

Oyama Traditional School

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating break and were able to stay warm over that first week!

It was such a pleasure watching our community come together to watch our students perform their Winter Concert at Creekside. I want to thank the OTS community for their understanding and willingness to try something new. Change is not easy, but it can be an opportunity. Thank you to our PAC and the awesome team of parents who helped with the stage set up and take down, our incredible staff for dedicating their time and effort into supporting their class performances, our students who proudly stood on that stage and gave it their best, the teams at Creekside Theatre, George Elliot and Hank Grenda for their help, and the supporting lighting and audio techs. There was a lot that went into this event, and I am sincerely grateful for everyone who helped make it a success.

Please note the initial online registration period for new students for the 2023-2024 school year is Monday, January 30, 2022 beginning at 7:00 am online. There is more information in the newsletter. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in becoming part of OTS.

It has officially been one year since I joined this amazing OTS team! I can't believe how many hurdles we have jumped together in that time frame. This is an amazing community where we really turn challenges into opportunities!

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Library News

Welcome back to a new year! We are looking forward to continuing with our Battle of the Books program. By the end of January, battle members will begin meeting in the library for book discussions and practices. All members should continue reading with a goal to finishing all 9 books on their list by the end of February (if they've read 4-5 books by now they are right on track). Before Spring Break begins we will begin battling for spots on our two school teams, grade 3/4 and grade 5. We will have more information on the Battle of the Books district competition format as it draws near.

Book exchanges have begun right away as each class visits the library during the week of January 3-6. Please help your child remember to return books they've had since before the break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the library!

Happy New Year!

Mrs. A. Allen

Mrs. T. Smithman

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences—Online Booking

Once again, our parent/guardian/teacher conference schedule will be available online as of January 23rd and parents can book their own appointments! These conferences are being held on **February 2nd and February 3rd**. Please note that students will be **dismissed early at 12:30 on both days and busses will pick up students that ride the bus at 12:30**.

The website is: <https://oyama.schoolappointments.com>

Go to the web site, click on the "REGISTER" menu tab and create an account. Then login and add your students to the system. Our Login Code is OTS.

After the students have been entered you will be able to schedule an appointment immediately by selecting a teacher and clicking the "Book" button. Select an available time slot, click it and then click the "Book Appointments" button. Repeat this for each student.

When you are finished you can view your appointments from the "PROFILE" tab by selecting "View Appointments". You can also print your appointments from the view screen.

Once you have registered, you can find more information under the Help tab. There is a very detailed Parent Instruction Guide with print screens.

Supervision before and after school

Supervision outside of school hours is limited, from 8:15 a.m. (for non-bus students) before school, and for 15 minutes after dismissal at the end of the day. Our bus students arrive at 8:10 a.m., so we will supervise bus students beginning at that time. If your children are **not** bus students, please ensure that they don't arrive at school before 8:15 in the morning, or stay later than 15 minutes after school. Thank you for your assistance with this.