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ORHS Community Foundation Annual Update

The ORHS Community Foundation's

Mission

"To support and enhance Oak Ridge

High School and the El Dorado Hills

Community by promoting interscholastic,

academic, and cultural programs as well

as capital improvements that promote

continual learning."

Success Stories

- Mobile Science Computer Lab -\$27,000
- Band Instruments,
 Equipment, and
 Activities Funding \$5,000
- ORHS Student Scholarships -\$5,250
- Teacher Grants -\$4,200
- Replacement
 Fencing/Ticket
 Booths \$50,000
- Concessions
 Building and Restrooms \$100,000
- Scoreboard and
 All Weather Track
 \$400,000
- Campus Quad Expansion and Improvements-\$60,000
- Stadium Seating Replacement -\$225,000 (collaboration with the Sports Boosters and the School District)



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Your Foundation at Work!

We are proud to provide this summary of the progress and future goals of the Oak Ridge High School Community Foundation as we work in partnership with the school and community. Our team of Directors, volunteers, parents, and administrators looks for your

continued support to help us provide ORHS students with an environment and education that embodies excellence in all areas of our school. The foundation was formed over 10 years ago with great foresight

to assist in funding projects that could not be funded by the local high school district or the state. While we can be proud of the existing facility and the superb education our children receive, there is a constant need to improve the facility and expand available programs and resources. Investing in the financial health of our schools and community is especially important

during these times when State and Federal funding is scarce and unpredictable. As community members, it is our right and responsibility to ensure our youth have the tools they need to reach their full potential. State of the art facilities and programs at Oak

Ridge High School will help the school meet its mission to develop academically strong students who care about their world and are inspired to be life - long learners. The Oak Ridge High School Community Foundation has made

great strides to achieve its facility improvement goals and, with your help we see new opportunities to expand our support and resources to benefit all areas of the academic, cultural and athletic experiences at Oak Ridge High School.



ORHS Excellence

- 2011 School API Score of 879 (top 7% in State)
- 94% of Graduates pursue college education
- 529 students took advanced placement (AP) tests in 2011
- 17 athletic scholarships offered in 2011
- More than 500
 academic
 scholarships over the
 last 3 years
- 80% of student body involved in extracurricular programs
- 47% of the student body participate on athletic teams
- Nearly 50% or our students participate in drama and visual performing arts programs
- Over 45% of the student body annually supports local charities and non-profit organizations with community service



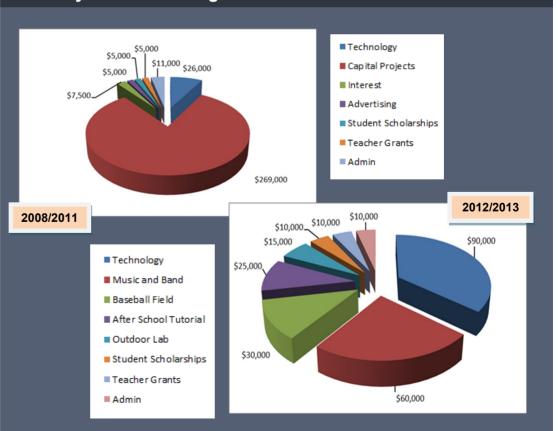


Meeting the Needs -

A Ten Year Record of Success

Since its inception in 2001, the Foundation has assisted ORHS and its students by raising and donating *more than \$1.0 million* to a variety of educational needs. These needs include capital improvement projects, science & technology resources, music program equipment, teacher grants and student scholarships. Many of these projects were collaborative in nature and done in partnership with financial assistance from the school district and other groups like the ORHS Sports Boosters. Where possible, we leverage donated funds through volunteer efforts and obtain matching funds from parents, corporations, foundations, alumni, and other sources.

Where your dollars go...



Over 97% of funding goes to projects!



A Look to the Future...

"Excellence in education and facilities can only continue with the support of the community.
... your efforts will help us ensure our students are well prepared for their future."

- Steve Wehr, Principal ORHS

Your Continuing Help Is Needed –

A real concern is that ongoing budget cuts will mean fewer classes, fewer services and fewer students getting the higher education they need to succeed.

With statewide tax revenues and budgets at the lowest levels in decades, the funding and highly valuable programs available to our students will continue to face cuts and possible elimination.

To offset this trend, the foundation will raise the necessary funds and build on the strong base of support demonstrated by our community over the years. We have a goal to raise \$250,000 over the next 12 months to fulfill a number of opportunities for educational advancement. While we feel these are critical needs for ORHS, we understand that we must be in alignment with the desire of the greater El Dorado Hills community. As such, we are scheduling a series of focus groups composed of a cross section of our community. These focus groups will help to ensure we are targeting the projects that are valued and embraced by current, former and future parents of ORHS students. Tentatively identified projects include:

Classroom Technology

Add Smartboards and instructional software in 9 -10 additional classrooms.

Cost: \$90.000

Music and Band Programs

Provide each student participating in our music programs with the proper equipment.

Cost: \$60,000.

After School Tutorial Program

Initiate a teacher-led academic assistance program for students needing extra help.

Cost: \$25,000

Outdoor Laboratory Feasibility Study

Explore the possibility of developing an outdoor science laboratory.

Cost: \$15,000

Varsity Baseball Field Repairs

Improve the safety and usefulness of the varsity baseball field. Upgrade the backstop, bullpens and fencing and address critical safety issues.

Cost: \$30,000

Student Scholarships

Expand the number of student scholarships provided each year. Annual Cost: \$10,000

Teacher Grants

Continue funding the Teacher Grant Program and reward teachers and programs that add to the academic experience and push the boundaries

for excellence.

Annual Cost: \$10,000

Haley Adams,

2012 Grad, Accepted to Yale University

"The Oak Ridge High School community has provided me endless opportunities to grow as student and leader. I am thankful for all the wonderful experiences I have had over the past four years."

Alex Kosinki,

2009 Grad, University of Oregon Track & Field

"Oak Ridge provided me the skills that I needed to be successful both academically and athletically at the college level. Being well prepared in highs school made the transition to college much smoother."



Community Input

Identifying the needs of Oak Ridge takes many forms. To insure our goals are aligned with the greater El Dorado Hills community, we will be conducting focus group sessions over the coming weeks. If you would like to participate in one of these sessions, please let us know by contacting Bev Bock at:

Bev.bock@hotmail.com



We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.

- Winston Churchill

A number of vehicles are available for you to help us meet our funding goals!

Annual Family Giving Program – goal of 50% participation

<u>Vitamin Level</u> - we all need our vitamins and a dollar a day for every school day (\$200 a year) would generate \$80,000 annually. (400 families or 25% of ORHS families participating.)

Coffee Level - many of the various coffee drinks cost \$5 and for every school day that would mean \$1,000 annually. Donating at this level would bring in \$400,000 annually to directly support our school. (400 families or 25% of ORHS families participating.)

Foundation Golf Tournament

The ORHS Community Foundation Golf Tournament and auction is a cornerstone event that gathers parents, alumni, businesses and interested parties together to raise funds and have some good old fun on the course. Our target is to raise more than \$25,000 through this event, while providing all participants with a great time at Serrano Country Club. Be sure to block out October 1, 2012 on your calendar!













Corporate Giving

We are already contacting area corporations to discuss sponsorship, advertising and donation opportunities. Many local and regional businesses recognize the importance of the High School experience in developing productive members of the community and are eager to support the excellence in education so fundamental at ORHS.

"Giving Back" Alumni Outreach Program

An important component of the annual fundraising campaign will include an extensive search for and quality communication with ORHS alumni. Through Facebook, LinkedIn, email blasts, and other media - we will reach out to ORHS alumni and ask them to "give back" to the school, its values, and the "Trojan Pride".

Get Involved!

Your investment in ORHS helps nurture and educate future generations of students in El Dorado Hills. Visit the Foundation website at **orhsfoundation.com** and get involved today!