



WILDCATS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

E-NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013



2013 FALL Calendar

October

- 15- WAA Board Meeting
OHS Library, 6:00p
- 18- Varsity Football
@Castlemont, 3:30p
- 25- Varsity Football
@Home vs Fremont,
3:30p

November

- 1- Varsity Football
@Home vs Tech, 3:30p
Homecoming Game
- 9- Varsity Football
@Home vs Mack,
2:00p
- 16- Varsity Football
@Skyline, 3:30p
- 50th Reunion
Class of 1963
- 19- WAA Board Meeting
OHS Library, 6:00p



Oakland High New Principal

The new Principal, Mr. Matin Abdel-Qawi, comes to Oakland High after serving as Director of the Office of African-American Male Achievement. Starting in the Oakland School District as a math and science teacher at Claremont Middle School, he completed the UC Berkeley Educational Leadership Institute in 2002, and became an assistant principal and then principal of the East Oakland School for the Arts on the Castlemont campus. He is the father of three teen-agers, two sons and a daughter.

Talking with the WAA Board, Mr. Abdel expressed that he is most impressed with the opportunities available to students at Oakland High—the classes (including Advanced Placement and academies), the student government, clubs, and athletics as well as the strong teaching staff. He said that he thought Oakland High had more opportunities for student involvement available than any of the other high schools in Oakland. He did state, however, that his main concern and focus is equity and making sure that all students are able to take advantage of what Oakland High offers.

Mr. Abdel added that he recognizes the need for stability and plans to be at Oakland High for a long time.

OHS Trivia Question #1:

Who was the first Miss California to win the Miss America Title and what was her connection to Oakland High? Bonus, what other prestigious title did she hold along with Miss America?

Answer at the end of this Newsletter.

Join WAA Today

The Wildcat Alumni Association is the only official alumni association affiliated with Oakland High School.

Membership fees are
\$ 35 for one year
\$ 450 for a lifetime
membership

To join, fill out the application at the end of the newsletter and send with a check to Wildcat Alumni Association, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

50th Year Reunion for the Class of 1963

The Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50th reunion with a dinner/dance on November 16, 2013. Reservation forms and full information about the dance, other activities planned for the weekend and information about special hotel rates can be found at the class of '63 website www.ohs63.co.



The deadline for sending in your reservation form and check is October 31.

You can download the form by going to 'Reunion Registration' on the left sidebar of the website www.ohs63.co.

Classmates should also go to "50 Year Reunion Events" on the website and indicate which events they will be attending. This will help classmates know where to find each other on the reunion weekend. The site also allows classmates to send messages to each other, read each other's profiles, reminisce, and listen to some oldies.

There is also a "lost classmates" section on the website where people can help locate classmates for whom the reunion committee has no contact information, so if you know members of the class of 1963, visit the website and add them to the class database.

Interested in supporting Oakland High's Yearbook, the Oaken Bucket, by purchasing ad space in the 2013-2014 yearbook?

Details coming in our Winter 2013 Newsletter, stay tuned!

For more Student News

Check out Oakland Aegis
Oakland High's On-line
Student Newspaper
<http://oaklandaegis.com/>

OHS Engineering Students Use Industry Computer Design Software

"Engineering is vital to almost every area of our lives, and as many students as possible should be exposed to it before they get to college..."

The engineering pathways program at Oakland High, which trains students on industry standard computer programs, has been expanded to serve about 120 students this year. Unlike a "state academy" where students are tied into taking all their classes within the academy offerings, the engineering pathway courses are open to any student who can fit them into their schedules.

Students can take one or both introductory courses using Autodesk Inventor. All students in the program get 13 months of free access to Autodesk Inventor (one computer program used in the engineering industry) on their home computers, so they are able to work on projects and practice skills at home. Three periods of introductory courses are taught by math teacher Diane Johnson, and the advanced course is taught by science teacher Kory Mildenberger. Both teachers have taken rigorous summer training programs to teach these courses.

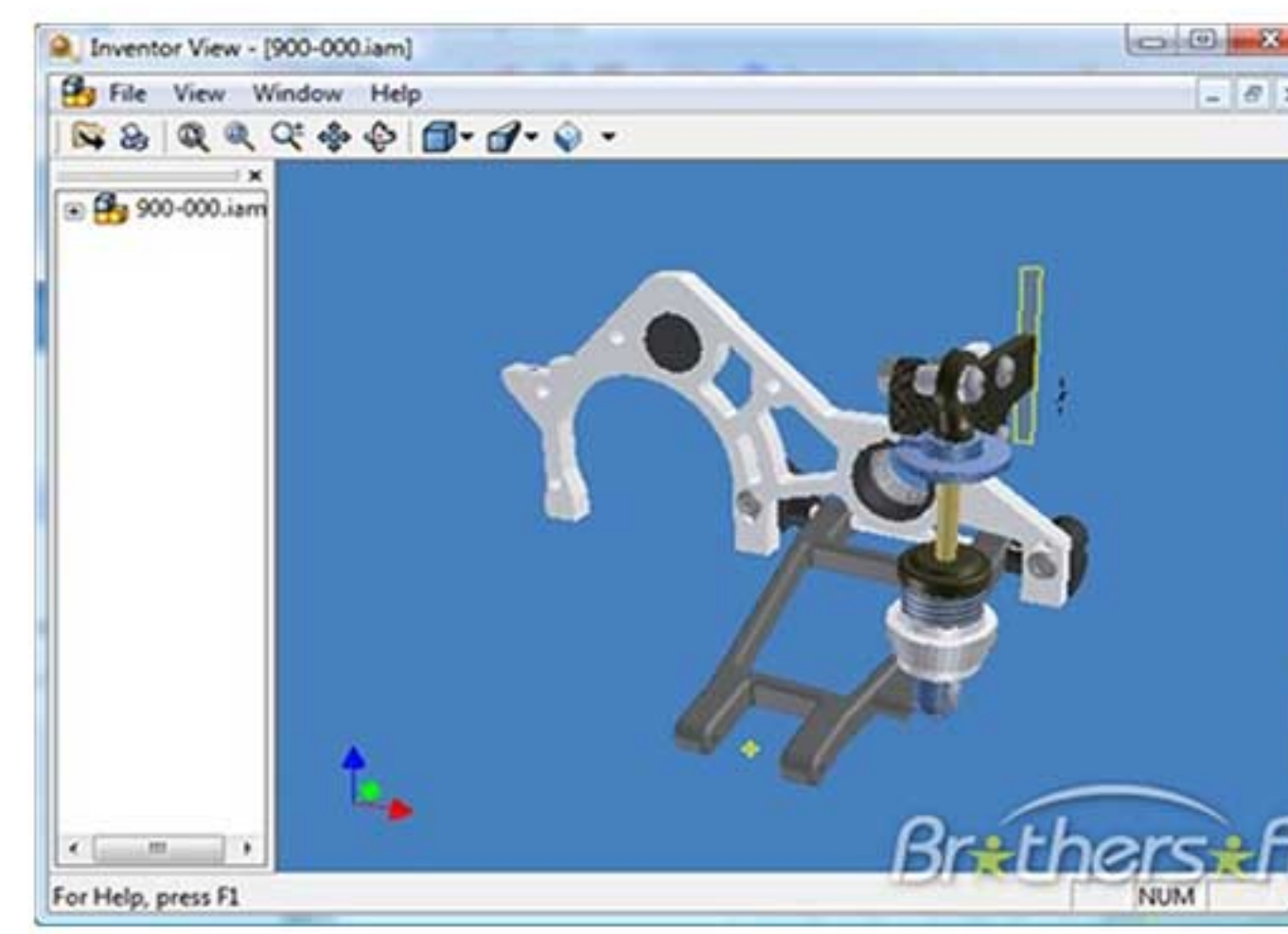
This year Oakland High is offering one period of the introductory course **Principles of Engineering**, a survey course of mechanical, structural, electrical and software (programming) engineering. Two periods of the other introductory course Introduction to Engineering Design where students learn 3D solid modeling on computers using Autodesk Inventor are being offered.

Second year students take **Civil Engineering and Architecture** and use Revit Architecture, the same software currently used in the industry in construction at nearby Highland Hospital.



In this course, students design a Habitat for Humanities house from the bottom up doing site selection, soil sampling, and surveying the site on the computer; then drawing all the electrical, plumbing and structural plans for the home on the computer.

Most students in the advanced course have taken one or both of the introductory courses and have experience designing on the computer. However, Mildenberger wants to keep the engineering pathways program open to as many students as possible and is helping a few students, who had not been able to take the introductory courses, learn the basics on their own time while they take the advanced course.



Autodesk Inventor icon and example of software.

"Engineering is vital to almost every area of our lives, and as many students as possible should be exposed to it before they get to college," explained Mildenberger. "Whether building a bridge, wiring a house, designing a car or a video game engineering is involved, and our students are learning on the same computer programs used in the industry and will be ready to step into engineering programs in college already familiar with the software."

Oakland High School's engineering pathway courses are in partnership with Clark Construction, the company reconstructing Highland Hospital, and because of the partnership, engineering students will take site visits to follow the Highland construction. For students whose interest has been piqued and who have excelled in the Civil Engineering and Architecture course there is the possibility of an internship with Clark Construction and even a college scholarship and eventual job.

Wildcats Football 2013

The goal of football Coach Jayce Goree (OHS '94) is to double the number of wins over last year. The varsity consists of nine seniors, six juniors and two sophomores. Being counted on to help the Wildcat varsity football team achieve this goal are Mikail Meador (Sr.) at Guard/Tackle and Linebacker, Kesomi Mati (Sr.) at Wide Receiver/ Running Back and Linebacker, Tratez Custard (Jr.) at Running Back and Linebacker, and Sophomore Quarterback Maurice Rhymes. Coach Goree expects the Wildcats to do well in the O.A.L. this year. Darien Lenc (OHS '94) is assisting as the Offensive Line Coach.

One real issue is a very limited budget from the school and district. The team receives only \$500 from the O.A.L. to support the entire football program. Uniforms and travel bags for both varsity and junior varsity cost about \$8000. Pre-game meals for the players run about \$150 per game. The coaches and parents spend their personal money to support much of the program. Any assistance is more than welcome and very much appreciated. Coach Goree can be contacted at 510-874-7151 (Office) or 510-719-7629 (Cell).

The Wildcat Varsity Football Schedule for Fall 2013 is:

9/6	at home v. Stellar Prep	37 - 6 (W)
9/13	at Ukiah	0 - 19 (L)
9/20	at home v. Mt. Eden	15 - 44 (L)
9/27	at Rodriguez High (Fairfield)	0 - 50 (L)
10/18	at Castlemont	@ 3:30 PM
10/25	at home v. Fremont	@ 3:30 PM
11/1	at home v. Technical	@ 3:30 PM
11/8	at home v. McClymonds	@ 2:00 PM
11/15	at Skyline	@ 2:00 PM

MUSIC is back at Oakland High!



Wildcats are privileged to have music floating through the halls again! Let's welcome David Byrd, our new music teacher to the Wildcat family!

Mr. Byrd is a lifelong Oakland resident, a Skyline grad ('85), a UC Berkeley Bear ('94 Music) and attended Grad school at St. Mary's of Moraga ('06). Most recently he was Orchestra and Band Director at Oakland Tech (2006-2013).

1. What is your impression of Oakland High and its staff, students and community from the first few weeks of school?

The OHS community seems like a hardworking bunch. Its only been a few weeks, but I like what I see when I peer into classrooms.

2. What courses are you currently teaching?



Teaching: Keyboarding, Guitar, Jazz Band and Orchestra.

3. How could Oakland High alumni assist your ambitions and goals at Oakland High? And is there anything else you'd like to convey to OHS alumni and OHS community as a whole.

Alumni could help out by being visible. I could use a 'Music Boosters' group... Maybe alumni could help out there. I could use a lot of things and proud Wildcats could help with (music) donations, or even better: grant writing. Get the word out that O-High is having another renaissance!

Classes of 1957, 1958, 1959 Reunion

55+ years, still going strong & having fun, the Joint OHS Class Reunion for '57, '58, '59 was held at Saratoga Springs August 3, 2013.

While small, it was a warm and friendly group happy to see each other and hopefully not for the last time. Responses from all over the world showed we're all still connected and proud to be Wildcats!

Check out our website www.ohs1958.com for photos from this reunion & previous ones and also our Memory page.



Classmates Looking for Reunions

If you are looking for classmates who might be planning a reunion or if you are looking to form a reunion committee, send your search to the newsletter and we will let others know.

We have one query from an alumna from the class of 1946 who would love to see old friends. So, class of 1946, if you are planning something or would like to, let us know.

Wildcats, Get SHARES!

Support Wildcats Alumni school projects by using a SHARES card at Lucky's/Save Mart stores. Swipe the card at purchase and the store will pay Wildcats Alumni 3% of total qualified purchases quarterly at no cost to the shopper.

Obtain a free SHARES card at
waa@oaklandhighalumni.org
 Or WAA, P.O. Box 11436, Oakland, CA 94611

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 Use subject line "WAA Newsletter"

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 or for opportunities to volunteer or donate
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Website:
<http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/donations>

OHS TRIVIA Answer:

#1 - A. Fay Lanphier, OHS class of 1924, not only held the Miss America Title in 1925, but she was also Rose Queen of the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, CA. She was the first Miss California to become Miss America.



WAA Board Members 2012-2013

President:

Stephen Johnson '58

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