

Oswalt Academy Middle School Orientation 2023-2024

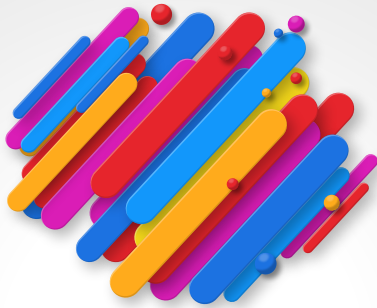




Final phase of construction. MP and field left to complete.
Due to construction, no large space for meeting.



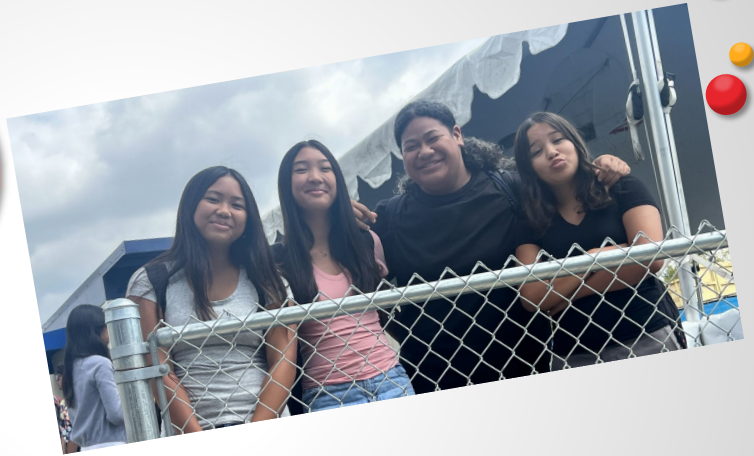




Oswalt Academy







THEY MATTER



MEET OUR

Staff



Our Staff

Nice To Meet You

- **Principal** - Mr. Jason Garcia
- **Assistant Principal** - Mrs. Anny Duldulao
- **Middle School Counselor**- Mrs. Heidi Choi
- **Office Manager** - Ms. Dora Monforte
- **7th Grade Team** - Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Ousley, Mr. Tolliver
- **8th Grade Team** - Dr. Buckmier, Mrs. Quirarte, Mrs. Ortiz, Dr. Sigler
- **Choir** - Mrs. Blackburn
- **Band/Strings** - Mr. Hobbs

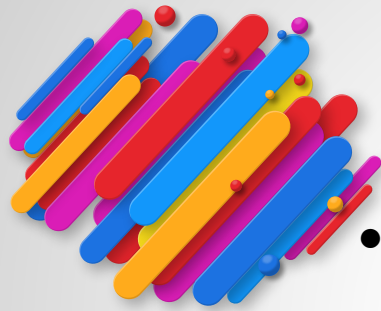
SAFETY FIRST



HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



Thermal scanners no longer required.



Safety Protocols

- **Report COVID cases to school nurse, Ms. Teresa and Ms. Tonia**
- **Isolate for 5 days**
- **Isolation may end after 5 days if you do not have a fever for 24 hours without the use of medications**
- **Negative test is no longer required**

Close contact letters are no longer sent out to families.



New driveway. Flow of traffic will continue to be adjusted to find the most efficient and safe route. Please be patient as we work out the new driveway. Personnel will be available to direct traffic.

Mrs
Heidi Choi

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Attendance

- **Perfect attendance** means:
 - No absences
 - No tardies
 - No early check outs
 - All absences must be cleared with the office
- **Tardy Policy**
 - Policy applies for EVERY period!
 - SART and SARB referrals if tardies continue.




Dress CODE

- Shorts/skirts length must reach mid-thigh or longer.
- Leggings must have tops that cover hips or longer.
- Clothes with holes are unacceptable.
- No sagging pants greater than 2 inches off the waist
- Skinny jeans must fit properly at the waist. Pants cannot sit under the hips revealing underwear
- P.E. shorts cannot be worn under sagging or skinny jeans
- No “spaghetti” or thin straps on shirts. Shirts must cover the shoulders and midsections.
- Active wear such as basketball shorts are not allowed.
- Dress Code in parent handbook.





Electronic Use policy

- Cell phones or any electronic device are to be turned off at all times during school.
 - Cell phones or any electronic devices must be kept in backpacks. Students may not hold onto devices in their clothing.
 - If policy is violated, cell phones will be collected and held at the office for parent pick up.
 - **The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal items such as cell phones or any other electronic devices.**
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7/8TH GRADE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Counselor: Mrs. Choi

Located: Conference Room B



COUNSELING SUPPORT SERVICES

ACADEMICS

- Academic counseling
- Setting goals
- Organization
- Preparation for high school
- Scheduling classes
- 504/SST
- Attendance

COLLEGE/ CAREER

- College and career counseling
- Provide resources and access to options for student future
- Career Zone activities
- Career Day

SOCIAL/ EMOTIONAL

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Discipline counseling
- Classroom guidance activities
- Conflict resolution
- Referrals to outside resources

Mrs. Choi's email: heidi.choi@rowlandschools.org

BELL SCHEDULE

Period	Tues-Fri	Period	Mon
Homeroom	8:03-8:08	Homeroom	8:03-8:08
1	8:08-9:04	1	8:08-8:54
2	9:06-10:02	2	8:56-9:42
Nutrition	10:02-10:17	3	9:44-10:30
3	10:17-11:13	Nutrition	10:30-10:45
4	11:15-12:11	4	10:45-11:31
Lunch	12:11-12:51	5	11:33-12:19
5	12:51-1:47	Lunch	12:19-12:59
6	1:49-2:45	6	12:59-1:45

Student-Free Days: 9/20, 10/4, 11/1, 12/22
Parent Conference Days (Shortened Day): 10/5, 2/15 (modified schedule)
Shortened Days: 10/5, 10/6, 2/15, 2/16

7TH GRADE SCHEDULE

	Curtis	Tolliver	Johnson	Ousley	Duldulao
Per. 0					Algebra 2 (at NHS)
Per. 1	History	Science	Algebra 1	English	Peer Helpers
Per. 2	History	Science	Math	English	
Per. 3	History	Science	Math	English	
Per. 4	History	Science	Math	English	
Periods 5 & 6 ELECTIVE or PE					

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No schedule changes allowed.

8TH GRADE SCHEDULE

	Sigler	Buckmier	Quirarte	Ortiz	Duldulao	Johnson
Per. 0					Algebra 2 (at RHS)	
Per. 1	History	Science	Geometry	English	Peer Helpers	Algebra 1
Per. 2	History	Science	Math	English		
Per. 3	History	Science	Math	English		
Per. 4	History	Science	Math	English		
Periods 5 & 6 ELECTIVE or PE						

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ELECTIVE DESCRIPTORS + TEACHERS



AVID (Dr. Buckmier): - Students will learn strategies and skills that will help them become more successful in their academic classes and to prepare them for college and their future career.

English Language Development (Mrs. Curtis):

For students with English Language Levels 1-3 only. This class is to help students develop a solid English language foundation.



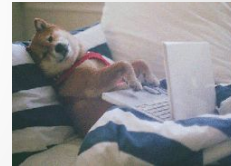
ELECTIVE DESCRIPTORS + TEACHERS

Be the kind
of leader
that you
would
follow.



Leadership (Mrs. Curtis): Students will design and complete the production of the school's yearbook. Leadership will be responsible for implementing ASB activities and helping PTSA with activities whenever possible.

Computers (Dr. Sigler): Students will learn code stories, animations, and games with the visual programming language, Scratch and learn to combine learned skills to code more complex programs and games. They will learn key programming concepts such as representing information digitally, algorithms, variables, and functions. As time permits students may work on additional projects such as stop-motion animation, video projects using WeVideo, Google Sites, the basic structure of a Web page in HTML, spreadsheets, using loops to create music, podcasting, digital presentation tools, and/or tools for creating digital art.



ELECTIVE DESCRIPTORS + TEACHERS

Choir (Mrs. Blackburn): This class is designed for those students who enjoy singing, would like to learn how to sing, or just enjoy working with others. No experience necessary.



Band and Orchestra (Mr. Hobbs):

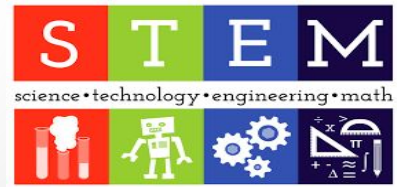
Students will study music appreciation through various musical genres and participate in performances.

ELECTIVE DESCRIPTORS + TEACHERS

Drama (Mrs. Quirarte) – Students learn basic aspects of theater and acting. Students will work cooperatively, memorize lines, read plays, create props, design scenery, and perform in front of an audience.



STEM (Mrs. Johnson) – Students will get hands-on experience applying science, technology, engineering, and math in real world situations. Introduction to robotics will be discussed.



GRADING + AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

- *1st Quarter Ends- October*
- *1st Semester Ends- December*
- *3rd Quarter Ends- March*
- *2nd Semester Ends- June*
- Awards Assembly held at the end of every quarter.
- Grade 7 Awards Assembly will be held on June 5th.
Grade 8 End of Year Awards and Recognition Ceremony will be held on June 6th.



Specific dates in Middle School Handbook and on school website calendar

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



- P.E. Clothes
 - More information on P.E. clothing sale to follow via Parent Square
- Required to wear P.E. clothes starting 2nd week of school
- MUST HAVE CHILD'S FIRST & LAST NAME ON SHIRT & SHORTS IN DARK **PERMANENT MARKER**
- Water Bottles- Please label with first and last name

Breakfast and LUNCH



EXTRA CURRICULAR + SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After-School Sports (basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading)

- * ASB
- * STEM Club
- * Dances
- Field trips
- Family Nights
- Homeroom competitions

- College Week
- Career Day
- Creekside Park Luncheon
- Spring Break East Coast Trip (Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Virginia, Washington, D.C.)
- Amusement Park (8th Grade)
- End of Year Awards Assembly

***Students must maintain passing grades each quarter in a minimum of 4 of their 6 classes and have a good discipline record to participate in any sports or extracurricular activities for the quarter.**

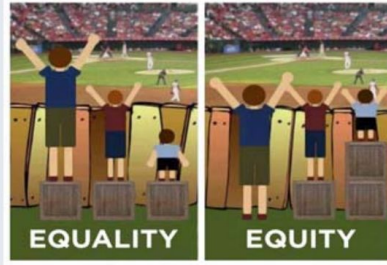
PBIS

- **POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION and SUPPORT**
 - Positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS) is a way for us to encourage good behavior.
 - With PBIS, we teach our kids about behavior, just as they would teach about other subjects like reading or math.
 - The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment.

PBIS

Fair & appropriate interventions

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OSWALT EXPECTATIONS

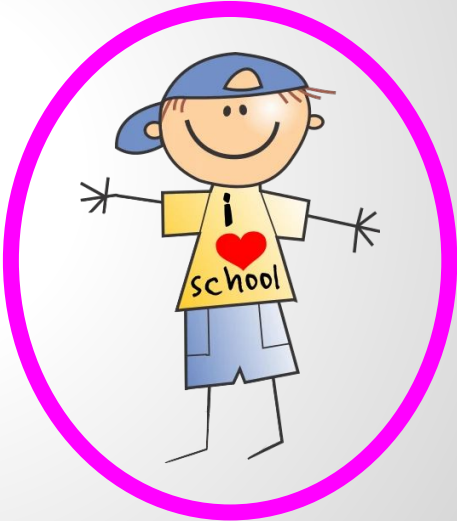
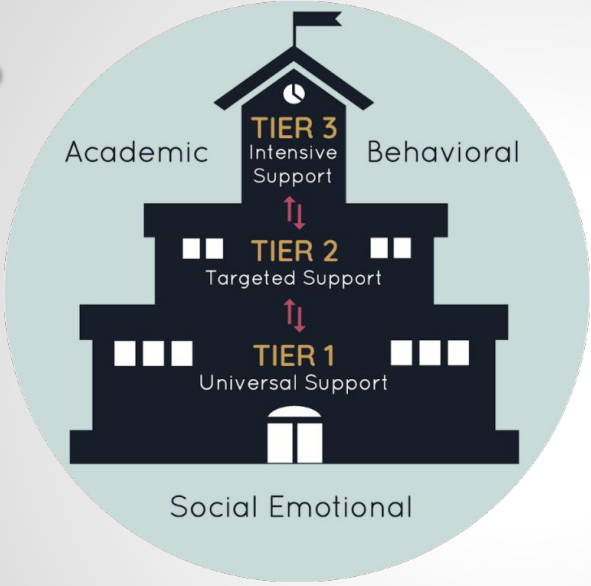
Oswalt Students are...

Principled

Responsible

Respectful





MTSS

GOOD PARENT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION





ParentSquare



WEEKLY MESSAGES

- **Sunday Night**
- **As needed**

Technology

- **All 7th Graders will receive a new 14" Chromebook**
- **Broken Devices**
 - **District FEE**



Data confirmation needed for all students. In the data confirmation, information provided by district about fees applied if device broken.

OSWALT ACADEMY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT





Clockwise: Picture 1- office, Picture 2- MP/Cafeteria, Picture 3- MP/Cafeteria, Picture 4- Kindergarten building/playground

OSWALT CONSTRUCTION



VISIT OUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the top section of the Stanley G. Oswalt Academy website. At the top left, there are social media icons for Instagram and Twitter, followed by a 'Select Language' dropdown menu and a search bar labeled 'Search this site'. Below these are four red navigation buttons: '2023-2024 Enrollment', 'TK-K Orientation Information', 'Parent Square Set-Up', and 'School Supply List'. The center features the school's logo, which includes a cartoon eagle holding a shield with a red 'O', and the text 'STANLEY G. OSWALT Academy'. To the right of the logo is the International Baccalaureate (IB) logo, which includes the text 'COLLEGIO DEL MONDO - WORLD SCHOOL - ÉCOLE DU MONDE'. Below the navigation buttons is a horizontal menu with links for 'ABOUT US', 'ACADEMICS', 'STUDENTS', 'PARENTS', and 'CONTACT US'. At the bottom of the header is a large photograph of a diverse group of students posing in front of a red and white banner with the word 'PROUD' in large, stylized letters.

OSWALT SOCIAL MEDIA

@oswaltacademy



@OswaltAcademyEagles

RUSD App



DATA CONFIRMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians of <<Student Name>>:

This summer, every parent/guardian must use their **Rowland Homelink** account to update all existing student demographic and contact information. This letter explains how to log into Rowland Homelink.

"I have a Rowland Homelink Account. How do I update my child's information?"

1. Log On to Rowland Homelink: <http://aeries.rowlandschools.org/homelink>. You may also access the website through the Rowland Unified Mobile App. Click "**Forgot Password**" to receive an email with your password. **Contact your school** if you forgot the email.

2. Update Your Student's Information: Carefully review your child's information and make sure everything is current. All information is available throughout the school year for you to view or print at any time. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The California Department of Education is requiring districts to collect information on parents' highest educational level for statistical purposes. Please be sure to update that information for each parent on the **Contacts Page**.

"I do NOT have a Rowland Homelink Account. How do I sign up?"

1. Prepare information: The following information is required to create an account:

- ✓ **Email Address** for the parent/guardian
- ✓ **Student ID (identification number):** A unique number assigned to each student, provided in this letter below.
- ✓ **Home Telephone:** Visit your school to set up an account if you do not have a number.
- ✓ **Verification Code:** A random code containing numbers and uppercase letters.

Data confirmation needed to get student's schedule



Answers to questions that came in:

- Algebra 2 is at Nogales High School
- Middle School Meet & Greet on Friday, August 11 8:30 AM-12:30 PM on campus. Enter through Creekside staircase.
- East Coast trip information will be sent out through ParentSquare. First meeting is around October. Chaperones will be on the trip.
- Full construction completed during Winter Break. All classrooms are currently completed except for Music.
- Students are not sent home for dress code. They can be sent home
- Families will be allowed on campus on the first day of school and will need to leave when school starts.
- Algebra 1 starts at 1st period 8:03 AM.
- School supplies can be brought on Friday.
- Instruments will be given out by the music teacher.
- Students can enter school at 7:45 AM. No supervision before this time. Please do not drop off students before this time.
- PE will be on campus and at Creekside Park. PE lockers also assigned.
- Breakfast is available from 7:50-8:10 AM.
- Electives are a lottery.

