Friday, May 8, 2020  GOLD Day

TODAY’S ACTIVITIES

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: Today is the last day of National Teacher Appreciation Week. Have you thanked your teachers by sending a thank you email, video, or photo this week? Now more than ever is the time to thank your teachers for their hard work continuing your education with distance learning.

GRADUATION AUDITION APPLICATIONS: Graduation audition applications are due today for vocalists and dancers. Application instructions have been emailed.

DESIGN COMPETITION: The winner of the “Design your own Vans Competition” will be announced on the @WeAreOCSA Instagram today and will receive a $50 Amazon gift card.

VIRTUAL DJ JAM: Watch the @ocsa.leadership live “Virtual Lunchtime DJ Jam” from 11:15 a.m. to noon today.

ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING: Gold Day online distance learning continues today. Students should check their online portals for assignments and due dates for Blocks 4, 5, and 6. Be sure to check class Agenda Slides, Google Classroom, Aeries, and OCSA email daily. Academic and elective teachers are accessible via email between 8:05 a.m. and 2:10 p.m. each school day. Conservatory teachers are accessible via email during their scheduled conservatory block. School counselors are available via email between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. each school day and also have office hours on Zoom.

STUDENT INFORMATION

SENIOR INFORMATION: “Important Updates for OCSA Seniors” was emailed to seniors and their families on Tuesday, May 5 from OCSA Administration. Be sure to read this email for information on Graduation, Senior Awards, End-of-Year, College Acceptances/Naviance Graduation Survey, and Graduation Auditions. Here’s some deadline reminders (instructions in email):

- Graduation Audition Applications (vocalists/dancers) - Due today, Friday, May 8
- End-of-Year Information Uploads - Friday, May 15
- Naviance Graduation Survey (this tells us what college to send your final transcripts to) - Friday, May 22

COURSE SELECTION UPLOAD: Rising 8th and 9th graders! The counselors are currently processing your course selection forms...
for the 2020-21 school year. These forms must be uploaded and are date stamped. If you haven’t uploaded, this could affect your priority for classes. Due to the school closure, all current 7th and 8th graders were emailed instructions for course selection.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY: There will be no distance learning May 22-25 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Distance learning will resume on Tuesday, May 26 for academic and elective classes.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Are you interested in running for Student Council next year? This is open to all rising 8th-12th graders. Grab your running mate and check your Aeries Communications for a screencast detailing all you need to know.

COLLEGE CHOICE CHALK: Seniors, time to get out the chalk and participate in College Choice Chalk at Home! Draw your college choice with chalk and share pictures to @ocs.leadership.

SCHOOL BUSINESS HOURS: At this time, we are still discouraging students from visiting the OCSA campus to retrieve personal items from lockers. However, if you need instructional materials on campus required for a class, the campus will have limited availability Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on days school is normally in session. When you arrive, please check in with security at the Tower so they may assist you with access.

COLLECTION/RETURN: OCSA administrators are currently developing plans to safely and efficiently collect school assets like textbooks and Chromebooks, as well as return contents of school lockers to students. These plans are being created with social distancing guidelines in mind and may include the establishment of drive-thru lanes to return school property and collect student items, including medications and personal belongings from lockers. Any official plan to collect/return student items will not begin until the first week of June so that students have access to their learning materials through the end of the school year. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks.

CONSERVATORY INFORMATION

EXHIBITION: The Class of 2020 Visual Arts Senior Exhibition, “Past, Present and into the Future,” is here! This year instead of being held in the VAC Gallery, the event has become a virtual celebration. See the latest artworks of our Visual Arts Conservatory seniors and read about their artistic motivations and future plans at www.ocsaseniorshow2020.com.

MUSICAL: The virtual premiere of the Musical Theatre Conservatory spring musical, Now. Here. This., is Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at youtube.com/weareocsa. Don’t miss it!

CONSERVATORY CLASSES: The last day of distance learning for conservatory classes only is Thursday, May 21.