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\*All Membership dues go  
directly to our scholarships!

#### THE WILDCAT ALUMNI BOARD WISHES ALL OHS ALUMNI A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

We hope your connections with friends and family, even if they may not occur in your traditional ways, are warm and joyous and safe. And we hope that 2021 will be a year of healing, recovery, good health, and good things for all.

Your editor remembers the importance of connections with her high school friends. In the 1960s Charles Schultz, creator of Peanuts and Snoopy, wrote a small book Happiness Is a Warm Puppy. A friend gave it to me for Christmas. It had few words and even fewer pages, but it was a gift that wrapped me in a warm blanket of friendship.

Words have an amazing healing power, but now that we have had to isolate ourselves from so many people who would usually make up our daily experiences, it sometimes feels as if our words are fading away, since there are fewer people to give them to. Now is the perfect time to pick up a pen or the phone and have a talk with someone you haven't kept up with as you would have liked. Or even just to write to yourself (see box on page 2).

WE WISH YOU AND YOURS HAPPY WORDS  
AND HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS.

#### RECONNECT AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY - JANUARY 9, 2021

All alumni are invited to our annual Alumni Association Meeting on zoom. To help classmates connect, we will set up breakout rooms for class or decade "reunions" as part of our meeting.

**Saturday: January 9, 2021.**

**Time: 10:00am-noon PST**

**Registration: Free**

#### To get the link to our zoom meeting:

send your full name (maiden name if applicable), year you graduated or attended OHS, and your email address to [waa@oaklandhighalumni.org](mailto:waa@oaklandhighalumni.org), use "Annual Meeting" as subject line, or to our new snail mail address:  
WAA, P.O. Box 11465, Oakland, CA 94611.

## ARE YOU AN ALUMNI BUSINESS OWNER?

In these difficult and challenging times for businesses, WAA would like to provide as a **free** service, an OHS Alumni Business Listing on our **WAA website**. The goal is to highlight businesses owned and run by Wildcat alumni, and make it easier for OHS alumni to network and patronize Wildcat owned businesses, especially during these challenging and difficult times.

A link to the list will be posted to the **WAA Facebook pages**. It is also planned to publicize the list every month or two to encourage Wildcats alumni to patronize businesses owned by other Wildcats alumni.

Our website is: <http://www.oaklandhighalumni.org/>

If you'd like to list your business on our WAA website, please fill out your business information using this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/4ZHGdYb314qB7zKc6>

Click here to  
send your info

## WRITE THE WINTER AWAY CHALLENGE

Need a starter for your writing? Borrow an idea from Charles Schultz to rev up your words this winter and get ready for a warmer spring.

Here is how it works:

Pick a feeling and answer the questions below about it.

1. What season would the feeling be?
2. What color is the feeling?
3. What sound does the feeling make?
4. If the feeling were an animal, what animal would it be?
5. What does the feeling taste like?
6. What musical instrument would the feeling be?
7. What would you do to change this into something else?

Expanded line:

Boredom is brown  
like a banana gone too ripe.

At first, you hardly notice its yellow fading. Then you see brown speckles, and you feel a little uneasy, but you don't do anything about it.

Next, you see the spots merge, and realize it is almost too late.

If you have the nerve to peel away the skin, you can see that the gray flesh is not what you want at all.

You should have done something with it—maybe a fruit salad or smoothie or banana bread—before it started oozing over the counter and pinning you to the floor.

You might start with a good feeling word like "security" or "comfort."

Then pick a favorite answer and expand on it.

Example: Word—Boredom

Boredom is winter with an overcast sky.

Boredom is brown like a banana gone too ripe.

Boredom drips, drips, drips like a worn faucet.

Boredom is a sloth dragging its way home to sleep.

Boredom is potato chips with no salt.

Boredom is a clarinet practicing scales.

If I could, I would shoot boredom out of a cannon so it glittered the sky.



Wash  
YOUR  
Hands

