



October 30, 2020

## Notes from Ojai Valley School

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Dear OVS Families,

It has been a great week of in-person learning! It is so wonderful to see students engaging with teachers and peers in the classroom and around campus. Visiting classrooms, I have seen teachers working hard to juggle in-person and virtual students, but they are getting it done. Some sense of normalcy has, finally, returned to campus and this includes the return to sports and outdoor education.

Cross country, girls volleyball, boys soccer, and equestrian are now underway following CIF guidelines and COVID protocols. While team sports won't begin competition until January, students and coaches are eager to get down to business to prepare for the upcoming seasons. Additionally, outdoor education day trips have begun on the Upper Campus. Just this past Wednesday a group of eight students and two faculty leaders went to the Sespe Wilderness to explore White Rocks. The trip was the first of several we have planned that will focus on hiking, rock climbing, mountain biking, and ocean activities. Additionally, today we rolled out new Learning Exploring Activities and Pursuits (LEAP) offerings that will begin next week. All students will participate and offerings include robotics, CPR-first aid, winter musical, college counseling, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), yearbook, skateboarding, sports training, and more. Students can propose other ideas as well.

Ojai Valley School's co-curricular programs are core to the student experience. Being able to offer sports, equestrian, outdoor education, in addition to academic classes and elective offerings, allows our high school students to pursue activities that are important to their health and well-being — perhaps more than ever given the emotional strain of COVID and months spent indoors.

Of course, the continued success of our program relies on the responsible actions of our students and families. Please continue to follow the health protocols, both at home and on campus, to keep our community safe. Wear masks, keep at least 6 feet of social distance, regularly wash hands, and stay home if you do not feel well. As long as we collectively take action to minimize the potential spread of COVID, our campuses can remain open and provide the experiences they have always delivered.

Have a great weekend,

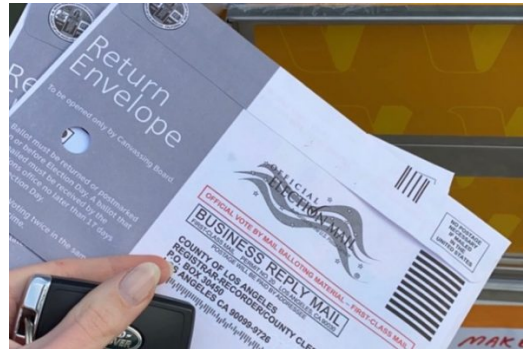


Craig Floyd,  
Head of School,  
Upper Campus

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# OVS Seniors Take Part in Election 2020

With an historic presidential election just days away, a handful of Ojai Valley School seniors are putting their pens to their mail-in ballots and taking part first hand — and for the first time — in United States democracy. Seniors Chloe Warren and Carson Strassman are two of the three OVS seniors who are eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 election. For both, this is a new experience for which they have well prepared.



“I have read about the presidential candidates’ policies and watched the debates. I heavily researched all the propositions to better understand their huge fiscal implications,” Chloe said. Added Carson: “I think it is extremely important for teenagers and young adults to vote because we are the ones who will face the benefits or consequences in the future for voting for someone or something.”

[Read more](#) in a story by senior Sydnee Rousseau in *On The Hill*.

## Planning for Thanksgiving Break

To avoid potential virus exposure, we are advising families to carefully consider their upcoming Thanksgiving Break plans. If you are traveling by plane, visiting a state or region with widespread virus transmission, or if you attend any large gatherings, we ask that you please quarantine your student for two weeks and have a negative COVID test before returning to school after the break.

While testing is not currently available in Ojai, the city’s Parks and Recreation Department is working with county officials to resume testing at Sarzotti Park on Nov. 9 and through the end of the year. For now, visit [venturacountyrecovers.org](http://venturacountyrecovers.org) for more information or download the current list of county [test sites](#). If you choose to keep your student home after the break, please contact his or her advisor or homeroom teacher.

**COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY**

### COVID-19 TESTING

The County of Ventura has expanded free COVID-19 testing throughout the county for residents who have the slightest suspicion of having COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with it.

**Symptoms of COVID-19 can be:**

- Cough or shortness of breath
- OR other symptoms: fever greater than 100.4°F, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell

**Close contact means:**

- Sharing a home
- Being closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes without wearing a mask
- Having contact with the bodily fluids (spit, blood) of the sick person through coughing, sneezing, sharing utensils

**OPTUMSERVE STATE LOCATION**  
COVID-19 testing for all community members. Please schedule an appointment by calling or registering online.  
Online: [www.hi.com/covidtesting](http://www.hi.com/covidtesting) • Phone: 1-888-654-1023 • Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8am - 8pm

**Thousand Oaks Library - Newbury Park Branch**  
2331 Birchard Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320

**Oxnard Performing Arts Center**  
800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, CA 93030

**DRIVE-UP TESTING SITES**  
No appointment necessary

Location	Hours
Moorpark College (Beginning October 16)	Monday-Friday 10am - 7pm
Santa Paula City parking lot located at corner of E. Main Street and N. Olive Street	Monday-Tuesday 10am - 7pm
Oxnard College (Evening Hours)	Monday-Tuesday 10am - 7pm
Fillmore Family Medical Group (Closing at 4 pm beginning November 1)	Tuesday 8am - 5pm

**WALK-UP TESTING SITES**  
No appointment necessary

Location	Hours
Ventura County Fairgrounds (10 W. Harbor Blvd in Ventura - Enter at Gate 2)	Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm
Sarzotti Park (501 Park Road, Ojai, CA 93023)	Monday (only open October 19 and 20) 12 - 5pm

**VENTURA COUNTY URGENT CARE LOCATIONS**  
For pre-screening and appointment, call the hotline at 805-652-7660. Beginning November 1 all sites will close at 4 pm.

Location	Hours
OXNARD Los Isles Family Medical Group South 325 West Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard 93033 Open 7 days/week from 8am - 5pm	
VENTURA Academic Family Medicine Center 300 Hillcrest Ave., Ste. 340, Ventura 93003 Monday-Saturday 8am - 5pm	
WEST VENTURA West Ventura Medical Clinic 133 W. Santa Clara St., Ventura 93001 Open 7 days/week from 8am - 5pm	
SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY Fillmore Family Medical Group 828 W. Ventura St., Fillmore 93025 Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm	
EAST COUNTY Congo Valley Family Medical Group 125 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Suite 203 Thousand Oaks 91320 Open 7 days/week from 8 am - 4:30pm	
SIERRA VISTA Sierra Vista Family Medical Clinic 1027 East Los Angeles Ave., Sierra Vista 93085 Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm and Saturday and Sunday 8am - 2pm	

[www.venturacountyrecovers.org](http://www.venturacountyrecovers.org) - Questions? Email [ashley.bautista@ventura.org](mailto:ashley.bautista@ventura.org) or call 805-654-2840

## In Case You Missed It...

Be sure to visit our [OVS Vimeo page](#) to see the new hard hat video tour of the new Upper Campus buildings with OVS President/CEO Michael Hall-Mounsey and Upper Campus Head of School Craig Floyd. Learn more about the construction progress and architectural details of this exciting building project.

Also on Vimeo, be sure to watch the wonderful short plays produced by our elementary students in "A Fandango of Fables."



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