

BEHIND THE SCENES

Captain's Message

Hello P&D Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Semester! We hope you had a safe and restful holiday break, and you were able to have some much needed time away from the computer.

We are excited about the changes we made in the P&D curriculum to engage both our virtual and hybrid students, and the entire P&D team is ready to implement the plan. However, due to the COVID infection rate in Orange County, we are not able to have in-person classes on-campus at this time. We hope that this changes very soon, but, at the moment, we are waiting until it is determined to be safe. Note: the Administration Team will be providing updates regarding when we can safely begin in-person instruction. Please know that we are committed to the education and growth of each of your children, and we will continue to adapt our classes and programs to meet those needs.

We are all anxious to return to a more normal life and schedule. However, we need to be patient for a bit longer. This past year has been challenging for each and everyone of us in ways that I could never have imagined. It has been an emotional rollercoaster because of the pandemic, the black lives matter movement, the election, and the financial impact this has had on many of our families and community. Throughout all of that, creating a safe learning environment for P&D students has been our priority and know that none of that is possible without the amazing support we have from the P&D parents. This includes the heartfelt thank you notes we have received, the donations for the virtual holiday celebration and the on-going commitment and contributions you make as part of the VCA's. This truly is an amazing community because of the passion and commitment of each and everyone of you. Let's continue to pull together and make this the best Spring Semester for P&D in OCSA history!

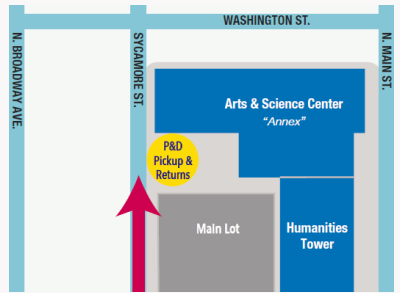
THANK YOU!

Spring Semester Supplies

If students don't already have their own personal tools, we are requesting that parents with the means and ability to **please pick up** the following items for their student that they can use throughout their OCSA P&D experience: **architectural scale ruler, metal ruler, X-Acto knife + extra blades, scissors, a cutting matt, and a small bottle of tacky glue**. These may be found at most craft stores (Michaels, JoAnn, Hobby Lobby), office supply stores (Office Depot or Staples) or online. Classroom sets were purchased under normal circumstances, but these last months have been out of the ordinary. For anyone who has challenges purchasing these items, please contact Captain at kevin.cook@ocsarts.net or Miss V at victoria.hoyt-heydon@ocsarts.net as soon as possible.

Drive Thru Classroom Supplies Pickup - Friday, Jan 22, from 2:30-5:00 pm at the Scene Shop Loading Zone - ALL students will be picking up something, whether it be a printed script or multiple items. Any supplies from last semester may also be dropped off.

Procedure will be similar to previous supplies pickup at the beginning of the year: pull up along the curb **northbound on Sycamore Street** (see map). We will be on hand to assist as you pull up at the Shop loading zone.



USITT Certification Testing This Month

Students will be taking the USITT preliminary certification test between **January 25-28**. They will take the test for certification in April.

NOTE: since OCSA P&D is part of the pilot program, we are helping to determine the passing score by how well our students do on this test this month. That means no one will pass this test the first time they take it! When all the data is calculated, a passing score will be set for when our students take the test again in April 2021.

Virtual Display

This month we feature some submissions from Mrs. Shomph's Lighting Fundamentals class and Junior Hannah Wong-Nakata.



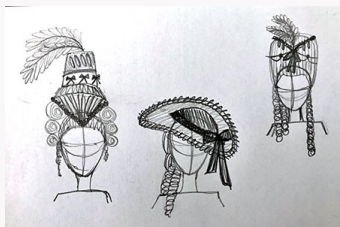
Create a Lighting Scene - Calmness, Adventure
Lighting Fundamentals
Caleb Rudolph, 11th grade



Create a Lighting Scene
Lighting Fundamentals
Lucas DeMarco, 11th grade



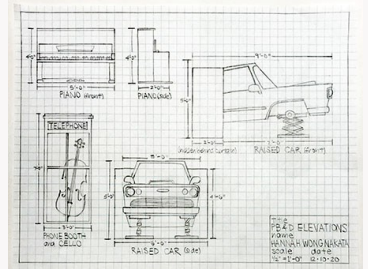
Create a Lighting Scene - Mystical
Lighting Fundamentals
Leyton Melching, 11th grade



Daily Sketches - Victorian Hats
Costume Design
Hannah Wong-Nakata, 11th grade



Stair Maquette
Advanced Shop / Lab
Hannah Wong-Nakata, 11th grade



Pump Boys & Dinettes - Elevation Draft
Advanced Scenic Design
Hannah Wong-Nakata, 11th grade

Remember: Mrs. Somers is accepting submissions throughout the semester Accepted work may be featured in upcoming P&D newsletters, webpage, &/or conservatory website. For all of the details on what we look for, please go to **P&D Arts Announcements** page & click the **DISPLAY GUIDELINES** box under the FAQs section. **ALL grades welcomed. Email better quality photos** from multiple angles of work you've created for class or independently to arlene.somers@ocsarts.net. **Remember to include your name, grade, for which class or independent work, & title** (if you have one).

Show Sheets Archives

For those students who need them: **most** of the Crew Lists from the fall of 2017 to early 2020 have been uploaded on the **P&D Arts Announcements** page. When we are able to resume live performances, students will need to be responsible for tracking all of the shows they work and create a resume.