

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NOTE: **Announcements intended for both Middle School and High School

Week of January 30, 2012

Welcome to the actual week of finals and the new semester!!

**Middle and High School Music Concert on Thursday!
At the Orcas Center at 7pm!!
All invited!!!**

You have been hearing that the Orcas Island School District has
budget shortfall - no enough money to pay for everything

How did this happen?

Overestimating the number of students we would have in school this year
Underestimating the amount of expenses we would have

What are we doing about it?

Looking at every part of the budget
Carefully estimating expenses for the rest of the year
Discussed cuts of about \$120,000 last week
Have already decided not to fund athletics
thank you OIEF and Booster Club for providing money for basketball and
planning for Spring sports
Closing the library, cutting other staff, transportation and other possible cuts are
under discussion

****ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS WEEK: ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS WEEK:**

**Tuesday, 1/31 MS Girls Basketball @ MVC
Thursday, 2/2 MS Girls Basketball @ HOME 2:00 & 3:00
Thursday, 2/2 HS Basketball @ MVC
Friday, 2/3 HS Basketball @ HOME BV 3:00 / GV 4:30
Saturday, 2/4 HS Basketball @ FH**

**Please drop in the HS office today and sign up for Golf, Baseball
or Softball.**

Remember, we need 15 players to field a baseball and softball team!

Spring Sports Start: February 27th

NEXT GRADE CHECK DATE: FEB 13

Ballots have arrived at voters' homes. This is for the replacement school levy
which is about 25% of school budget. www.orcasislandschools.org for more info

SENIORS:

FAFSA: Submit your FAFSAs asap!! Remember, you and your parents can estimate your taxes. See N. Wrightsman if you have questions!

Do NOT go to a [.com](#) site to do the FAFSA.
GO TO THE www.fafsa.gov SITE!

Tech for Success Program

Orcas Angels (501c3) and the Readiness to Learn program are working together to offer graduating seniors on Orcas Island, who plan to continue their education in the fall of 2012, a new computer to help with their continuing education where a computer will be needed.

Applications can be downloaded at www.orcasangels.org or pick one up from Julie Pinardi. Questions? Contact Julie Pinardi at jpinardi@orcas.k12.wa.us
Deadline to apply will be on February 17th

Yearbooks are \$55 and will stay that price for the month of January.

Get yours today!!!!

Bring checks to Georgia or Lisa in HS Office.

Career Choices credit 2nd semester:

If you are 16 or older there is credit available for those that want to work for pay or apprentice.

See Mrs. Schuh in room 301 for paperwork and registration information.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CHANGE

After much discussion over the last several meetings, the high school staff has decided to change National Honor Society.

There will be no new members inducted this year

Next year, we will consider adding seniors only as new members

Why change?

If the student meets the grade point requirement, NHS is a rubber stamp in many schools

Therefore, membership does not add weight to the student's application

The college already knows the student's grade point average

At Orcas we want to consider the whole student: scholarship, service, leadership and character

Some students "pad" their informational pages

Some students are not automatically accepted

It is painful when students are not accepted

We will consider whether it is worth it to get the whole picture

We can consider a reduction in elements we judge

We can cancel NHS entirely

Have an opinion about NHS? Please share it.

HS Final week of semester schedule:

Monday, Jan 30th regular 6 period Monday

Tuesday, Jan 31st A day finals

Wednesday, Feb 1st B day finals

Thursday, Feb 2nd 1st day of the semester A day

Friday, Feb 3rd B day

ON FINALS DAYS:

All students must have at least ninety minutes to work on their exams
It must be absolutely quiet in the building.

This means that:

- Students must remain in class for at least ninety minutes
- Students who need to continue working on their finals may stay longer
- Students who leave class early, must leave the building.
- No students may be in the commons or halls except at lunch and break.

On finals days, students can be released after:

1st period: 10:00

2nd period 12:05

3rd period 2:40

Please do not even think about asking your teacher's permission to leave before these times.

Monday

Regular 6 period Monday - NO Navigation

TUESDAY

A Day Finals -

WEDNESDAY

B Day Finals

Key Club meets at lunch!

5PM School Board Meeting

must decide what/who should be cut to balance the budget

THURSDAY

A Day

Welcome to the first day of the new semester!

1:30pm Dress Rehearsal for MS/HS Music Concert Elementary students will attend

3:15PM OASIS Room Marine Tech Club

7PM MS/HS Music Concert - Will be great!!!

FRIDAY

B Day

2nd day of the new semester!

A LOOK AHEAD:

End of the semester assembly is coming up one day next week. ASB will decide on date and time.

Next Thursday, Feb 9th is a half day of school K-12.

Student Chef Competition is coming on March 31st!!

The theme this year is Caribbean food!

Should be great fun and a fine fundraiser for the Farm to Classroom and Cafeteria program.

Great Summer Opportunity - Business Week - current sophomores and juniors Local scholarship. interested? see Mrs. Wrightsman or Mrs. Kline Got one student interested are there others?

<http://www.wbw.org/> for more information

Quote of the Week: “ I’m living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart.”

e e cummings (1894 - 1962) American poet