing in school. ABI (Aeries Browser Interface) is an online window into your student's grades, attendance information, and more. Below you will find the account access information you need to set up your online account. After you follow these steps, you are ready to check on your student's attendance, homework, test scores, transcripts, as well as report cards.

To get started with the Aeries Browser Interface (ABI) you must have an email address on record with Oak Ridge. Anyone who has put their email on a school registration card has their email in our system. If you do not have your email in our system please contact us via email at apalm@eduhisd.k12.ca.us. In this email please include:

- Parent's name
- Each student's name and grade level
- Your primary email address

Once that is complete please wait 24 hours and you will receive an email from us with a password. Many parents do not receive this message due to spam filters. We ask that you please allow your spam filter to allow all mail coming from SISMailer@eduhisd.k12.ca.us. If you cannot do this then please check your spam filter for the email if you do not receive it.

Once you have received the password go to the school website at: <http://orhs.eduhisd.k12.ca.us/>.

Once at the site click on the Parents page and then click on Parent ABI. This page will ask you for your email address and password that was emailed to you.

Please note: Your ABI account contains personal information about your student. We strongly recommend that you do not share your account password with anyone. Please email apalm@eduhisd.k12.ca.us if you have concerns that your account has been compromised.

Oak Ridge High School is committed to using this technology to include parents in the education of their children. Oak Ridge's commitment to you will include:

- Assignments and tests will be graded and inputted into the system within a reasonable amount of time. We ask everyone to remember that certain assignments take longer to grade than others.
- Your child's attendance will be updated daily

If you have a concern about your student's grade you can email the teacher. Each teacher's email is located in the staff directory section of our school website at <http://orhs.eduhisd.k12.ca.us>.

For assistance with this new online resource, please contact Aaron Palm the Assistant Principal at apalm@eduhisd.k12.ca.us.

French Exchange Students Visit Oak Ridge

Have you noticed any new faces at Oakridge? Thanks to the generosity of Oakridge students and families, there are seventeen French students attending classes on our campus for two weeks in February. This is a great opportunity to explore new cultures and develop friendships, while practicing a foreign language. The French students will participate in the Oak Ridge Foreign Language department's Cultural Day and some of them will attend Winter Ball. If you see them on campus please welcome them!



American Math Contest

The annual AMC (American Mathematics Contest) will be held at Oak Ridge on Feb. 21. It is a very rigorous 25 question math test taken by our top 160+ math students in grades 9-12 (geometry and above). Those that score high enough will be "invited" to take the next level exam. We had 8 students reach that level last year!

March F.O.R. Meeting

Please note that the March Friends of Oak Ridge meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 7 PM in the Faculty Staff Lounge (at the school office) at Oak Ridge High School



News from the Career Center

Check the Oak Ridge High School Career Center Web Page for important information and updates:

www.orhscareercenter.com

Community College

<http://www.orhscareercenter.com/CCCommunityCollege.html>

ASVAB:

Test Date: Monday, March 5th from 1 - 4 PM

Interpretation: Monday, March 26th 1 - 2:30 PM

Financial Aid Forms Due:

Cal Grant forms (GPA Verification) are due on *Friday, March 2nd*

FAFSA (file now)



Important Dance Code Policy Change!

Oak Ridge High School wants all students to feel comfortable and safe at school dances. Therefore, the following Dance Code Policy change shall be enacted with the upcoming Sadies Dance:



Students who are dancing inappropriately (for example, "Freakin") at the Sadies, and all future dances, will be asked to leave the dance immediately and will be assigned a Saturday Study Session. Historically, students were provided a wristband upon entrance to the dance. If the student was found dancing inappropriately, a staff member would cut the wristband to symbolize a warning. Once the wristband had been cut, students were asked to leave if they were found dancing inappropriately a second time.

the dance(s) immediately.

Starting with the upcoming Sadies Dance, no warning will be issued. Students will be asked to leave the dance upon first offense. Again, students who are dancing inappropriately will be asked to leave

Parking at Oak Ridge

Oak Ridge wants to remind all students and parents that all cars in the parking lots must be registered with the school. Registration forms and tags are available in the Assistant Principal's office. The tags cost \$150. Any cars that are parked in the parking lot without a registration tag will be towed at the owner's expense. Any car that is parked in an unauthorized parking spot will be towed whether they are registered or not. Students have to be really careful to not park in fire lanes, reserved parking, visitor parking or spots not designated as a parking stall. Parking is very tight at Oak Ridge and we suggest that all students get to school early to assure that they get a spot.



Attention All Athletes

Sports Physical Night is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th. Times are scheduled by student's last name: *T-Z* 6:00, *A-F* 6:45, *G-L* 7:30, *M-S* 8:15. Cost is \$15.00. Location is El Dorado Hills Physical Therapy, 907 Embarcadero Way, El Dorado Hills. A physician's approval for full participation is required each school year for student/athletes registering for sports participation. Any questions, please contact the Oak Ridge Athletic Department (916) 933-6980 ext. 1044



**OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
7TH ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD AUCTION
“DIAMONDS & DENIM”**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007
MERCEDES-BENZ OF EL DORADO HILLS**

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT IN SUPPORT OF OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL. IT INCLUDES A SILENT/LIVE AUCTION, DJ DANCING, DINNER, NO HOST BAR, 21 YEARS AND OLDER, PLEASE! TICKETS TO THE EVENT ARE \$45 PER PERSON. ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 500 TICKETS SOLD. WE DO SELL OUT! TICKETS MAY BE ORDERED BY COMPLETING THE ORDER FORM BELOW AND MAILING IT IN ASAP. PLEASE CONTACT BETH GOODWIN (916-337-6674) WITH QUESTIONS.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

- TABLE SPONSOR \$600
- MVP TABLE \$2,000
- VARSITY TABLE \$1,500
- JV TABLE \$1,000

TABLES ARE 10 PEOPLE

ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS WILL RECEIVE A RESERVED TABLE IN FRONT
ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS WILL ALSO RECEIVE A PLAQUE, AND RECOGNITION IN THE AUCTION BOOKLET
MVP, VARSITY & JV WILL RECEIVE RECOGNITION DURING THE LIVE AUCTION

TICKET ORDER FORM

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER (#) _____ TICKETS TO THE 2007 AUCTION

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A _____ SPONSOR

Name _____ CHECK IS ENCLOSED FOR \$ _____
 Address _____ Or _____
 City _____ CHARGE MY VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER
 Zip _____ ACCT# _____ EXPIRE DATE _____
 Phone _____ Signature _____

MAIL TO: ORHS SPORTS BOOSTERS/ATTN: SUSAN SPINK
1120 HARVARD WAY
EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762

**ASB Report:
Parent Thank-you, Dances,
Blood Drive, Elections,
Leadership Class,
Senior Photos Needed**

The ORHS Associated Student Body would like to thank our parent helpers who assist with many responsibilities at our dances, including Winter Ball. These parents are: Courtney O'Connell, Chelsea O'Connell, Trish Padua, Cindy Rosada, Robin Fox, Leslie Moore, Wendy Tostenson, Zita Benander, Natalee Ebinger, Sally Gilmore, Jan Coffrini, Marilyn Eynck, Deborah Costa, Tami McKay, Joni Kirby, Steve Sprague, Kevin Vierra.

Our next dance will be Sadie's Dance on Saturday, March 17. This is a casual dance sponsored by the Sophomore Class.

Junior -Senior Prom is Saturday May 5 at Arden Hills Country Club.

Applications for the Advanced leadership class of 07-08 are now available in the Student Activities Room. Deadline to submit is March 30.

Class and school- wide elections will be held on Friday, April 20 .

Senior activities are beginning to unfold. Senior parents are encouraged to submit photos of their senior throughout their school years. Group photos with other seniors are especially enjoyed. Please submit in a zip-lock bag with name and return address to the Leadership room. Deadline to submit is March 30. You may also e-mail pics to the Historian at jordanweeden@gmail.com.

Lastly, the Oak Ridge students were treated to a week of cultural events on January 29- February 2. This week was organized by Zaneb Khalid, Jaime Bissell, and Ben Driscoll. Jaime and Ben will next be organizing a school-wide blood drive on Friday March 9 . Students 16 and older with parent permission may volunteer for this community event.

Academic Decathlon 2007 Results

<i>Overall Team: Silver</i>			
<i>Names</i>	<i>Competition</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Medal Results</i>
Erica Wilens	Essay	Varsity	Silver
Tess Sprague	Essay	Honors	Gold
Erica Wilens	Interview	Varsity	Gold
Tess Sprague	Interview	Honors	Bronze
Erica Wilens	Speech	Varsity	Gold
Erica Wilens	Mathematics	Varsity	Gold
Kobi Ecker	Mathematics	Scholastic	Bronze
Zack Conley	Mathematics	Honors	Gold
Kobi Ecker	Economics	Scholastic	Silver
Zack Conley	Economics	Honors	Gold
Kaitlyn Putman	Language and Literature	Varsity	Silver
Tess Sprague	Language and Literature	Honors	Silver
Zack Conley	Language and Literature	Honors	Gold
Zack Conley	Science	Honors	Silver
Erica Wilens	Art	Varsity	Bronze
Kaitlyn Putman	Art	Varsity	Silver
Erica Wilens	Music	Varsity	Gold
Team 2007	Super Quiz	All	Silver
Zaneb Buksh	Highest Scorer Alt.	Alternate	Gold
Zack Conley	Highest Scorer Overall	All	Gold
Team	Overall	All	Silver

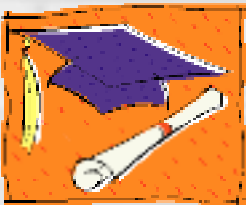
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(click on Friends of Oak Ridge, click on FOR Forum) or
go directly to www.geocities.com/newletterfor

We're on
the Web!!

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Safe & Sober Grad Night 2007 Parents Needed!!

Safe & Sober Grad Night will be held on Friday, May 25th this year at Roseville's Golf and Sunsplash. Safe & Sober Grad Night which is totally sponsored by ORHS parents still has some vacant committee chairs and needs volunteers. If you aren't aware, Safe & Sober Grad Night is an event that provides an opportunity for our graduating seniors to celebrate their graduation. Immediately after the ceremony, our graduates board buses and head over to Sunsplash where they spend the night playing miniature golf and video games, riding go-karts, splashing in the wave pool, enjoying pizza, sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee, desserts, continental breakfast, entertainment and a whole lot more – all of this for the price of their admission ticket. The senior class has selected Pirates of the Caribbean as the theme for their grad night this year.



Typically freshman, sophomore and junior parents are in charge of grad night as senior parents are busy with their graduates. Approximately 85 of the senior class participates in Grad Night and it takes approximately 125 volunteers to put on Grad Night. Volunteers are still needed in all areas but we especially need help with decorations, food, setting up and clean up. Please contact Adrienne Ellis at 941-9705, John Scarlett at 933-3472, or Susie Small (volunteer coordinator) at 425-4563 to find out how you can help. The next Grad Night meeting is Thursday, March 8th, at 7 pm in the staff lounge at the school office.

Sports Boosters Seek President

We are looking for someone to take over the Sports Booster Presidents position. We raise funds and support the school's athletic department. If you can help, please contact me or Steve White, AD. Thanks!

Beth Goodwin
ORSB President
916-337-6674

