



Performing Arts 2022-23 Welcome Newsletter

Welcome back to both new and returning Music, Dance, Drama and Performing Arts students!

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Stay informed!

Information about our program is available on our website - www.ocvipa.com

Students will join the PA Department Google Classroom. Join code: **rh5ftsy**

Students and Parents/Guardians may join Remind - join code is: **@ahfdhf** (instructions in Dept. G.C.)

PA Instagram - **@ocvipa**

PAC (Performing Arts Council)

Student leadership is essential to the running of our program! Students are empowered to organize and support many events in the PA department. The students run our PA Instagram and our website. They run spirit events, create spirit wear, and assist with fundraisers and the running of performances.

If you are new to O'Neill or missed joining in the spring, please attend a meeting to join a committee. PAC meets Wednesdays at lunch in room 210.

OMPAPA (O'Neill Music and Performing Arts Parents' Association)

Parental/Guardian support is essential and appreciated! The association's role is to assist with fundraising, events, production crew assistance and advocacy for our PA program.

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, September 22nd, 7pm. **All Parents/Guardians Social** (Library)

We have an on-going fundraiser through Fundscrip where you can purchase gift cards from gas to groceries and more! Visit www.fundscrip.com and enter the code: TDZE3G to support our program.

Join the OMPAPA Facebook group to connect with other parents. You must agree to the terms to join this private group.

****Please communicate questions and concerns directly with teachers via email. ****

Upcoming events **MAY** occasionally be posted on Facebook, but will **ALWAYS** be posted on our website.

Event Dates

We are in the process of selecting dates for various events this year. Please transfer all dates to your shared calendar to ensure conflicts are avoided. Check the website for updates. Dates may change.

Rehearsal Schedule

The rehearsal schedule is posted in the Department Google Classroom and on our website. Success is dependent upon a consistent commitment from **all** students involved. Please avoid scheduling appointments during rehearsals. For school conflicts, communicate with the leaders of each activity to reach a compromise.

Participation in extra-curricular ensembles develops soft skills such as:

- Effective communication skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Teamwork
- Dependability
- Adaptability
- Leadership

We highly recommend joining as many ensembles as one can effectively balance.

Memories are created that will last a lifetime!

Instrument Loan/Rental/Purchase

Regular home practice is integral to achieving success. We are fortunate to have many instruments that are serviced annually to keep in excellent condition which we can loan out. Conversely, we can provide you with information if you wish to rent or purchase an instrument.

Course Fees

Fees off-set the cost of special workshops and performances, guest artists, festival entries, busing, repairs, materials (sheet music, scripts, costumes, make-up, sound and lighting equipment). This is NOT an instrument rental fee.

Grade 9 and 10 Open Instrumental Courses: \$25

Open Senior Drama Courses: \$30

Auditioned Performing Arts Courses: \$30 per course (dual course program, therefore, \$60)

We ask that the fee be paid by **Friday September 30th** using School Cash On-line.

Uniforms

All students are provided with an O'Neill PA t-shirt. Black bottoms and black shoes are your responsibility. No ripped jeans or track pants.

Senior ensembles will be required to obtain Dress Blacks. More information to follow.

Spirit Wear (<https://oneillperformingartsprogram.entripyshops.com/>)

We have many designs from which to choose. Spirit Wear makes a great present!

- Visit [ENTRIPYSHOPS.COM](https://oneillperformingartsprogram.entripyshops.com/)
- Search your organization - O'Neill Performing Arts Program