



November 20, 2020

## Notes from Ojai Valley School

Dear OVS Families,

As we head out today for Thanksgiving Break, we want to thank you for your effort and hard work these past weeks to keep our community safe. We are grateful that Ojai Valley School remains an inspiring place for our students to live and learn. They have worked hard in the face of unprecedented challenges to get to this point, and we know they are eager to take a break.

We hope that this break will be a safe one. COVID-19 cases continue to rise and we urge families to carefully consider their Thanksgiving plans. As a reminder, all students must present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to in-person classes on December 3. Those test results should be emailed to [covidresults@ovs.org](mailto:covidresults@ovs.org). Remote classes will be held November 30 to December 2.

For our part, we both look forward to spending some quiet time at home next week. The weather in Ojai will be cool, which presents the perfect opportunity to sink into the couch with a good book or watch a favorite movie. Below are our combined Top 10 Favorite Feel-Good Family Films to enjoy while staying home.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break.



Craig Floyd,  
Head of School, Upper Campus



Laurie Clark,  
Head of School, Lower Campus

### Mr. Floyd's Favorite Family-Friendly Films

#### The Rookie – rated G

The Rookie is based on the true story of a 35-year-old chemistry teacher and baseball coach who makes it to the big leagues and discovers it's never too late for dreams to come true.

#### The Jungle Book – rated G

Based on Rudyard Kipling's book, The Jungle Book is the story of Mowgli, an abandoned child raised by wolves, whose existence is threatened by the tiger Shere Khan. This was my favorite movie as a child and since I've been



### Mrs. Clark's Favorite Family-Friendly Films

#### Moana – rated G

The story of a girl who's been raised to become the next leader of her people. Moana's quest is to find the exiled Maui and deliver him across the sea. Along the way, the mighty Maui mentors Moana on how to be a

married to Mrs. Floyd, we have named several of our animals after Jungle Book characters, including Mowgli, Bagheera and Balloo.

### **Field of Dreams – rated PG**

My favorite baseball movie chronicling the story of a farmer who built a baseball field in the middle of a cornfield. The film is set in Dyersville, Iowa, just a short distance away from where my son, Connor, went to play college baseball. Every time I visited Connor I would go to the set of Field of Dreams. I've had the opportunity to play many rounds of catch on the field with my sons and my wife.

### **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid – rated PG**

Starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman, this is one of the greatest western movies of all time, a classic from 1969. It is loosely based on the real story of outlaws Robert LeRoy Parker, known as Butch Cassidy, and his partner Harry Longabaugh, aka the Sundance Kid, who are on the run from authorities after a string of train robberies.

### **Pirates of the Caribbean – rated PG-13**

There are five films in this series. Binge watch them all! These fun and playful movies follow the adventures of Captain Jack Sparrow and his ship, the Black Pearl, as well as a colorful cast of swashbucklers, sea creatures and supernatural villains.

wayfinder, a voyager, as her people were meant to be. I love this movie because it empowers a young girl, and having a teenage daughter myself I find this so important. After living in the Caribbean for 10 years, this movie also reminds us of our former island home.

### **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971 version) – rated G**

Willy Wonka comes out of hiding to announce a contest for children to tour the factory. Charlie and other children enjoy adventures in the wacky candy factory. This is a movie I used to watch with my grandparents when we lived in Colorado and still to this day I dream of swimming in a chocolate river.

### **The Parent Trap – rated PG**

The story of twin girls separated at birth who meet up at summer camp and decide to switch places to trick their parents and try to get them back together. I have twin cousins that always tried to trick their parents. It never worked!

### **Back to the Future – rated PG**

This movie mixes science fiction with romantic comedy as teenager Marty McFly travels back to the 1950s via a DeLorean time machine. I love the scene where Marty flips the old-school scooter into a skateboard and everyone is in awe of his skills. (I also had a crush on Michael J. Fox.)

### **Bend it Like Beckham – rated PG-13**

Jess is a talented soccer player and wants to break her cultural traditions and parent expectations to follow her dream. This is an awesome movie because it shows a teenager believing in herself and having the guts to stand up to her parents and express her thoughts and beliefs. In the end, the parents listen to Jess because they too believe in their daughter's talent!

## **Turkey Trot and Food Drive**

Thank you to all the families who supported the annual Turkey Trot fundraiser at Lower Campus as well as the food drive initiated by the Student Council at Upper Campus. We saw nearly 100% participation at Lower, where students completed the traditional Turkey Trot in their P.E. classes this week. We will share photos after the break. At Upper, the junior class, led by class reps Alex Alvarez and Brody Moller (pictured), brought in the most food donations.



Your efforts will make a difference this year in supporting organizations like the Help of Ojai and the Humane Society of Ventura County by promoting the health, welfare and safety of people and animals in our community. Thank you!

## Lower Campus All-School

This week in Virtual All School #12 we learn about how 5th graders, Zooney Nishiya and Scotty Hatten (pictured) are trying to promote environmental sustainability, we celebrate student artwork, and we learn some fun facts about the creative talents and backgrounds of our faculty and student leaders.



## Thanksgiving and COVID-19

Reminder! [Free COVID-19 testing](#) is available at the Ventura County Fairgrounds and other sites in the county. No appointment is needed. The test is a PCR and a quickly self-administered swab to the nose. Results are usually within 2 days. Tests are available at Sarzotti Park in Ojai from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, November 30  
Monday, December 7  
Monday, December 14  
Monday, December 21  
Monday, December 28

### OJAI VALLEY SCHOOL Thanksgiving and COVID-19

We want everyone to have a fun, enjoyable and a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. But, we also want everyone to stay safe and remember that all of our actions impact the health of the community. Consider the following risk factors to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

**LOWEST RISK**

- Stay at home. Celebrate holidays only with members of your immediate family.
- Host a small gathering with family and friends.
- Shop early, online or at outdoor markets staying 6 feet apart from others.

**LOWER RISK**

- Host or attend a small outdoor gathering with family or friends who live in the same region, limited to 3 households. Gatherings that occur outdoors are significantly safer than indoor gatherings.
- Wash a mask and avoid close contact by staying 6 feet apart.
- Encourage attendees to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Travel only by private vehicles and only with members of your household.

**MODERATE RISK**

- Attend a larger outdoor gathering with people outside of your household. Consider only attendees in full compliance with local health orders and those 6 feet apart. The larger the gathering, the higher the risk.
- Travel by car or motorcycle with people outside your household.
- Shopping in crowded stores just before or after Thanksgiving.

**HIGHER RISK**

- Attend an indoor gathering with people from outside of your household where masks are not being worn and attendees are gathered within 6 feet of each other.
- Travel by airplane, bus, or other forms of mass transit where it is difficult to maintain social distancing.
- Travel to any public meeting or event where COVID-19 cases are spreading and close transmission poses a heightened risk.
- Come in contact with someone displaying symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, California Department of Public Health, Ventura County Public Health

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