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*The Oak Bay High School Alumni Association Newsletter*

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## CALENDAR

### Athletics:

<b>Nov 30</b>	Alumni Basketball	see website
<b>Dec 10-12</b>	Gary Taylor Basketball Classic	see website

### Fine Arts

<b>Dec 1</b>	Holiday Band Concert	7:00pm Theatre
<b>Dec 8</b>	Holiday Choral Concert	7:00pm Theatre

### New School Planning:

<b>Dec 5</b>	Community Visioning Day	10:00am East Gym
<b>Feb 10</b>	Forum by Alumni Assoc, followed by AGM	2:00pm Library

For more information, please visit our web site at <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca>

## *New School Edition*

\$52.3 million dollars has been placed in trust for the construction of a new Oak Bay High School and planning for the new school is a "go". A key element of this planning is ensuring that all stakeholders will have a full opportunity to provide informed and considered input. As our valued alumni, we welcome your engagement and your ideas, preferences and concerns. Please watch our website and newsletters for parent and community consultation dates and times over the next few months, as well as for continuous planning and construction updates as the project proceeds. Thanks for working with us to design an outstanding and innovative new facility for our youth and our community, as we strive to bring our school into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century while retaining the best of Oak Bay High's community spirit and traditions of excellence.



### 2009/2010 Goals:

Particularly in light of the proposed rebuilding of the school, it is important that we have an active and engaged Alumni Association.

**See page two for how to help!**

### Next Reunions:

- Sept 11, 2010 Class of '60 (see Alumni page on school website)
- Class of 1980 not set a date (contact: Carole Ireland: [carole.ireland@shaw.ca](mailto:carole.ireland@shaw.ca))

## Toward a New Oak Bay High School:

'Bringing our school into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century—Keeping the best of our community spirit and traditions of excellence'

### Planning Process So Far:

- A 9 person Steering Committee has been created to guide the process
- To begin to explore possibilities and to broaden input, we have held two Focus Group meetings with about 40 people whom represent a broad spectrum of school, community, student, parent and alumni groups

### Consensus So Far:



- First and foremost, it is a school with the focus on 21st Century education and what is in the best interests of students
- We wish to maintain and enhance the traditions and heritage of the school
- Achieve LEED Gold environmental standards as a minimum

- Create a tighter connection (partnerships and year-round access) between the school and other community groups/facilities



### Possibilities

- We need to fundraise in order to be able to build a Fine and Performing Arts Centre worthy of our program, our students and the community
- There is the possibility of partnering with community groups and levels of government to build shared learning spaces:
  - a lit, turf field,
  - a community/school library
  - improvements to Bowker Creek,
  - parking for bikes as well as cars,
  - Day Care/Seniors Care facilities.
- We also wish to commission a traffic flow study to ensure that access to and from the site will be safe and efficient.

### Next Steps

- **On December 5, we will hold a Visioning Day** for the general public and interested alumni. The day will be from 10:00am until 2:00pm and will be in the East gym. Please keep

an eye on our website for more information and to register online.

- In February, the Alumni Association has committed to hosting an evening public forum. Watch our website for more information and for how you can become involved.



### Make your Alumni Assoc. a Winner!

As you know, with a tradition of excellence and innovation, Oak Bay High School is respected and loved by students, parents, and the community, as well as by our alumni.

#### We need your support and input!

An active and vibrant Alumni Assoc. are "**Stewards**" of the school and we need to take a strong role in supporting it, particularly as a new school is planned. Please step-up:

- Join us @ our monthly meetings
- Forward this newsletter to other alumni and supporters
- Help us grow our email database to 1000 plus
- Connect with us: John Falkins (jfalkins@telus.net)

Next Meeting: Feb 6, 2010

- 2:00—4:00 Community Forum re New School
- 4:30—5:30 Alumni Assoc. AGM

**ALL WELCOME!**

Next Issues:

- January 2010
- April 2010

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