

OLIVE CREST ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

Success for Every Student



WELCOME BACK!

We're so excited to be back and moving "full speed ahead" with our 2015-2016 school year!

As usual, there are many important dates on the calendar to plan and look forward to. Back-To-School Night, School Picture Day, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and much more. Please make sure to mark your calendars now.

More detailed information can be found within this newsletter and also on our school website at : www.olivecrestacademy.org

Back To School NIGHT
Thursday, September 24th
5:00-7:00pm

Please join us on campus for this evening of introductions and information to help set the pace for the upcoming school year. Our Volunteer Group will be selling a slice of pizza + drink for \$2.00, in our lunch area, prior to the All School Presentations and classroom visits. We look forward to seeing you all!!

5:00-5:30 Pizza by the Slice
5:30-6:15 All School Presentations
6:15-7:00 Classroom Visitation



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 14th

Purchasing information will be sent home in October. Purchase is NOT required. All students will be photographed for their school cume file, unless the school receives prior written notice requesting that the student not be photographed.

Questions? Please Call Ms. Hernandez @ X2206

CALENDAR

August

Aug 24 School Office Opened

September

Sept 2 First Day of School
Sept 7 Labor Day—No School
Sept 24 Minimum Day— Early Dismissal
Sept 24 Back-To-School Night 5:00-7:00pm

October

Oct 2 Non-Student Day/Staff Development
Oct 14 School Picture Day
Oct 26-30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Minimum Day Dismissals

November

Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time "Fall Back"
Nov 11 Veteran's Day (observed) No School
Nov 19 -20 Minimum Day Dismissals
Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Break No School

December

Dec 17-18 Minimum Day Dismissals
Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Break—No School

OLIVE CREST ACADEMY'S VOLUNTEER GROUP

For our 2015-16 School Year
is now forming!!!

Looking for a way to become more involved in your student's school experience here at OCA? Please look for sign-ups at Back-To-School Night. Sign up during BTSN and receive a FREE GIFT :)

OCA's Volunteer Group meets approximately once a month during school hours, and assists with a variety of school activities and fundraisers.

Want more information?

Please contact Ms. Xochilt Hernandez @ ext. 2206 or
Ms. Lisa Grabowski @ ext. 2220



WHO YA GONNA CALL?

OCA Main # is 714-998-6571

OCA Fax # is 714-998-6573

Staff Extension #s and
Direct Office Numbers
Listed Below:

Office Staff		
Rachel Vanegas	2200	714 998-6571
Yasmin Martinez	2221	714 221-5575
Jackie Lawrence	2201	714 221-5555
Transportation		
Katy Hogue	2203	714 221-5557
Yesenia Ocampo	2207	714-221-5561
Administration		
Nina Frankman	1508	714 221-5557
Bob Henning	2214	714 221-5568
Emily Vazirian	2213	714 221-5567
Lisa Grabowski	2220	714 221-5571
Xochilt Hernandez	2206	714 221-5560
Connie Shin	2205	714 221-5559
Anthony Haggins	2216	714-221-5570
Therapist		
Andrea Winters	2211	714 221-5565
Breena Nakamoto	2208	714 221-5562
Christina Leahy	2204	
Joann Veera	2209	714 221-5563
Ross Fortier	2210	714 221-5562
Trina Popowich	2215	714 221-5569
Speech Language		
Cindy Baca	2212	714 221-5566
Workability		
Wendy Hutain	2218	714 221-5572

Have you turned in your 2015-2016 OCA Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals????

- ◆ A new application is required to be completed each school year.
- ◆ Only one application per family if you have multiple students who attend Olive Crest Academy.

Olive Crest Academy takes part in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program by offering healthy meals every school day. We provide Breakfast to all of our students, free of charge. Students may bring a lunch, buy lunch for \$3.00 each day or qualify for free or reduced price meals. Eligible students may receive meals at the reduced-price rate of \$.40 for lunch. You or your children do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Children participating in the National School Lunch Program will not be overtly identified by the use of special tokens, special tickets, special serving lines, or by any other means.

In order to ensure lunch is available for your child please

Submit the 2015-16 Application NOW



For more information, please contact:
Jackie Lawrence @ X2201 or
Mary-Lawrence@olivecrest.org

Chromebooks Are Here!!!!



As 21st Century Learners, it is important for students to gain access to more technology. Olive Crest Academy now offers classrooms the use of four roaming Chromebook computer labs to accommodate this need. Students will have the ability to expand their academic skills to incorporate the use of technology into their lessons. We have also adopted a supplemental curriculum for English Language Arts and Math called i-Ready. This program is internet based and focuses the student's learning at their instructional level towards mastering the Common Core State Standards. In addition to our regularly scheduled computer class, teachers and students are excited about this new addition to our school.

Our Transportation Department is a "Fine Oiled Machine"...



that works hard to maintain the safety of our students while they travel to and from school. We make every effort to accommodate the special needs of our students and families when possible.

We ask that you allow a ten minute window before and after the scheduled pick-up/drop-off times. In the morning, drivers are instructed to honk on arrival and wait two minutes. After waiting two minutes transportation will call to inform you that the van is waiting for your child. If there is not an answer, the driver will wait for an additional three minutes before continuing their route.

In order to help our transportation staff provide the best and safest service, we ask for your cooperation and assistance in several important areas:

- Changes**-If you anticipate a change in AM or PM routing due to childcare, Mental Health, medical appointments, or moving, please call your child's school therapist and give us at least **48 hours** notice to modify the route. Often we receive a midday call asking us to make a change in a route within an hour or two. A "last minute" change, such as this, can affect the entire route. We must insist on advance notice.
- Absences**-Please call the school office in the evening or prior to 6:30am to notify our transportation department that your child will be absent. We can then notify the driver to prevent them from driving to your home. Please also leave the reason for your child's absence.
- Seat Belts**-All children are required to wear the proper seat belts during transportation. Safety seats, boosters, and harnesses are also available for students that require them.
- Damage**-If your child damages the interior or exterior of our vans, you may be billed in accordance with the Education Code.
- Behavior**-If you have any questions or concerns regarding behaviors during transportation, please contact your child's therapist immediately.

Transportation can be reached at extension #2203

Olive Crest Academy

High School / Adult Transition SEPTEMBER 2015

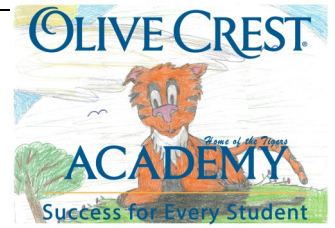
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2 	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9 CBI-Off-Campus Bolsa China Conservancy Huntington Beach 	10	11 Level Activity Welcome BBQ & Games 	12
13	14 Work- Party City	15 Work - Corp.	16 CBI-Off-Campus Social Enrichment Heisler Park, Laguna 	17 Work - Party City	18 Level Activity Movie & Make a sundae 	19
20	21 Work- Party City	22	23 CBI-Off-Campus Microsoft Class - Movie Maker 	24 FRY, T, PLEASE SAY  Work- Party City Minimum Day	25 Level Activity JOHN'S INCREDIBLE PIZZA ACE 	26
27 	28 Work- Party City	29 Work - Corp.	30 CBI-Off-Campus IKEA Scavenger Hunt 			

Our Speech and Language Department has a new “HOME”!

As our school enrollment has increased, so has the need for our Speech and Language program. This summer, we expanded our speech department and relocated their offices into a new suite near the gymnasium. With larger speech offices, new carpet, and fresh paint, students and speech therapists are enjoying their expanded space!

If you have questions related to your child’s speech services, please feel free to call our Speech Pathologist, Cindy Baca at X2212.

**Olive Crest Academy
Calendars
NOW available
\$10.00 Each**



With the assistance from our creative staff and students, our OCA Volunteer Group printed our very first school calendar including important OCA dates throughout the year.

Special thanks to Suzanne Blau and Mary Gibson for the generous donations of paper and printing to make the calendars possible!

Available at Back-To-School Night or at our school office!



A BIG THANK YOU!
PAAMCO employees stuffed and delivered 160 backpacks full of school supplies for Olive Crest Academy this summer. Those supplies will enable our students and teachers to have the supplies needed to keep the classrooms stocked with pencils, paper, scissors, disinfectant wipes, erasers, dry erase markers, calculators, etc. In addition, they hand created positive inspirational posters that will adorn our campus and encourage our students, staff and guests! We are very grateful for their kindness and generosity.

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