



Ortega High School / Keith McCarthy Academy
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Newsletter



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**



**Winter Break
Dec 20—Jan 12**

**Back To School
Jan 13th**

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe the 2008 year is coming to an end. We are approaching a three week winter break and our last day of school will be Friday, December 19, 2008. School will resume on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. This marks the half way point in our school year. The second part of the school year seems to pass by more quickly than the first, so please see the dates of upcoming events and mark your calendars. There are many activities planned to benefit the stu-

dents of Ortega High School (OHS) and Keith McCarthy Academy (KMA). We highly encourage students and parents to be involved in the activities. As the school year continues, it is important to remember that daily attendance and work completion are essential elements for each student's success. OHS & KMA offer a second chance for students to earn credits and graduate.

It is important to participate in school and attend classes each day. Make the



most of what we have to offer. We welcome parent involvement and invite you to come and see the learning environment that we have at both OHS and KMA.

Mrs. Kathy Longe
Principal

Counselor's Message

We have officially begun the 3rd quarter of the year. It seems like time is flying by so quickly. This is a great time to check on your student's grades and their progress here at Ortega. Remember that grades and credits are assigned every quarter and the 3rd quarter will end March 20th. Dates to put on the calendar for our 11th and 12th graders are February 3rd and 4th when the California High School Exit Exam will be offered. Our 10th graders will have their opportunity March 17th and 18th. Also, Free Applications for Federal Student Aid forms are

available online as of January 1st. Mt. San Jacinto College will be at Ortega January 22nd and February 2nd at 6 pm each night to offer assistance on completing the application correctly and completely. Even if your student is not sure if they want to attend college, it is important to get applications sent so that they still have the option if they decide college is the path they want to pursue after high school. This is a great time of year to encourage our students to think about goals during high school and after they earn their diploma. Re-



member that these goals can always change, but it is very important to at least have some goals to target and work towards. Thanks for your continued support of Ortega High School and Keith McCarthy Academy. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to check up, feel free to call us here at (951) 253 – 7065.

Mr. Aaron Nessman
Counselor

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College Corner

It's not too early to start preparing for college.

Mark your calendars. We have assistance available. All events will take place right here at Ortega High School (OHS). Take advantage of the convenience.

Financial Aid Assistance

Dates: Jan 22, 2009
Feb 02, 2009

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM
Where: Room 805

Representatives from Mount San Jacinto College (MSJC) will be here to



assist you in applying for financial aid. Spanish speaking reps will be available.

Informational Table

Dates: Feb 18, 2009
Feb 25, 2009
Time: 10:15-1:15 PM
Where: Courtyard/Career Center

A MSJC Rep will be here on campus to answer any questions and to provide information.

Application Day

Dates: March 5, 2009
Time: 8:00-12:00 PM

Where: Career Center

A MSJC Rep will be here on campus to assist you in filling out the college application forms.

Incoming Student Assessments

Dates: March 12, 2009
Time: 8:00-11:00 PM
Where: Room 805 or Career Center

Save time and take MSJC's English and Math assessment tests to help determine which courses you will need to take in college. Reps will be here to administer the tests.



A Night To Remember—Prom 2009

Come and enjoy an evening of dinner, music, and dancing aboard an elegant cruise boat.

When: Saturday, May 2, 2009
Time: 7:00pm—11:00pm

Where: Athena Cruise Boat
By Electra Cruises
Newport Beach, CA

Attire: Formal

Cost: \$99.00

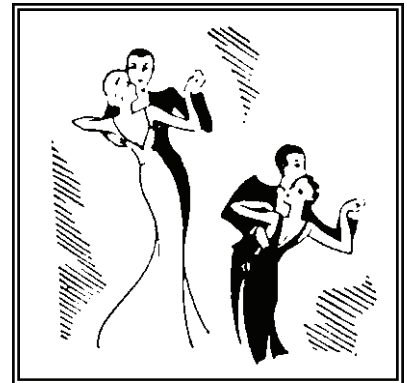
Deadline: April 15, 2009

Price includes dinner, refreshments, and a 4-hour cruise with music and dancing.

Students must provide their own transportation to Newport Beach.

Tickets are on sale now. You can make payments.

Guests need to have an approved guest pass. Pick up forms in the front office



Explore Career Opportunities



Come and meet with Staff Sergeant William Lee. He is a Marine Recruiter assigned to our school. For our convenience, he is on campus most days during break. Feel free to discuss with him those career opportunities available to you.

You can also contact Staff Sergeant Lee on his cell phone: 1-619-384-3566



Student of the Month



Jeffrey Cambrano
OHS—November
Future "Deputy Sheriff"



Ruby Ramos
OHS—November
Future "Surgical Technician"



Seth Thomas Brand
KMA—December
Future "Computer Engineer"



Claire Laawry
KMA—December
Future "Teacher"

Library Corner

Check out what's been happening at the library. Not only do we have book clubs and reading programs but it's a great place to make friends and get connected.

"TWILIGHT" By Stephanie Meyer

This book is a highly recommended reading by many OHS students and staff. Readers were able to share about the book and were able to share in watching a special showing of the movie 'Twilight' at the Diamond Cinemas. This event, which was put-on by our very own librarian, Susan Fortin, was a huge suc-

cess. Over 200 students, staff, friends, and family from the LEUSD showed-up for the movie.

It has sparked an interest for new readers and there is a waiting list to check out this book.

Stay tuned for upcoming books with related events.



"PRIZES AVAILABLE!"

Students, did you know you can win a \$25.00 gift card? \$100 gift card? That's right. It's soooooo easy. All you need to do is read a book, take an Accelerated Reading test, and earn points. There are tons of books to choose from. You can even get credit for books you have already read on your own or in class. Stop by the library and start earning those points! First wave of prizes will be in January.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Frustrated? Angry? Confused? - There's Help.



Are you suffering from family problems, substance abuse, or other personal issues?

We have a counselor, Marie Alkema, from Riverside Recovery Resources (RRR). She currently has a group that

meets after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

She is available for group and one-on-one counseling.

You can contact her at 951-623-7561 or see Ruby in the front office.

Community service hours will be given for group participation.

Riverside Recovery Resources

Mission Statement

Building Stronger Families and Communities by providing alcohol and other drug prevention, intervention, education and rehabilitation services.

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 End of Qtr2	20
21	22 WINTER BREAK	23 WINTER BREAK	24 WINTER BREAK	25 WINTER BREAK	26 WINTER BREAK	27
28	29 WINTER BREAK	30 WINTER BREAK	31 WINTER BREAK			

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WINTER BREAK	2 WINTER BREAK	3
4	5 WINTER BREAK	6 WINTER BREAK	7 WINTER BREAK	8 WINTER BREAK	9 WINTER BREAK	10
11	12 WINTER BREAK Teachers Only	13 Back to School	14	15	16	17
18	19 HOLIDAY	20	21	22 MSJC Financial Aid	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 MSJC Financial Aid	3 CAHSEE ENG 11th & 12th Grds	CAHSEE MATH 11th & 12th Grds	5 Progress Reports	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 HOLIDAY	14
15	16 HOLIDAY	17	18 MSJC Info	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 MSJC Info	26	27	28

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 MSJC Application Day	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 MSJC Incoming Stu Assessments	13	14
15	16	17 CAHSEE ENG 10th Grade	18 CAHSEE MATH 10th Grade	19	20 End of Qtr3	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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