

January 13, 2020

Dear 8th Grade Families,

Hope you enjoyed Art week! If you didn't get to come, please take a little time to stop by the school and ask your child to show you their work if they had art first semester. The Orchestra concert was such a joy to listen to. The students led by Mr. Cutler (and Dr. Bercaw!) were outstanding.

Some other reminders for the week ahead and in January:

For students planning to attend the NYC trip (May 27-29),

- **Please send a check in with your child as soon as possible this week to make the second payment of \$300.**
- Please write a check to **Oak Hill Middle School, with a memo: NYC Trip** and send the check in with your child to turn into their homeroom teacher by this Wednesday, January 15.
- Please [click here](#) to view the NYC Payment Form 2020 schedule for more information.
- The 3rd payment for \$280 will be due on January 24.

Oak Hill School Geography Bee:

Our school will continue as a participant in this competition and this year we will run three rounds of the competition over the course of one competitive week. We will share the results of the Bee after our school-wide competition.

Monday, January 27- Classroom-level bees will be conducted in social studies classes by the individual social studies teachers.

Wednesday, January 29- Grade-level bees will be held in the auditorium:
6th grade P4 A Block 8th grade P6 B Block 7th grade P7 C Block

Friday, January 31- The Championship Round will be held in the gym during Community with the whole school in attendance.

Creative Arts and Science Program - This group of talented women presented to all students last Thursday. It was like traveling all over the world listening to different music performed by the group. The music included works from the US, Israel, Japan, Brazil, and Cabo Verde. Ask your child about their experience! One of the best programs we have ever invited to Oak Hill!

Oak Hill Middle School PTO
Creative Arts & Sciences Concert Series

WOMEN IN WORLD JAZZ

A Tribute to Composers Around the World
Thursday, January 9
8:30 AM - 7th, 9:30 AM - 8th, 10:30 AM - 6th



Women In World Jazz is an international ensemble of professional musicians featuring music from around the world. *A Tribute to Composers Around the World* highlights music composed by women artists, past and present. Through their engaging compositions, students learn about a diverse group of pioneering women and their unique cultures. Styles range from Jazz to World/Ethnic. Music from Cuba, Cape Verde, Brazil, Japan, and the Middle East are included.

Please contact your school's PTO for date and time of performances. Parent and student riding attendance is at the discretion of the principal.
CAS programming is funded by your generous contributions to the PTO.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CREATIVE ARTS & SCIENCES

Principal Coffee with Superintendent Dr. Fleishman, School Committee and Oak Hill PTO: Coming **Thursday, January 23** at 8:00am in the Oak Hill library.



During this meeting, Dr. Fleishman and I will share about some of the academic, social-emotional and anti-bias work that we are doing at the school and district level and then the rest of the meeting will be to take your questions and listen to any of your feedback about your children's experiences in the school. School Committee members will also join us to discuss important system issues and to answer your questions. We hope you can make this meeting. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Please [click here](#) if you plan on coming!

MCAS 2020: Please avoid scheduling appointments or vacation on the test dates.

8th grade:

ELA- April 14, 15 (periods 1-3)

Math- May 7,8 (periods 1-2)

STE- May 14, 15 (periods 1-2)

Save the date: Early Release Day: On Wednesday, February 6, all middle school students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. for system-wide professional development workshops.

After-School Enrichment and Athletics - January Club Offerings:

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ALL CLUBS BEGIN AT 2:30 AND END AT 4:00	
<i>New Clubs in Italics</i>	
MONDAYS:	
Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Math Counts	Mr. Bunting, Room 152
Big Y & The Green Beans	Mr. Butler, Room 206/7
WEDNESDAYS:	
Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Makers Club	Mr. McGraw, Room 206/7
Art Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
Beyond Monopoly	Mr. McDaniels, Room 251
Jazz Band	Ms. Kleyensteuber, Band Room
THURSDAYS:	
Newspaper	Mrs. Kappel, Room 234
Math Team	Ms. Deschaines, Ms. Hsu, Mr. Timmins Room 233
Clay Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
<i>Ski And Snowboard</i>	<i>Mr. Westenbery</i>
<i>Pre-registration and fee was required</i>	
FRIDAYS:	
Girls Who Code	Ms. Cadigan, Room 232