



SPARTAN NEWS - March/April 2019

Dear Seven Oak Families,

Spring is coming - I hope!! Several snow days have resulted in some rearranging of some of our planned events and caused a delay in getting out my monthly newsletter, which has now become the March/April version of our Spartan News! This is my attempt to get us all back up to speed on what has happened and what is still to come as we move towards the last quarter of the school year.

First, I wanted to be sure everyone is aware of the adjustment to our school calendar. At the March 14, 2019 Lebanon School Board meeting, the school board and superintendent made a joint decision **to make up our snow days by having school on May 24th, 2019, as well as extending the first three early release Wednesdays in April to full days, so April 3rd, April 10th, and April 17th will now be full school days.** Thanks for your flexibility as we ensure that our students get the instructional time needed for this school year.

Earlier this month, our 8th graders visited LHS to begin exploring elective options for 9th grade. The next step in that process is the LHS Curriculum Fair - scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, from 5-7 pm at the high school. All 8th grade students and parents are invited! If you are the parent/guardian of a current 8th grader, you should see an invite in the mail soon. Then, on the next day, Wednesday, April 17th, LHS Counselors will be returning to Seven Oak to assist the rising freshmen class in completing the forecasting process for 2019-2020. These are exciting times for the Class of 2023!

The 6th graders also still have a fun adventure looming on the horizon - we have found new dates (and hopefully less snow) for Outdoor School 2019. Tuesday, April 16th - Thursday April 18th, our 6th grade class will be enjoying the great outdoors at Camp Tadmor. The 6th grade team will be communicating more details as the dates get closer.

Don't miss out on a chance to see Seven Oak students display their talents in one of several Fine and Performing arts events happening this spring: March 19 our band students will be performing at the ExtravaBANDza at LHS, and our choir students will be in action on April 9th at the Singapalooza, also at LHS. Our Theatre troupe presents "Annie Junior", May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th (7p showtimes each night, plus a 2p matinee performance on 5/4). The spring theatre class will also be putting on a class play, "Haphazardly Ever After", May 22nd at 6:00p.

Beyond music and athletics, there are several other opportunities for students to get involved in life here at Seven Oak - Here's a list of our clubs happening this year for all Spartans to consider:

- Strategy Club with Mr. Vore, 4-5 PM in Mr. Vore's room every Tuesday
- SMILE Club with Ms. Sater, 3:45 - 5:15 in Ms. Sater's room every Thursday
- Chess Club with Ms. Roberts, 6th grade lunch everyday
- OBOB is over, look for it next year!
- Theater Club is done accepting students, look for it next year!



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If your student is looking for other activities outside of the school day, please encourage them to check out one of the clubs listed above. We also hope to expand our club/extracurricular opportunities for 2019/2020.

The 1st Annual Seven Oak PTC Color Run is still coming!! We've pushed back the date and are now set to hold it on Saturday, May 18th. Our Parent Teacher Committee is coordinating this fun event for all ages - an important fundraising activity for our PTC and it's ongoing support of all of our programs here at Seven Oak. Registration begins at 9:00a and the race kicks off at 10:00a. Please check our website for more details!! We will also be hosting a spring PTC meeting for all interested parents and staff on Monday, April 15th - to help in planning for the Color Run and other activities for the spring semester.

Finally, the district safety committee has proposed conducting evacuation drills this spring at schools across the district. We have tentatively scheduled our Seven Oak evacuation drill for Tuesday, April 23rd, and will continue to provide more details in the week leading up to this practice drill, to ensure that all students and families are aware and prepared for this day.

Counselors' corner

- On March 5, 8th graders, the counseling team, and several other staff members went on a field trip over to LHS to help prepare for the upcoming transition to high school. The counselors are also creating a "Focus on Your Future" table, just down the hall from the SOK main office, which will have information for students on planning their futures.
- This quarter, all SOK students have been working on spreading kindness and learning about why community service is important. 9 students from the 8th grade leadership class helped Mr. Van Zee, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Seagrave deliver over 600 Valentine's Day cards to two local retirement homes and the Veterans' home. All of our SOK students demonstrated fabulous leadership qualities by participating in creating the cards that were distributed. Here is a link to a story that ran in the local newspaper on 2/14/19:

https://democratherald.com/news/local/honoring-with-hearts-seven-oak-students-bring-valentine-s-day/article_2c0edacd-654c-5d75-a8bc-28b5a4bc7f7b.html

-Mrs. Beth Seagrave (last names A-L) & Mrs. Laura Martin (last names M-Z)

Additional announcements / important dates

- ExtravaBandza concert is this week!! All of the students in our district who are currently enrolled in band will be performing this **Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:00PM.
- **March 25th - March 29th** - No School - Spring Break
- **April 3rd** - Regular school day schedule - 3:40p dismissal
- **April 9th** - The Lebanon High School Chamber Choir will be hosting the 4th Annual Singapalooza All District Choir Festival.
- **April 10th** - Regular school day schedule - 3:40p dismissal; End of the 3rd quarter
- **April 11th** - No School - Staff Preparation Day



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- **April 12th** - No School - Parent / Teacher Conferences (11a - 7p)
- **Week of April 15th - 19th** - OSAS Science Test (8th grade only)
- **April 15th** - Parent Teacher Committee meeting @ 6pm
- Attention parents and guardians of 6th grade students: Outdoor School 2019 is back on!!!! Our 6th grade class will be attending Outdoor School from **April 16-18, 2019** at Camp Tadmor
- **April 17th** - Regular school day schedule - 3:40p dismissal; LHS forecasting with 8th graders
- **May 2nd - May 17th** - SBAC Testing window for all 6th - 8th grade students in ELA and Math
- **May 18th** - PTC Color Run @ SOK
- **May 27th** - No School - Memorial Day
- **May 31st** - Strawberry Festival - Early Dismissal
- **June 5th** - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
- **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE:** Please remember that the designated student drop-off (a.m.) and pick up (p.m.) area is at the far south end of campus. For the safety of our students and to ease traffic congestion with our buses, please do not enter at the north end of the parking lot. The front side of the building should only be used for parking if you have business to attend to inside. Permits are available for families who need to regularly park in the front of school - please ask at the main office. Thanks for your support!

Happy Spring and Let's go SPARTANS!!