



# OAK-8 Update

2018-2019 School Year, Edition 18 | Week of December 17, 2018

## Principal's Message

One more week until Winter Break, and a busy week at that. As we head into it, I have a couple things to mention.

First, here's thanking the **OAK-8 PTSA** for its hard work for our students and school. The Holiday Store and Incentive Store the PTSA has planned for this week are but two examples of the many good things it contributes. **THANK YOU** to our wonderful PTSA!!!

Second, I want to remind everyone that we are in the midst of **enrollment season** for the Orcutt Academy for 2019-2020. If you have school-aged children not attending OAK-8 whom you wish to attend our school, please be sure to fill out an online enrollment application for each one. And if you have family or friends who might be interested in OA, please spread the word about our information nights and campus tours.

Have a great week, everyone!

Joe Dana, Principal

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**SPREADING THE YULETIDE SPIRIT:** Our campus' choir students did a wonderful job singing Christmas tunes at a community tree lighting ceremony in Los Alamos this past Saturday evening. Special thanks to all the students who participated as well as our choir teacher, Mrs. Sullivan -- we received many compliments from those who attended!

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## The Week

### Monday

Hot lunch: Chicken Burrito

Grades 5 and 7 take the **California Healthy Kids Survey** today.

Our PTSA will run a **Holiday Store** today through Thursday in Room 20. The store gives students the opportunity to purchase inexpensive Christmas gifts for family and friends.

### Tuesday

Hot lunch: Domino's Pizza

## Wednesday

Hot lunch: Teriyaki Chicken with Brown Rice

We have a **Spartan Pride awards assembly** today.

## Thursday

Hot lunch: Orange Chicken with Brown Rice

Thursdays are "**College Day**" for our school. Students and staff are invited to wear college apparel to campus.

Students in our campus choirs will be part of a **Holiday Musical** performance tonight at 6:00 in the gym. The performance also will highlight Olga Reed students in grades TK-6 and the state preschool.

## Friday

Hot lunch: Wow-butter Sandwich

The OAK-8 PTSA will run an **Incentive Store** today in Room 20.

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## DARE

**GRADUATION:** Sixth graders from OAK-8 and Olga Reed graduated from the DARE Program this past Monday afternoon. Shown at the top of this newsletter are all of our sixth graders along with their teachers and invited guests from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department, which provides the program for us. Also shown are student Mia Matautia reading her DARE Essay (top) and County Sheriff Bill Brown giving a motivational talk to the students.



DARE educates students on the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and gives students strategies for making good decisions when confronted with peer pressure and societal pressure to use drugs. Our DARE Officer, Retired Deputy Leslie Avila, does a wonderful job with our students!

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## School News



Students in our **Band Program** had a great time marching and playing music in the Old Orcutt Christmas Parade this past Saturday. Special thanks to our music teacher, Mrs. McGarity, for the work she is doing with our Band!

The Orcutt Academy is **now accepting applications for enrollment** for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have children to enroll, please be sure to fill out an enrollment application for each child. And if you know people interested in OA, please encourage them to attend an information night/meeting, as they will receive valuable information on school programming as well as our lottery and admissions procedures. For a schedule of information nights/meetings as well as the online enrollment application, please click [here](#).

OAK-8 families are encouraged to become members of the **Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation**. Membership is just \$10 for individuals. Envelopes are available in the school office, and members also can sign up at the OCAF website [here](#).

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## Coming Up

**Monday, December 24, through Friday, January 11:** We have no school these three weeks, as this is our Winter Break. School resumes on Monday, January 14.

**Monday, January 14:** School resumes today. This morning we will have School Rules assemblies at which we can review our rules and expectations with students.

**Thursday, January 17:** We have a campus tour this morning at 9:15 for parents and families interested in OAK-8 for the 2019-2020 school year. The tour begins in our cafeteria.

**Thursday, January 17:** Representatives of Orcutt Academy High School will be on campus today to make a presentation to our eighth graders

**Monday, January 21:** We have no school today, as it is the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

[Click here](#) to see the entire **school year calendar for OAK-8**.

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## New Bus Schedule

Following is the OAK-8 bus schedule for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. Parents of Transitional Kindergarten and kindergarten students are requested to let Mrs. Cole know which bus/bus stop their children will be using in the afternoon; that way, Mrs. Cole can make sure the students get on the correct bus. Our complete schedule follows:

### Morning

7:37 - Pine Grove School (front of school on Bradley Road)  
8:00 - Lakeview Junior High School Gym (in front of gym doors)  
8:05 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)  
8:30 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)

### Afternoon (3:00 Dismissal - Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays)

3:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)  
3:30 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)  
3:30 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

### Afternoon (2:00 Dismissal - Wednesdays)

2:00 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)  
2:30 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)  
2:30 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

### Afternoon (1:30 Dismissal - First Day of School, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Last Day of School)

1:30 - OAK-8 (on Helena Street in Los Alamos)  
2:00 - Kmart Shopping Center (on west side of Kmart building)  
2:00 - Pine Grove School (in parking lot)

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