

January 13, 2020

Dear 7th 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:**

#### **Signs of Suicide Program (S.O.S) - Grade 7 Only:**

A special notification to all 7th grade families about the annual Signs of Suicide program was sent home last week. All the SOS forms need to be returned by students by the latest this Wednesday, January 15!

[SOS Letter to Families 2019-2020](#)

**Team 7-1 will have the SOS program on January 27**

**Team 7-2 on January 29.** (Snow dates includes 7-1 (Jan 30) & 7-2 (Feb 5).

**A parent information session for Signs of Suicide will be this Thursday, January 16 at 8:00am in the library.** The session will be led by our school psychologist, Dr. Jannon McKenna and our social worker, Ms. Kristen Antonio. [Please click here if you would like to attend.](#) (If you attend the session, you may return the consent form by January 17.)

## **Signs of Suicide Program**

Our school uses SOS Signs of Suicide, a suicide prevention program that educates students about the relationship between suicide and depression. We encourage all students to seek help from trusted adults whether they have concerns about themselves or a friend using the **ACT**® message.

### **Key Message of SOS: ACT**

- **Acknowledge** that you are seeing signs of depression or suicide in yourself or a friend and that it is serious.
- Let your friend know how much you **Care** about them and that you are concerned that they need help.
- **Tell** a trusted adult that you are worried about yourself or a friend.

**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 stranger sibling 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.**

**7th**

ELA- April 7, 8 (periods 1-3)

Math- May 18, 19 (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:**

January 2020	
ALL CLUBS BEGIN AT 2:30 AND END AT 4:00	
<i>New Clubs in Italics</i>	
<b>MONDAYS:</b>	
Homework Center	Ms. Vaillancourt, Library
Math Counts	Mr. Bunting, Room 152
Big Y & The Green Beans	Mr. Butler, Room 206/7
<b>WEDNESDAYS:</b>	
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
<b>THURSDAYS:</b>	
Newspaper	Mrs. Kappel, Room 234
Math Team	Ms. Deschâlnes, Ms. Hsu, Mr. Timmins Room 233
Clay Club	Miss Calhoun, Art Room
<i>Ski And Snowboard</i>	<i>Mr. Westenberg</i>
<i>Pre-registration and fee was required</i>	
<b>FRIDAYS:</b>	
Girls Who Code	Ms. Cadigan, Room 232