

*Welcome*  
*to*  
*Oak Middle School*



**2019 Parent Tour Handbook**

Educating, empowering and encouraging every student, every day!

Oak Lions...Hear Us Roar!



## ***Meet Oak's Administration Team***

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## ***General Information***

### **Save the Dates**

**WEB (Student Orientation) – July 30, 2019**

**Registration (on site) – July 30 (6<sup>th</sup> gr)**

**Lion Pride Kick Off- August 5<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.**

### **Calendar Dates for 2019-2020**

First Day of School – August 7

Last Day of School – May 28

No School:

September 2nd, 2019 (Labor Day)

November 1, 2019 (Teacher Training Day)

November 11, 2019 (Veteran's Day)

November 25-29, 2019 (Thanksgiving Break)

December 23-January 7, 2020 (Winter Break)

January 6, 2020 (Teacher Grading Day)

January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King Day)

February 17-21, 2020 (Mid Winter Break)

March 20, 2020 (Teacher Training)

April 13-17, 2020 (Spring Break )

May 25, 2020 (Memorial Day)

# *The Day of a Lion*

## Regular Bell Schedule

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Period 0 .....	7:50 – 8:35
Period 1 .....	8:40 – 9:25
Period 2 .....	9:30 – 10:20
Period 3 .....	10:25 – 11:10
Period 4 .....	11:15 – 12:00
Lunch 1 (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) .....	12:00 – 12:30
Period 5 (7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) .....	12:05 – 12:50
Lunch 2 (7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grades).....	12:50 – 1:20
Period 5 (6 <sup>th</sup> grade).....	12:35 – 1:20
Period 6 .....	1:25 – 2:10
Period 7 .....	2:15 – 3:00

## Early Release Bell Schedule

(Wednesday)

Period 0 .....	7:50 – 8:35
Period 1 .....	8:40 – 9:17
Period 2 .....	9:22 – 10:00
Period 3 .....	10:05 – 10:42
Period 4 .....	10:47 – 11:24
Lunch 1 (6 <sup>th</sup> grade).....	11:24 – 11:54
Period 5 (7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grade).....	11:29 – 12:06
Lunch 2 (7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> grade).....	12:06 – 12:36
Period 5 (6 <sup>th</sup> grade) .....	11:59 – 12:36
Period 6 .....	12:41 – 1:18
Period 7 .....	1:23 – 2:00



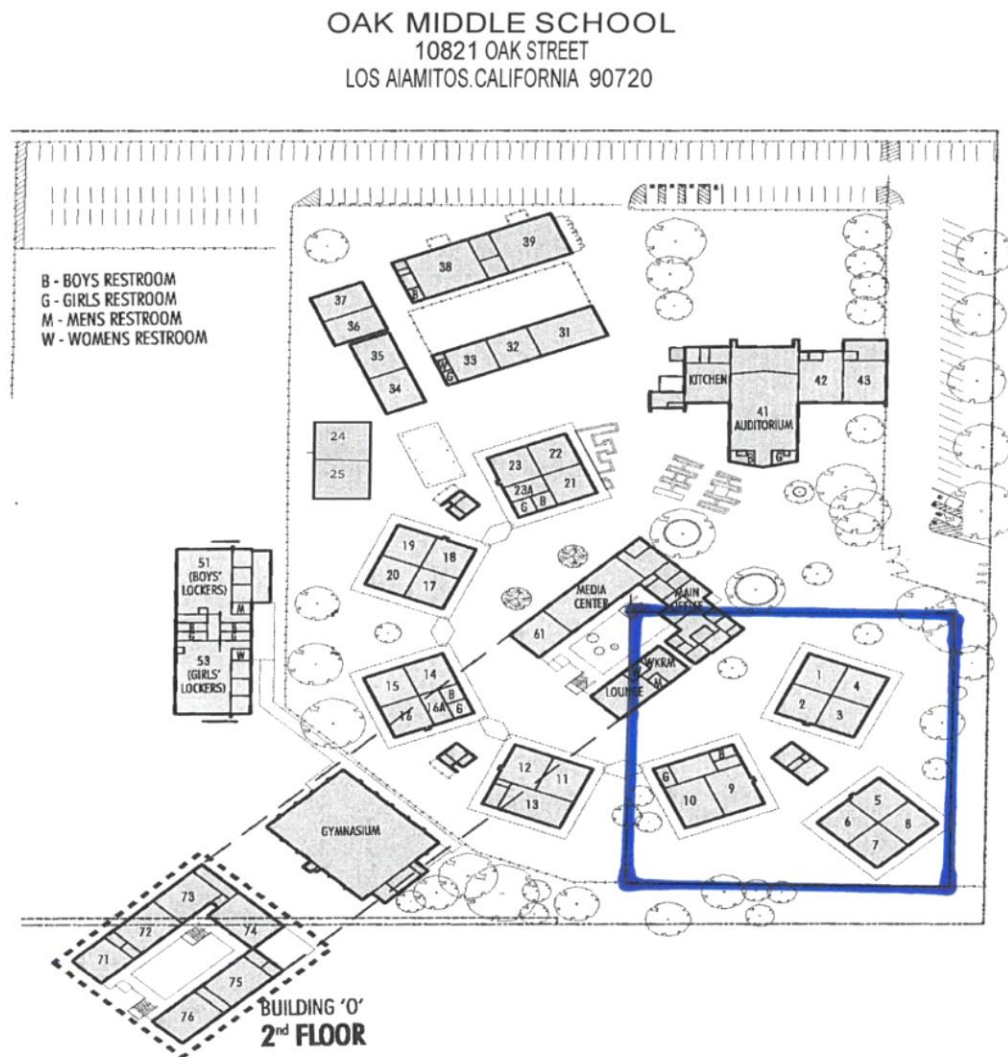
Fridays are music and dancing  
at lunch!!

*HEAR US ROAR!!!!*

\*\*\* We offer “0” period interventions and PE classes to allow students to have an elective and an intervention class.

## Oak's Campus

The classrooms are grouped together by grade level for student convenience. Student lockers are also grouped together by grade level. Rooms 1-12 (the rectangle) are all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes and lockers.



## ***Curriculum and Instruction***

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Offerings

- Next Generation of Science Standards (NGSS)
- Language Arts
- Math
- Physical Education
- Reading
- Social Studies
- Elective

### Honors and College Prep Classes are Offered

- Students are offered two different course levels: College Prep and Honors
- Curriculum puts students on track to be A-G ready when they enter Los Alamitos High School
- Several support opportunities exist to ensure student success
- Special Education courses support student's individualized needs
- Honors Core- Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies
  - Honors Math - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Accelerated Math

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ◆ Band
  - Beginning or Advanced Band
  - Jazz band – By audition
  - Beginning or Advanced Orchestra
- ◆ Choir
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Showmen
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Showtime
- ◆ Maker Tech
- ◆ Exploratory Wheel (six week rotation)
  - Art/Robotics/Drama/Ukulele



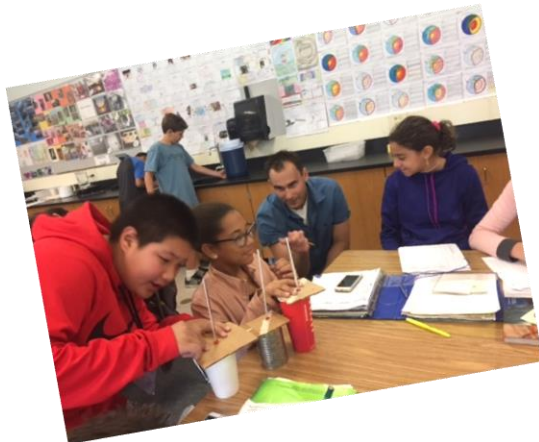
## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ✓ Art
- ✓ Band: Beginning or Advanced Band, Jazz Band, Beginning or Advanced Orchestra
- ✓ Choir: Showcase, ShowMen, Showtime, ShowStars
- ✓ Engineering Design, Code and Game Design
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ Foreign Languages: Spanish, French (LAHS), Japanese (LAHS)
- ✓ Yearbook

# ***Student Achievement***

## **Support Systems and Interventions**

- Staff Mentor Program
- D and F Grade Support Systems
- Academic Labs in Reading, Math, and Study Skills
- Learning Lab (Homework Club)
- Student Study Teams
- Non proficient student conferences with 1:1 counseling on specific interventions to boost learning
- Reading/writing and math intervention periods



## Student Activities

- Career Café lunches
- Student Leadership (ASB)
- WEB (Where Everybody Belongs)
- Yearbook
- Intramural Sports at lunch
- Clubs
- Philanthropic Projects
- Field Trips
- Drama Productions
- Musical Productions
- Dances and Socials
- Lunchtime activities





### Service Opportunities at Oak

Students have the chance to participate in different philanthropic endeavors during the year.

Past opportunities include: Holiday food drives, Support for our troops, Pet Supply donations for the SPCA, Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

### Oak Students are Physically Active

In addition to participating in PE every day at Oak students also get a chance to participate in Sports Clubs before school and participate in Intramural Sports at lunch. Intramural sports include Basketball Soccer, Flag Football, Home Run Derby, Skills competitions and many more.



## ***Student Recognition***

### **Oak Lions are Doing Great Things!**

Academic Awards (900 students on honor roll)

Honor Roll (3.5+ GPA)

Principal's List (4.0 GPA)

Lion Pride Awards

Recognizing stand-out students

PAW Passes

Awarded for students going above and beyond to help others and monthly prize drawings.

Monthly Awards

P.A.C.E - Pursuing Academic and Character Excellence

B.R.A.V.O. - Improvement in academics or attitude and Academic Achievement (great job in class)

Community Service Awards

Awards given out by community organizations for students who go above and beyond to help their community.



## ***Transitioning to Middle School***

WEB - Where Everyone Belongs

- New Student Orientation before school begins (July 30, 2019)
- Eighth Grade Mentorship
- Tours of the campus
- Help with lockers and locks

CORE Class - students have their Reading and Language Arts classes back-to-back.

6th Grade academic classes are all located in the same “pods” and classrooms are grouped together.

Sixth graders have their own lunch period to help acclimate to middle school.

Our full-time Counselor and School Psychologist will support and aide students as they transition from elementary school to middle school.

Full-time Library and Media Center Services

Full-time Health-care Services

Transportation is parent paid and provided for Seal Beach and Los Alamitos. You may pay annually or by the semester and have the option of one way or round trip. The cost is prorated by the number of children in the family riding the bus.

The Outpost is located on Oak’s campus and The Los Alamitos Youth Center is located next door as options for before and after school care.

### ***Parent Involvement***

#### Ways to get involved at Oak

- PTA meets the second Tuesday of every month
- New Parent Night
- Back to School Night
- GATE Parent Advisory Council
- Open House
- School Site Council
- Volunteers in the classrooms and Media Center
- PAW Prints



## Communication

- Website: [www.losal.org/oak](http://www.losal.org/oak)
- Lion's Roar weekly newsletter sent Sunday at 7:00 PM
- School Messenger (phone calls and emails)
- AERIES Browser Internet (ABI) - online grading system
- Progress Reports every six weeks
- Report Cards twice a year
- Parent Conferences in November and April
- E-mail
- Phone Calls
- Twitter - @OakLions



***Become one of the Pride!***