



TROJANGRAM

ORLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2009

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Students!!

Orland High School is off to a great start! Teachers, staff and administration are truly enjoying working with your students and we are looking forward to improving our working relationship with OHS parents, guardians, and community members. Our goal is to ensure that every OHS student receives a high quality education and maintains full access to the best athletic programs and facilities in our area.

166 freshmen joined the OHS team this year bringing the total enrollment to 642 students! We are happy to report that the overall OHS class size ratio is 20:1. This means that OHS students have ample opportunity to receive not only the top notch group instruction they've always enjoyed, but also more opportunities for one on one instruction.

This year OHS has modified the master schedule in order to provide high quality instruction for our diverse group of students. OHS is proud to once again offer the most Advanced Placement (AP) classes available in Glenn County. This year we've added AP Calculus and AP Spanish IV to our diverse AP course offerings which already included AP English Literature, AP US History and AP European History. A student who completes each class and passes the tests can leave OHS with a whopping 15 units of college credit already completed (equivalent to ~\$3,400 in UC tuition fees).

In order to better serve our students in the "C-B" range we're proud to continue be the only school in Glenn County to offer the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. AVID is a college preparatory program focusing on preparing OHS students for direct CSU or UC college entrance. AVID students learn effective study skills, note taking and other college preparatory skills in addition to college visitations and guest lectures.

OHS also has programs in place for students who struggle. In addition to the great work teachers are doing identifying struggling students and getting extra help to them, we've also instituted five different programs to give these students the help they need. Students who did not pass the California High School Exit Exam (CaHSEE) are enrolled in either the CaHSEE math or English lab class to boost skills until they pass. Students who need additional help with reading comprehension skills are enrolled in our Reading Lab class. Students who scored poorly on their STAR algebra test receive extra help in the Algebra Lab class. Finally, our CaHSEE tutor pulls students out of non-core classes for intensive, one on one or small group instruction in math and English.

Finally, we are very proud to begin using our modified bell schedule in order to give teachers additional time to collaborate and improve OHS programs. We've extended the school day until 3:10pm in order to put instructional minutes in a "bank". These "banked" minutes are then used when students are let out of school early at 2:03 pm on our "collaboration" days. Teachers use this extra time for planning, creating common curriculum maps, creating common tests, analyzing data, and getting additional help to struggling students. This is school wide effort to improve overall student achievement and is often referred to as the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) model.

All of these efforts are part of our comprehensive plan to make our high school the best it can be. We are working hard to improve our academic program, our athletic program (see Mr. Bramson's report) and our facilities. Please feel free to stop by Orland High to see all the great things happening!! We are also looking forward to seeing all of you at our "Back to School" night on September 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scheele, Principal



From the Assistant Principal

I am so excited to be back for the 2009-2010 school year. The school district and Orland High School staff have been working hard to make this school year a great success. There are many exciting things going on at Orland High School. Despite the economic crisis and budget deficits education has faced, Orland schools have reacted responsibly and there are many positive things happening in our schools.

There are three main focus areas coming out of my office this school year. The first is increasing student achievement by promoting and monitoring student attendance. OHS will continue to give rewards for students with perfect attendance. Students can receive \$20 gift cards to the Cinemark Movie Theaters in Chico if their name is picked in our Perfect Attendance Drawings. We monitor daily attendance in each class period. We will continue conferencing with students and parents if there are patterns of tardiness or absenteeism. Students have three school days to clear any absences. We ask parents to please send a note or contact our Attendance Office by phone on the morning of their student's absence. We will also continue and increase the number of "Tardy Lockouts". These Lockouts are sometimes announced, but often not. Students who are tardy to class on a Lockout will receive a detention. OHS has seen positive results with this tactic and we'll continue with Lockouts throughout the year. Getting to class on time is essential in giving students the best opportunity to learn in class.

Because of budget cuts, OUSD has closed the EAC (Educational Alternative Center). The EAC was used for in-house suspensions. As an alternative to suspensions, we may revoke student's privileges of going off campus for lunch. This has been effective in changing student behavior and this consequence keeps students in class giving them the best opportunity for academic success. OHS is also committed to promote Community Service with our student body. Students will also be serving the community with their service as an alternative to suspensions or other disciplinary consequences. OHS is devoted to increasing student attendance while focusing on student achievement.

Secondly, Orland High School places a high value on its athletic program. Trojan Stadium is now complete. We packed the house for our first two home football games. We celebrated in victory after our first game in the "Battle of the Trojans" when we defeated Durham 42-21. New Head Coach, Mike McDonald, is rebuilding our football program in hopes to once again be Section Champions. His new staff includes JV Coach, Lorenzo Garth, Freshman Coach, Ryan Bateman, and assistants Josh Mason, Dave Gutierrez, Luis Zaragoza, Fred Ehrensvar and Victor Perry. There are many exciting things revolving around our football program which include: hosting the first annual Sports Combine, weekly team lunches and inspiration speeches every Friday, increased number of participating players (109), new gear and equipment, new and improved fundraisers and much more.

Miranda Coughlin is back as Head Volleyball coach. Stephanie Voltz-Andrews and Rachelle Hudson, both OHS graduates, are taking the reigns as JV and Freshman coaches. Volleyball will be playing this season on the newly renovated gym floors. There are six more home games this year so come on out and support the OHS Volleyball Program.

Girl's Tennis is also on for the fall season. The tennis team will be playing on the brand new OHS tennis courts. The courts are some of the best in the north state and the tennis athletes have really enjoyed these new facilities. Head Coach, George Valentin, of course is back and ready to pursue a third BVL league title in a row and repeat as Section Champs. Last year coach Valentin was awarded the honor of CIF Model Coach of the Year for the entire state of California in the sport of tennis. We are proud and really lucky to have such a renowned coach. Coach Adam Reimers is also back in his supporting role as Assistant Coach.

John Batchelder returns as the Orland High Swimming coach. Coach Batchelder is dedicated to grow Orland's program to great heights and be a top team in the north state. Our swimming program is growing and Coach Batchelder is optimistic that we can take many of our swimmers to the N.S.C.I.F. Finals and State Championships. Come check out some of the swim meets Orland is participating in throughout the year.

Orland High School has made many changes and new improvements to our Leadership Program. OHS is committed to increasing our "School Spirit" and to better each and every one of our school activities. Tibi Marinescu, more popularly known as "Senor Tibi" is back in his second year as Leadership Teacher. Some new improvements the OHS staff and leadership class have been working on are: 1) Funky Fridays (Each Friday the school celebrates the end of the week with events, contests, activities, music and entertainment at both break and lunch time). 2) New sound systems have been installed in the main quad and in the gym to pump up the atmosphere for rallies and other school events. 3) New specially designed apparel has been delivered and is ready for distribution. Each class has its own tee shirt that students can wear on Fridays to collect spirit points. We have exciting new shirts and other OHS related apparel which will be on sale at the student store and other home athletic events. 4) OHS is working hard to have more participation in the Homecoming Parade and other Homecoming events. Homecoming is October 2. OHS Basketball is sponsoring an alumni basketball game on Saturday, Oct. 3. 5) We have also upgraded and extended our activities calendar which includes many dances, Proms, Senior trips/events and the Powder Puff Football Game.

I am really proud of the improvements and efforts that our staff, students and community have put into Orland High School. I hope you can come join us in the many fun and exciting events that OHS has to offer. There is a new feel on campus that is electrifying and the student body is feeling proud about being "Trojans" 2009-2010 is going to be a great year at Orland High School.

Jason Bramson
Assistant Principal



NEWS FROM FFA:

The 09-10 FFA officer team would like to welcome everyone to a new school year and a new exciting year in FFA. This past summer the officers, members and their families went to Lake Siskiyou, where we had a lot of fun while growing closer as a chapter. While camping at Lake Siskiyou the officers got together a few times a day to spend time planning and making goals for the coming year. We the officers would like to thank all who attended and hope it will be an even bigger event next year. Our welcome back BBQ was held on the 26th of August, where there was a good turn out of members and Greenhand parents. This year the officers have lots of activities planned, some are new and some of the same great things we have had in the past. The Orland FFA chapter prides itself in being active in our community, so one of the first things we will be doing is helping out with the Orland Centennial Jubilee this Labor Day weekend. On September 12th and 13th many of our members will be serving and cleaning up at the Cal Worthington Banquet for the Glenn Medical Foundation. The next FFA meeting will be September 16th in the agricultural room. FFA members be sure to attend. Oh, don't forget to purchase your Pork Sandwich tickets for homecoming on October 2.

Thank You

Erin Pflum-Reporter
And fellow FFA Officers

SHORT TERM INDEPENDENT STUDY:

Beginning this school year the Orland Unified School District has implemented new policy regarding short term absences from school for such things as family vacations, family emergencies, or trips out of the country. (AR 511a) If you plan on taking your child out of school from five to ten consecutive days, please contact your school office and obtain a Short Term Independent Study Agreement and coursework for your student.

The following important details should be noted:

1. This policy applies only to absences of not less than five but not more than ten consecutive school days. Students planning an absence in excess of ten days are not eligible for Short Term Independent Study Agreements. On the eleventh consecutive day your child misses school he/she will be dropped from our roles.
2. The Orland Unified School District will provide all the work and materials needed for your student to be successful
3. The parent must notify the school five days prior to leaving for a short term absence, except in case of emergency.
4. Failure to make the proper notification of pending absence to school officials, or failure to arrange for a short term independent study agreement will result in all absences being unexcused.
5. Unexcused absences will be referred to the District Truant Officer.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Class of 2010

SENIOR PARENTS: Where has the time gone? Seems like only yesterday we were sending our little darlings off to kindergarten. Now, they will soon graduate from high school. We are in the beginning stages of planning the "All Night Grad Party" that will be held right after the graduation ceremony on June 10, 2010. The party is designed to keep our grads in a safe place and off the road on one of the most celebratory nights of their lives. This party is a huge undertaking and takes all year to plan and raise funds for. The goal is to raise \$30,000. This money will be put toward party expenses such as hall rental, decorations, entertainment, and of course all the fabulous prizes that are given away at the end of the night. The grads know that they must stay to the end of the night to receive prizes. There are no in and out privileges. There are great prizes such as V's, video games, Wii, laptops, etc. You can see how much money we will need to raise.

The first meeting of the year will be held Monday, Sept. 14th at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at OHS. A schedule of following meetings is listed below. We hope to see you there as we all enjoy planning this memorable evening. Questions? ... call Kelli Long 865-7317, Melinda Matteucci 865-3357, or Diane Cochrane 865-3215.

Sept. 14th
February 8th

October 12th
March 8th

November 9th
April 12th

December 14th
May 10th

January 11th
May 24th



NEWSWORTHY NOTES:

- Yearbooks will be on sales starting September 8th. If you buy your yearbook during the first quarter of school, you can personalize it for FREE! Don't miss out on this great opportunity. See Mrs. Coughlin in Room 5 to reserve your copy before it's too late. Cost is \$60.00 and will increase as the school year progresses.
- The OHS band will be performing for the first time this semester at the JV and Varsity football home openers on September 4th. We will also be playing on Sunday, September 6th for the Orland Centennial Event in the pavilion.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We want to welcome all students back to school. The counselors are looking forward to working with our students and their families. The counseling department hours have changed, with our responsibilities currently under review. Mr. Patrick works with students whose last names begin with A-L and is at OHS all day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon, and on Thursday and Friday mornings. Mrs. Moloney works with students whose last name begins with M-Z, and is at OHS on Monday – Wednesday and Friday. Mrs. Lasagna works with all students who are in special programs and is at OHS on Wednesday's afternoon and all day on Thursday and Friday. Please call us at 865-1210 and ask for your student's counselor, or leave a message on our voice mail - Mr. Patrick at 115, Mrs. Moloney at 116 or Mrs. Lasagna at 248. Email us through www.orlandusd.net select Orland High and then staff directory.

Grade Reports will be mailed home on:

1st Progress Reports - September 23
1st Quarter Grades – October 30th
2nd Progress Report – December 4th
Semester Grades – January 22

If you do not receive one please call Dera Miller at 865-1210 ext. 113. Keep your teacher phone list handy and call when you have any concerns or questions. The counselors can help as well.

SENIOR NEWS

4-year College Applications

It is almost time to apply to the California State Universities. Registration for schools in the California State University system is October 1st through November 30, 2009. Apply at www.csumentor.edu.

The University of California priority registration period is November 1st through November 30, 2009. Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/.

Students can search other California educational programs through www.californiacolleges.edu

College Entrance Exams

The SAT and the ACT are the two entrance exams that are taken to qualify for admission to the CSU and UC systems as well as most private 4-year colleges. Seniors who wish to improve their scores, or have not yet taken one or more of either or both exams, must do so no later than December so the scores can be received by colleges in time. Other students may take the test anytime in order to get practice and become familiar with the tests.

Students applying to a University of California must also take two SAT Subject tests. The calendar for the ACT and SAT dates for fall 2009 is included in this issue of the Trojanganam and in the counseling section at the Orland High website. See your counselor for more information.

Scholarships

At this time students should focus on the following:

- Letters of Recommendation from a teacher, employer, coach, community member who knows you well.
- Completing an OHS Activity Record (available in the Career Center).
- The scholarships will be posted in the following classes: English IV, Civics, Economics, Agriculture classrooms, in the Career Center, Counseling office, and online at www.orlandusd.net. Please encourage your senior to review the boards weekly and pick up applications in the "SELF –HELP Scholarship Box" located in the Counseling Office.
- In addition, students can access scholarships through the Internet at <http://www.fastweb.com/>.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD NEVER COST MONEY, NOT EVEN ONE DOLLAR! IF YOU CHOOSE TO DO SO, DO SO AT YOUR OWN DISCRETION.

JUNIORS

The counselors will be going into the junior U.S. History classes and AVID II to present information about the PSAT – the practice test for the upcoming SAT (and ACT) exams that are coming up in the spring. The PSAT does several things for the test-takers:

1. Measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college and career success and indicates “skill gaps” on which the student can work to fill before college begins;
 2. Enables the student to predict his/her SAT scores in time to work on specific skills the Score Report indicates
would be helpful to help raise their SAT (or ACT) score;
 3. Gives the student the option to place his/her name and address in a pool of college-bound students interested
in receiving admission and financial aid information from colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.
 4. Allows the junior student to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs;
- Encourage your college-bound junior to take the PSAT at Orland High School on the morning of Wednesday, October 14. Cost for the exam is \$13.

Seniors planning on applying to a 4-year college/university in October/November 2009:

ACT/SAT TEST DATES FALL 2009

ACT Assessment \$32.00
(\$47.00 with optional writing test.)

(To determine if the college you are considering requires the writing test, go to www.actstudent.org and click on “Writing Test – Do you need to take it?” The UC system does require the writing test, the CSU system does not.)

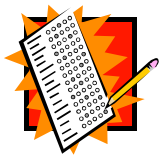
Register at www.actstudent.org

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 24 December 12	September 18 November 6	September 19 – October 2 November 7 - 20

SAT Reasoning \$45
SAT Subject Tests \$20 basic fee:
+ \$20 for lang. test with listening
+ \$9 for all other subject tests
Register at www.collegeboard.com

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 10 November 7 December 5	September 9 October 1 October 30	September 10 - 13 October 2 - October 15 October 31 – November 12

In addition to the ACT or SAT Reasoning Test, the University of California requires submission of two SAT Subject Test scores in two different subject areas: history, science, English (literature only), mathematics (Level 2 only), laboratory science, or language other than English.



FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES ELEVEN AND TWELVE CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENCY EXAM (CHSPE)

What is the CHSPE?

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) is a voluntary test that assesses proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills taught in public schools. Eligible persons who pass both parts of the CHSPE are awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by the State Board of Education. The test is given in English only.

Who is eligible to take the CHSPE?

You may take the CHSPE *only if* on the test date, you:

- are at least 16 years old, *or*
- have been enrolled in the tenth grade for one academic year or longer, *or*
- will complete one academic year of enrollment in the tenth grade at the end of the semester during which the next regular administration will be conducted. (Regular administrations are the fall and spring administrations each school year.)

When is the CHSPE offered?

The administration dates for 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Test Date Saturday Morning	Regular Registration Deadline (Postmark Date)	Late Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Emergency Registration Deadline (Receipt Date)	Results Mailed
October 17, 2009	September 18, 2009	October 2, 2009	October 13, 2009	November 20, 2009
March 20, 2010	February 19, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 16, 2010	April 23, 2010
June 19, 2010	May 21, 2010	June 4, 2010	June 15, 2010	July 23, 2010

There is at least one test administration center in most California counties; some counties have more than one test administration center. A list of the counties and test centers may be found on the Internet at <http://www.chspe.net> or in the CHSPE Information Bulletin also available on this Web site.

Certificate of Proficiency

California law requires that the Certificate of Proficiency be equivalent to a high school diploma. Institutions that are subject to California law and that require a high school diploma also must accept a Certificate of Proficiency. A student who receives a Certificate of Proficiency may, with verified parental approval, leave high school early. The Certificate of Proficiency, however, is not equivalent to completing all course work required for regular graduation from high school. Speak to your school counselor to understand the benefits of the Certificate of Proficiency. If you are planning to continue your studies in a college or university, contact the admissions office so that you may understand its requirements and whether or not the CHSPE certificate will be accepted.

For more information:

Additional information about the CHSPE is located on the Web at: <http://www.chspe.net> or call (866) 342-4773.



Back to School Night

***Tuesday, September 22, 2009
6:30 – 8:30***

*6:30 – 7:10 Principal's Presentation in Gymnasium
Annual Title I Parent Meeting*

7:15 – 7:24 Period 1

7:26 – 7:35 Period 2

7:37 – 7:46 Period 3

7:48 – 7:57 Period 4

7:59 – 8:08 Period 5

8:10 – 8:19 Period 6

8:21 – 8:30 Period 7

We are looking forward to seeing you!



