

OHS TROJAN TIMES

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Olympic High School

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Olympic High School! The OHS staff is committed to providing an excellent education to our students. We know, though, that student growth is the result of effort on the part of students, parents, and school staff. We encourage your participation and involvement. Together let's make this another great year of achievement for our students.

To help you and your student make a smooth transition from summer vacation back to school, information pertinent to the beginning of the school year is included in this bulletin. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school office at 662-2700.

Robert D. Barnes, Principal

Class Schedules/Schedule Pick-Up

Class schedules must be picked up at Olympic on the following dates:

SENIORS - AUG. 19, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

JUNIORS - AUG. 19, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SOPHOMORES - AUG. 20, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

When students come in for their schedules, they will be required to complete several tasks in an established order. Students should allow at least sixty minutes to complete all schedule pick-up activities. They must have school ID photos taken and verify home mailing addresses and phone numbers. Students may buy ASB cards and yearbooks, receive lockers and parking permits, and have schedule adjustments made if required. **Using the mail-in payment process provided in this or the June newsletter will significantly shorten the time requirements for schedule pick-up.** Students are expected to come in on the date/time designated to ensure that necessary materials are available.

School Photos and ID Cards

School photos will be taken during schedule pick-up days in August by Hudson Photographic Artistry. ID card photos for all students will be taken that day also. Picture package information can be found at: www.hudsonphotography.com/oly

Although sophomores and juniors traditionally purchase these packets to have photos to give to friends and family members, these packages are also available for seniors to purchase.

Only one "digitized" photo will be taken and used as the school photo (for sophomores and juniors), student ID card photo, student directory photo, and student record system photo.

Senior Portraits

Hudson Photographic Artistry in Bremerton will be photographing seniors for the 2010 OHS yearbook this summer. Annual only sessions are free but there are special promotions for the other Senior Sessions. The best deal is for seniors scheduling their session before August 20th. The Designer Session, which includes five clothing changes, is 65% OFF! That's a savings of over \$60! Be ahead of the game, call 373-5300 to schedule your summer session and take advantage of the savings. The senior class portrait pages are assembled in October, so the sooner you get this taken care of the better.

Sophomore Family Barbecue

An ASB sponsored Family Barbecue/New Student Orientation will be held Thursday, August 20, from 4:30—6:00 p.m. (before Sophomore schedule pick-up.) Sophomores transitioning from the junior high schools and all students new to Olympic are encouraged to attend. Student leaders, coaches, administrators and parents will be available to answer questions, provide tours and give new students/families an opportunity to get to know the people, traditions, and opportunities Olympic has to offer.



New Student Registration

Students new to Olympic High School can register on August 17 and 18, 8:00 am—2:00 pm. If you know of a family new to the area with school-age children, please share this information with them. New students must enroll with their parents. Proof of residence and immunization records are required for enrollment. Students should also bring unofficial transcripts from their last school of record. Students 18 years old and parents new to the area will also have the opportunity to register to vote.



SCHOOL HOURS

7:50 A.M. - 2:37 P.M.

Important School Phone Numbers

Below is a list of the main phone numbers for the offices at Olympic as well as other related District numbers.

Main Office:	662-2700
Attendance:	662-2730
Counseling:	662-2742
Career Center:	662-2735
Swimming Pool:	662-2886
Transportation:	662-8800
Athletics Office:	662-2711

ASB Cards

All students are encouraged to purchase an ASB card (\$45). Funds generated by the sale of cards are used to finance school activities, including athletics. Students with an ASB card will qualify for free or reduced rates to school events, including a \$5 reduction on dance tickets.

Class Fees

There are some classes that require fees for specific materials used. Students will be informed of these costs within the first few days of class. Course fees need to be paid at the Cashier's window.

Lockers

Hallway lockers are provided by the school for a \$5 rental fee. This does not apply to the lockers for physical education. A student should see his/her counselor to determine eligibility for a locker fee waiver. Upper lockers are reserved for seniors. **Note: Students who owe past fines or fees will not be issued lockers.**

Lunch Schedules

Students will be assigned lunch periods based on their fourth period class. Breakfast will cost \$1.75, and lunch is \$2.75. Free and reduced price lunch forms were mailed to each student this summer. Extra forms are available in the Main Office. Beginning this year, students will be allowed to charge up to five lunches on their food accounts. After that, the food service program will provide a cheese sandwich until the food account has been paid in full.

Health Cards

Students with identified medical problems should fill out a Health Card in the Main Office.

Transportation

Contact the CKSD transportation department at 662-8800 or visit the District website for information regarding student transportation to or from school. No activity buses are provided.

Cashier

Students may make payments for activities, materials, and lunch accounts at the Cashier's window. While checks will be accepted for purchases and payments of fees, the school office cannot cash checks. Checks should be made payable to OHS for the exact amount. Change from a check can **not** be given.



OHS Policies and Procedures

This bulletin highlights only a few of the school policies. The *OHS Student Planner* and *Course Catalog* should be consulted for a complete listing of school policies and procedures.

Students will be required to return an acknowledgement form signed by them and their parents, acknowledging receipt of the school rules and district policies. **Please watch for these materials in the opening days of school.**

Attendance

OHS is a closed campus. If a student arrives tardy to school or wishes to leave early, he/she needs to check in and out through the Attendance Office each time.

Parents/legal guardians must excuse their child's absences. Parents may designate an emergency contact (friend or relative) to excuse their child in the event of an emergency as well. If you wish to update your son's/daughter's records, please call the OHS Guidance Office at 662-2742 between 7:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Please check that your work phone numbers are also updated on our records - otherwise, in an emergency, we may not be able to locate a contact for your child.

A calling machine will phone home each evening for students who are unexcused from any class that day. If you receive a call, please call the attendance office at 662-2730 between 7:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Attendance office voice mail will receive messages from parents 24 hours a day at 662-2730.

Pre-planned absence - If your son/daughter will be absent for an extended number of days (i.e., surgery, family trip, etc.), please notify the Attendance Office in advance. We will provide your child a special form to take to each teacher to collect his/her missed assignments in advance.

Homework requests - If your son/daughter is absent from school for three consecutive days (or more), you may request homework by calling the Attendance Office at 662-2730.

Visitors

Olympic High School students are not allowed to bring visitors to school during the school day. Parents and other authorized school visitors must check in at the main office to sign in and obtain a visitor's pass.

Closed Campus

Olympic High School is a closed campus. Students may not leave campus during the school day without the permission of a parent/guardian and checking out with the Attendance Office. Leaving for the purpose of buying lunch off-campus is not allowed.

Fines

Lockers will not be issued to students who have outstanding fines and they will not be given class schedules until the first day of school. Graduates must clear all fines and fees in order to receive Commencement tickets, to participate in Commencement, and to receive their diplomas.

Medication at School

District policy encourages parents/guardians of students to give all necessary medications to students before or after the school day. Students with health conditions requiring medication during the school day must have a medication form on file in the main office.

The form must be completed by both the physician and the parents and turned into the main office **BEFORE** medication can be dispensed. The prescription must be kept in the main office and must be in the original pharmacy container labeled with a) the student's name, b) the name of the medication, c) directions for administration, and d) the name of the prescribing physician or dentist. The form must be typed or printed (no cursive).



Telephone Calls/Messages

Students and families should make every effort to avoid the need for students to receive telephone calls and messages during the school day. In case of emergency, office staff will accept messages for students **from parents and emergency contacts only**. These messages will be delivered to the students' assigned classrooms. The use of electronic pagers and cellular phones is not allowed at school during the school day.



Peer Mediation is Coming to Olympic!

The 2009-2010 school year will see the reintroduction of the peer mediation program here at Olympic High School. Peer mediation programs have been running at both Fairview and Ridgetop in recent years and we are excited to be able to build on the excellent work they have been doing!

Mediation is a conflict resolution tool that helps disputants work together to find a solution that benefits both of them. Peer mediators are trained as objective third parties who can help guide the disputants through the process. Mediators do not provide solutions, act as judges, or discipline in any way. Their job is to help disputants identify the problem, facilitate healthy communication, and help the disputants to work together to solve their issues.

Helping our students learn how to work out their problems in constructive ways will make them better equipped to deal effectively with peers, parents, teachers, and employers.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Bronaugh at JenniferB@cksd.wednet.edu.

Weapons Policy

Both the State of Washington and the Central Kitsap School District have taken strong action to assure safe schools for all students and staff. In keeping with State law, our School Board has adopted a policy which carries severe consequences for any student who brings a weapon to school -- regardless of the reason or age of the student.

A student who brings a firearm to school, or who has one in his/her possession while on school grounds or at a school sponsored event, must be expelled. State law says that a student expelled for bringing a gun to school may not be admitted to any other public school in the State during the time of the expulsion. Our school district will not consider such a student for re-admission for at least one year from the date of the violation. Even then, there is no guarantee that a student will be readmitted.

In addition, our District's policy reflects zero tolerance for weapons of any kind on our campuses. Any student who possesses any type of weapon at school or at a school event will be subject to very strict discipline, which may include expulsion.

We are committed to maintaining a safe school environment and we need your help in making sure that students do not bring weapons to school.

Student Dress

Olympic High School students should dress in a manner that is appropriate for school and/or the workplace. Students whose appearance cause a distraction to the educational process will be asked to change or to go home.

Clothing which reveals a significant amount of skin, including but not limited to; backless tops, tops which do not significantly cover midriffs and/or both shoulders, low-cut tops, skirts, shorts, or jeans that have hems and/or holes/slits above mid-thigh are inappropriate. Clothing that reveals undergarments, including boxer shorts, should not be worn or should be worn in a way that covers the undergarment.

Students may not wear clothing that advocates or conveys alcohol or drug usage messages, anything of a derogatory nature about any group of people, clothing with sexual innuendoes or blatant sexual messages, clothing with inappropriate language, or gang related items.

Students who are referred to the office for dress issues will be asked to change into appropriate clothing or to cover the offensive clothing or message and will be asked to not wear the item again. Students who refuse to comply will be sent home and written up at school for defiance.

Student Planners

Olympic High School will offer student planners again this fall. These planners are designed to help students track assignments, schedule appointments, and easily find reference information. Planners cost \$6.00. All students are required to purchase this invaluable time management and organizational tool.

Student Resources

Counseling Services

The Counseling Office offers a variety of services for all students including individual, group, career, and college counseling. The center's goal is to help, inform, and serve all OHS students. Depending on the first letter of your student's last name, your counselor will be:

A-F

Mr. Dan Kontos

G-O

Mrs. Keri Williams

P-Z

Ms. Blanche Saladino

Career Counselor

Mr. Dave Reichel

Schedule Changes

Schedule pick-up day:

Counselors are available to assist students with their first semester schedules only. Students should come to the Counseling Office immediately if they have an open period first semester or are obviously misplaced in a class.

For other schedule change requests, counselors will see students and meet requests if dropping/adding does not overload other classes.

Students with concerns about classes offered during second semester should see their counselors after September.

After schedule pick-up day:

No schedules will be changed the first three days of school, unless students have open periods or are misplaced. For example, scheduled for Third-year Spanish and should be in First-year Spanish.

Schedule change requests:

Forms can be picked up at any time, but cannot be turned in to the Counseling Office until Friday, September 11. Forms must include a parent signature.

Computer Labs

Computer labs may be accessed during the school day only as assigned and supervised by teachers. The library is open for student computer use before and after school. Students using the lab are expected to leave food and drinks outside the lab, work quietly and productively so as not to interrupt others, and obey all computer use rules.

Trojan Scholars

Students are encouraged to strive for Trojan Scholar honors upon graduation. Information on the Trojan Scholars Program is available in the Olympic High School Library. The requirements of the program include a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in a challenging course of study and completion of a Senior Project. Interested participants need to submit a Senior Project Proposal to one of the Trojan Scholar Coordinators by October 1 of their senior year. Questions may be directed to Ms. Erickson at 662-2784.

Tutoring

Students are encouraged to access their teachers along with library and computer lab services for extra academic assistance.

Students may also gain assistance from tutors in specific areas of need. To request a tutor, a student should contact the tutoring coordinator in the SSC.

Recommended Calculators

The OHS math department teachers recommend the TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-83 Silver Edition, or the TI-84 calculators for students enrolled in Advanced Algebra, FST, or Pre-calculus, or AP courses.

PTSA Oly Cares Fund

The Oly Cares Fund is looking for your used, useable calculators. If you have one that you will no longer need, please consider donating to the Oly Cares Fund. We will purchase new batteries and make them available to students who cannot afford one for high school math classes. We would also appreciate the user manual if you still have it around. You can contact Dan Kontos at 662-2742 to arrange for your donation.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

No personal technology devices are to be in use, heard, or seen, during the school day. Electronic devices must be stowed from 7:45 am to 2:37 pm (1:07 on Thursday) in all areas of the campus, inside the buildings and out.

This includes ALL TYPES of electronic devices, including but not limited to: cell phones and pagers, iPods, MP3 players, CD/cassette players, gameboys, PSP (play station), portable DVD players, and lap top computers.

The complete policy was sent out in the June newsletter. Please refer to your 2009-2010 Student Planner for a complete description of the Electronic Device Policy. Planners will be sold and distributed during schedule pick up.

Open House: Thursday August 27, 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to the OHS Library!

Our library will be open for business on Wednesday, September 2.

Please take note of our **EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION:**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
(Library hours subject to change.)*

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT GRANT:

The LSTA grant was awarded to Olympic High School by the Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Library Division, funded by the Library Services and Technology Act through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Last year Olympic High School Library, in conjunction with Kitsap Regional Library, received a *Supporting Student Success* competitive grant. The \$40,000 award targeted the implementation of the Social Studies Classroom Based Assessment (CBA). Last spring librarians and social studies teachers collaborated to purchase materials and technology and design curriculum that would support student achievement in the social sciences. This year OHS students will reap the benefit of the ground work that was laid last spring.

Because of the LSTA Grant each social studies classroom is now equipped with a document camera and multimedia projector. With this new equipment, teachers will be able to provide students with the best that electronic and web based instruction can provide. In addition, the library learning experience will be enhanced with the addition of a Smart Board. Students will be able to receive instruction and practice presenting with this new technology.

In addition to new equipment, the library purchased electronic resources. You may check out our new Gale E-Books by visiting the OHS Moodle home page at <http://moodle.cksd.wednet.edu/my>. Students will need their school computer username and student ID number to access the resources. Go to the OHS home page and from the library web page select the link to *Electronic Resources*. Kitsap Regional Library also has a wide array of resources available at www.krl.org. From the drop down menu, *KRL Resources*, select *Research Databases*. Students may use their KRL library card numbers to open the resources or a school KRL library code. Our LSTA grant money went to support the *Historical New York Times*.

Students will also have access to hundreds of new in-print materials including biographies, primary documents, and high quality reference materials because of the LSTA grant. In April look for a community History Event to showcase our students' academic achievement in the social sciences.

DISTINGUISHED READER PROGRAM: Students are invited to talk with a library staff member about the books that they read in 2009-10. Those who talk ten or more books earn the designation of Distinguished Reader. Students make appointments during lunch and after school to talk books. We also host *Lunch-in-the-Library* every third Thursday of the month, giving students the opportunity to add to their Distinguished Reader list and share books with other enthusiastic readers. In May we celebrate their commitment to reading with an OHS reception. Participating students are also honored at a district event. Our first *Lunch-in-the-Library* will be Thursday, September 17.

Our Library Staff:

Maureen Cervinsky and Diane Wilson, Librarians
Jan Ichiki and Laura Kalista, Library Clerks

Demographic Information/School Messenger Update

Along with schedules students will receive a Student Demographic Verification Sheet. It is important that student information is kept up-to-date and accurate. Parents/guardian information should contain parent address, home phone, work phone, alternate number (i.e. cell phone), and e-mail address. The data base allows for 4 emergency contacts. Please provide one phone number per contact. Emergency contacts within the local area are encouraged, parents/guardian are always phoned first. Please take the time to review this important information.

Tiny Trojans Preschool Open Enrollment

<u>AM Class</u>	<u>PM Class</u>
2 Hours	2 Hours
4-5 Year Olds	3-4 Year Olds
Mon., Tues., Wed.	Mon., Tues., Wed.
Registration Fee: \$45	
Non-Refundable	
Monthly Fee: \$80 for AM and \$75 for PM	
For questions call Jana Heistand at 360-662-2807 or -990-9747	

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Dates to Remember

August

- 17 New Student Registration, 8:00—2:00
- 18 New Student Registration, 8:00—2:00
- 19 Senior Schedule Pick-Up, 8:00—10:00
- 19 Junior Schedule Pick-Up, 12:00—2:00
- 20 Sophomore BBQ, 4:30—6:00 p.m.
- 20 Sophomore Schedule Pick-Up, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 24 Fall Sports Begin
- 27 Open House—6:00 p.m.

September

- 2 First Day of School
- 3 No Early Release
- 4 Back to School Assembly
- 9 Picture Make Ups
- 17 Sophomore ASB Elections

Fall Sports at OHS Start August 24, Football August 19

This year, our fall sports season at Olympic High school begins August 24. Football starts earlier on August 19. The head coaches of each program will determine practice times.

To be eligible to participate on the first day of practice, the student-athlete must have the following completed and on-file in the main office: current physical, athletic clearance form, and the emergency information form. Eligibility paperwork will be available on-line at <http://olhs.cksd.wednet.edu/staff/athletics> via “Eligibility Forms.” **Completed forms can be submitted to the main office the week of August 10th-14th. Athletes whose forms are not received by August 14th will not be eligible to practice the first day.**