March, 10, 2019

Dear OCHS Families,

I can hardly believe that we are arriving at the end of the school year. It seems to have gone by so quickly! I am writing to invite you to participate in our upcoming events and ask for your assistance as we work hard to honor our commitment to distinction.

Congratulations to our seniors!! Many of our seniors have been accepted to their schools of choice. This year OCHS students will leave us to attend Harvard, University of Southern California, UCLA, UC Berkeley, San Jose State, and a variety of colleges and universities. A few of our Matadors will serve in our Armed Forces and plan to continue their education after their service. Please join me in warmly congratulating all of our wonderful OCHS Scholars!

On Wednesday night March 24th, 5:45-8:00 pm, Please join us for dinner, and our Community Night event. This month’s Community Night will feature student Art projects, and showcase student work from our Computer Science and Creative Technology courses! Please come and out and see the great things going on at OCHS! This is an excellent way to get to know your student’s teachers and relax with us as we build community. Childcare and dinner are provided! We hope to see you all there.

Our college advising team will be hosting a parent workshop night to support our community to understand the benefit of enrollment in Advanced Placement courses and to share other college related news. Please look for a invite for this event, we will send it home with our students and send out a School Messenger communication as well as post it to our website.

Enclosed please find your student’s third quarter report card. We have provided two copies, one is for you to keep and other should be signed and returned to the office with your student by Monday, April 15th, 2019. If your student is struggling and failing any classes, please remember that we have mandatory tutorial Monday through Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30 to support our students. If your student is a failing a class, s/he is required to stay for tutorial. Staff members are required to stay after school one day per week to tutor students. Our students are sure to excel when we unite around our mission of Student's First and we all Honor Hard Work.

At OCHS we believe that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that he/she:

1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day’s learning experience
2) Completes all homework assignments
3.) Comes in uniform daily with No Hoodies, No Jewelry No Gum
4.) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
5.) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
6.) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
7.) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

Please note that if your student brings non uniform hoodies, clothing, jewelry, or earbuds for listening to music, these items will be confiscated and returned to you, parents will be called and asked to pick up confiscated items. If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Becker. The wonderful Oakland Charter High staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Bianca Forrester