



Oak Leaf

Update on our New School

The existing Oak Bay High is an amalgamation of the original Oak Bay Secondary school (built in 1929) and the Oak Bay Junior High (built in 1953).

The BC Government and the Greater Victoria School district broke ground for the new Oak Bay High School on Friday July 5th, 2013.

The new school, built to accommodate 1,300 students in grades 9 through 12, will be designed and built by Farmer Construction Ltd. of Victoria. The building has a projected cost of \$52.5 million including \$1 million from the District of Oak Bay for a performing arts facility and \$1 million from the School Board for the international school program.

The school will also host an on site Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) that will serve the residents of Oak Bay with programs for teens, a day care facility for preschoolers and other services for the community.

The new building will be a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification and is expected to be complete by August 2015 and will generate 100+ full time jobs for a 2 year period.



"Oak Bay High is a great example of our vision for B.C. schools, where the school is part of the community and the community is part of the school. It will be a place where students can gain the skills they need to succeed in the future and residents can access the performing arts theatre and a wide range of services at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre."

Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education

http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2013-2017/2013EDUC0063-001051.htm

Alumni Wine and Cheese Social

The Alumni Association hosted a wine and cheese social in late September. It was a tremendous success with more than 150 Alumni joining us in the cafeteria of the high school to share memories and reconnect with old friends, with representation spanning from the class of 1944 through to the class of 2010. We were treated to an update from, Hughs Condon Marler Architects (HCMA), working with Farmer

Construction complete with recent renderings of the proposed school. The Archive room was made available, many thanks to Twyla Thomson as well as to the Oak Bay Band who generously donated a wonderful jazz trio to entertain us.

Through this process our mailing list has now grown to more than 1000 names!

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Oak Bay Athletics, a "Banner Year" in review

It was an exceptional year for the Oak Bay Athletics program bringing home no less than 3 BC Championship titles to add to an already impressive collection of pennants showcasing the excellence that is an Oak Bay tradition for all to see in the East Gym.

The AAA Boys Volleyball team, coached by teacher Mr. Allan Carmichael, capped off an impressive 65-1 season and won their second consecutive and third overall BC Championship title last year. They were led by grade 12 Lars Borneman who was named the tournament MVP for the second year in a row.

<http://blogs.theprovince.com/2011/12/06/victorias-oak-bay-caps-stellar-season-with-b-c-triple-a-volleyball-title-win-over-earl-marriott/>

The Boys Cross Country team, coached by teacher Ms. Tessa Kubicek, won their second consecutive and eighth overall BC Championship title last year. Grade 11 Liam Kennell led the way with a individual bronze medal performance.

<http://www.vicnews.com/sports/177966631.html>

Combined Track and Field, coached by teacher Mr. Mike Sheffer, won the BC championship for the tenth time last June. This is the second most championship titles in the history of the BC meet trailing only Burnaby Central's record of 16.

<https://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/programs-courses/departments/athletics/>

Upcoming events

The "Barbs" rugby team edition 2014 is preparing for the third tour in the programs history, and the most ambitious to date.

During the Spring Break they will be flying south to Argentina for a 17 day, 5 game tour of the South American rugby playing nation. Stops include, Buenos Aires, Rosario, San Antonio de Areco and Tandil. They will finish the tour with a visit to one of the natural wonders of the world, the Iguazu Falls!

Best of luck!

Fundraiser for the Replacement of Timmy the bus

The Oak Bay Firefighters Charitable Foundation announced in May that it would donate its efforts to replacing Timmy, the 17-year old school bus.

The estimated replacement cost for a new bus is pegged at between \$70,000 and \$90,000. Greg Swan, an ex Oak Bay Grad, is the executive director of the foundation and on June 7th they hosted their first fundraising event.

More than 100 people attended a gala dinner at the Victoria Golf Club which raised \$30,000! The funds were raised in part by ticket sales to the dinner and the rest through a bus auction.

Included with dinner was live music from the Stephanie Greaves Trio and attendees were treated to a keynote address from

Don Horwood who coached the Bays Basketball team from 1969—1978. During his time at Oak Bay Don's teams appeared in the Provincial Championship final game 5 straight times between 1973-1978, winning the Championship 3 times in 1973, 1974 and 1977.



Pictures from Alumni Social



What are the Alumni doing now?

Bronwyn Taylor, class of '68

I attended OB Junior High for grades 7-10, so more of my memories are from that time than my two years at the Senior High. I belonged to the Badminton Club, Swim Team, 25 Mile Club, Dance Club, and I sold milk in the cafeteria at lunchtime. My favorite teacher was Linda Munro--grade 7 Social Studies. I also remember all the hard work that went into staging "Snow White". My first venture into politics was helping on the campaign to have a friend elected as class president.

After graduation I undertook a Bachelor of Education degree at UVic. which lead to 35 years teaching in the Sooke School District. My assignments were mostly in special education, interspersed with regular class teaching at the primary level. Fairly early in my career I got involved with the Sooke Teachers' Association in various capacities, serving on the Executive for 30 years, including 4 years as President.

I was also a member of several BC Teachers' Federation committees, such as the Pension Plan Advisory Committee and the Teacher Qualification Service Board, as well as 3 times sitting on Search Committees for Deans of Education at UVic.

Since retiring in June 2007, I volunteer for many municipal and community groups. My friends often tell me I'm too busy for a retired person, but I enjoy all I do and it provides structure to my days. The luxury of being a volunteer rather than an employee is that you can stop when something is no longer enjoyable or rewarding.



Join us for our Annual General Meeting

The Oak Bay Alumni Association invites you to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday February 25th, in the East Building Library, located on the second floor and entrance will be through the West Side of the building. Parking is available in the rear of the building facing Bowker Creek.

The Agenda will be as follows:

- Message from the President
- Message from the Treasurer
- Message from the Secretary

- Election of the Executive
- Nominations and election of Members at Large

For more information please visit us at:
<http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/>

Oak Bay rises to the top for the Cops for Cancer fundraiser

Oak Bay high has a long history of fundraising for worthy causes and the Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock is no exception. This has been a tradition for more than a decade thanks to the efforts of then Oak Bay students Wendy Plint and Niki Hodgkinson.

The Tour de Rock raises money for pediatric cancer research and programs for children with a history of cancer. The Tour de Rock team of 21 cycles from one end of Vancouver Island to the other, over 14 days, covering 1,000 kilometres

The fundraising started as soon as classes were back in session in September with 15 events taking place that range from bottle drives, dunk tanks, car washes and head shaving.

True to form Oak Bay High exceeded it's goal of \$25,000 and last years fundraising efforts of \$46,000 and presented the Tour de Rock team with a cheque for \$56,118.

Well done!



Organization

THE OAK BAY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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www.oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/alumni

We are on the web @
[http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/
home/alumni/](http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/)

The Oak Bay Alumni Association has officially arrived on Social Media:

The Oak Bay Alumni Association continues to look for volunteers to sit on our executive. We meet quarterly for 1 hour and would truly appreciate having some new faces join in.

Email us at: oakbayalumni@gmail.com

Linked in: [http://www.linkedin.com/groups?
viewMembers=&gid=4399160&sik=1358636792937](http://www.linkedin.com/groups?viewMembers=&gid=4399160&sik=1358636792937)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Oak-Bay-High-
School-Alumni-Association/473579245995473?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome#!/pages/Oak-Bay-High-School-Alumni-Association/473579245995473?fref=ts)

We will also continue to be linked with the soon to be refreshed Oak High School Website: <http://oakbay.sd61.bc.ca/home/alumni/>

The Alumni Association continues to look for people to become a Class Representative. This will allow us to grow our data base and enable us to help with Grad Reunions. Please consider helping us out.

Dates to Remember

General:

Feb 25 Oak Bay Alumni Association AGM. Everyone Welcome.

Class of 64
50 year reunion, July 11-12

Fine Arts

Nov 19
Strings Concert, 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

Dec 2
Ukelele Concert 7pm, West Auditorium

Dec 3
Winter Band concert 7pm, West Auditorium

Dec 7
Oak Bay Band & Choir. Estevan Village

December 26
Informal gathering at the Snug 2-4 (Oak Bay Beach Hotel)

Jan 21 & 22 Evenings of Dance 7 pm , West Auditorium

Feb 12 Band Concert 7:00 pm, West Auditorium

Feb 21-23 & 26-28 School Musical 7 pm , West Auditorium

