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Odyssey High School's First Ever Prom!

OCHS will be holding its very first prom this year. The prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 8pm. The location of OCHS's prom is Alexis Park on East Harmon.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the OCHS front desk, \$50 per person or \$90 per couple. Space is limited to the first one-hundred guests to sign-up.

The event is exclusively for junior and senior students enrolled at OCHS. Underclassman and students from other schools are only allowed if brought as a guest of an OCHS student.

The deadline for ticket purchase is February 28.



Image of an Alexis Park Ball Room.

English Department Heading to A Midsummer Night's Dream

Participate in one of Odyssey's traditions: the trip to the Cheyenne Campus theater at CCSN to see Shakespeare performed by a professional troupe from the Utah Shakespeare Festival.

The play is a comedy and the favorite of everyone : **Midsummer's Night Dream**

You won't find a better way to spend a morning, then to see these young actors perform live, and it is all free. If you have classes at Odyssey that morning, you will be excused to attend the play.

The event takes place Thursday, February 8, 2007. Students will meet at OCHS and travel via bus to the CCSN

Cheyenne Campus. Busses leave at 8am and return at 12 noon.

To sign up pick up a permission slip and sign the list at the OCHS front desk. Only the first eighty students signed up will be allowed to attend.

Workshop participants will also sign the workshop list at the front desk. Choice of workshops: (1) Stage Combat; (2) Character Development through Improvisation; (3) Shakespearean Text through Performance. Twenty spaces available per workshop.

The workshops will occur after the play. Non-

participants will be invited to remain in the auditorium during that hour.

The workshops are optional for play goers, but students will receive substantial extra credit in Applied Communication if they participate in a workshop.

Extra credit in all English classes will also be given to students attending the play. See your English teacher for individual extra credit details.

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Benohoud By Brandon Brown

I recently conducted an interview with Mr. Monsef Benohoud . I learned some very interesting facts about him. He has traveled all over the world. When I was interviewing Mr. Monsef, I asked him many questions.

As we all know Mr. Monsef is not from America. He actually grew up in Africa. That makes him African American. The name of the country he was born is called Morocco. The only reason Mr. Monsef came to America is to learn English. He currently knows 5 languages.

The last time he saw his family in Morocco was last Christmas. Mr. Monsef has now lived in Las Vegas for eight years. He had to learn English when he first arrived. It wasn't really difficult for him, because he was so determined to do it.

In all of the places in the world, Mr. Monsef says that his favorite country is Spain. And that sums up my interview with Mr. Monsef.



Mr. Benohoud teaches Spanish I and Spanish II for OCHS.



Irritating School Emails By Anonymous Student

I think we have a problem with the kids sending e-mails. A lot are writing about nonsense, stuff that doesn't even have to do with school. They send everyone in their class an e-mail that says "Add me on Myspace."

What does that have to do with school? If someone wanted to find you that bad, they could just go to our school Myspace page and add them there.

There should be something that sends their e-mails to someone here first, and if they approve it, then send it to whoever it was e-mailed to.

This is school, not a hook-up place.' Students shouldn't be worrying about that. I mean, sure we need to make friends, but don't send e-mails over UCompass that are talking about your Myspace page.

PLEASE NOTE: *You may make yourself invisible to other students in Ucompass. This will limit the contact other students can have with you. See your homeroom teacher*

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not a hook-up
place."*



Interested in getting together with other OCHS students?

Join the Teen Entertainment Committee (TEC) and plan OCHS events with other students!

See Mr. Meier for more details, or email him at mmeier@odysseyk12.org.

Advice from an OCHS Student

By Alyssa Johnson

I will openly confess that I'm a geek. When I switched to Odyssey however, this stopped being something to be embarrassed about (do you have any clue how hard other girl geeks are to find?) and became an advantage instead. There are lots of online applications that allow you to manage your assignments at Odyssey. Some of the following are the ones I use the most.

1. Google Docs & Spreadsheets (<http://docs.google.com>) is a free online text editor similar to Microsoft Word (I'm even typing up this article in it). It allows you to save in multiple formats, including Microsoft Word's document format. In order to use it you have to register at the site. If you're using the Firefox browser there's also Ajax Write (ajaxwrite.com), which doesn't require a registration.

2. WebGraphing.com is a free graphing calculator (although, once again, you have to register). It has a variety of calculators that function well and can do a wide range of applications. I know it saved me from having to buy my own graphing calculator when I'd be hit with all of these insane graphing problems in Algebra II. I'm still flunking, but that's not WebGraphing.com's fault.

3. I don't know about any of you, but the Odyssey school planner never has enough room for me to write everything I need to. Remember The Milk (rememberthemilk.com) is an online task editor that is very flexible and doesn't waste as much paper. You can use it to keep track of your school assignments. Hive Minder (hiveminder.com) is another nice program.

None of these require you

to download anything, but if I did recommend at least one thing for you to download it would be the Firefox browser (<http://www.mozilla.com/en-US/firefox/>). It's superior to Internet Explorer in usability, customization, and security. Firefox allows you to download extensions (add-ons that improve your browsing experience) and themes that change the appearance of your browser. There's one catch though: Odyssey doesn't provide support for Firefox and Tegrity won't run in it. However, you can circumvent most of these problems by downloading the extension IE Tab (<https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/1419/>) that will run Internet Explorer inside of Firefox. If that fails you can just use IE momentarily for what you need to do. If you feel up to making the switch (I promise you won't regret it)



“There are lots of online applications that allow you to manage your assignments at Odyssey.”

Dear Abby: I'm having this problem with dealing with this boy I like. I want to see him more but he works almost all day and I hardly get to speak or see him and I was wondering, is it a good idea to still be with him or should I break up with him?

Dear Student: Working is a part of life. You may really miss this guy when he is working, but as long as it is not an excuse he is using to not be with you, then you should stick it out. Make sure you tell him that not seeing him is hurting you. Perhaps if he knew your concerns, he could work his schedule more around when the two of you could be together.



Email your questions to Abby at odysseyreview@yahoo.com

Student Writing Corner

*I am a star in the sky
I wonder how it feels to be below, below the night sky
I hear the whispering winds through the night
I see the life I have before me
I want to be the brightest star
I pretend to be the queen of them all
I feel my normality fall
I touch others by my words
I worry I might lose my shine
I cry when I see a star fall behind
I am a star in the sky
I understand the meaning of life
I say stay on top and never stop
I dreaming of being everything
I try to stay humble
I hope to float up high
I am a star in the sky
By: Dominique Walker*

She was supposed to

She was supposed to stay
She was supposed to be here
She was supposed to make me laugh
when I felt like this
She wasn't supposed to make me hurt
She was supposed to say goodbye
She was supposed to say I love you
I was supposed to hug her
and say I love you too
I was supposed to be ready when she left
What am I going to do?
I feel so helpless
you said you wouldn't leave like this
When are you coming back?
Will you ever come back?
Please don't leave me
Come and say you'll never go
at least not like this
You I could talk to for hours
We could hang out and laugh the whole time
When you were mad I'd listen
Listen to me now.
If you never come back
I wish for you to dream
I wish for you to hope
I wish for you to always know I'm here
By Melody Rivera

I hate the way you make me feel,
When you go away.
You always leave me wanting more,
You leave my mind astray.
I wish the thought of you would leave my mind,
I wish I didn't always think of next time.
I wish I would've never met you in the first
place
You've helped me become a disgrace.
My mind is no longer what it once was,
Nor my body or soul.
You've taken them and distorted them,
To where they are no longer whole.
I wish you would just leave,
Get out of my life forever..
So I could move on with my life,
And think of you never..
It seems as if I'd tried it all,
At least a thousand times.
And to think it all seemed so small,
It was just a few lines.
A few lines turned into a few bowls,
A few turned into more and more..
Now, all I want is a little control.
So leave already,
You're not wanted here.
The relationship we have is just too deadly,
I no longer want you near.
At once you brought me eternal bliss,
I never wanted you to go away.
Now, I want to get rid of you..
I promise you won't be missed....
By: Sarah Philips

I look at her and I see a smile,
I look at her and I see grace,
So why exactly do I feel so far away from
this place?

I look at him and I see his eyes,
I look at him and I see joy,
So why can't I be like that boy?

I look at the world around me and I see people,
I look at them and I see joy,
I think that it's time that happened to this
little boy.
By: Louis Bornstein