



OREGON CUSD 220 STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Oregon CUSD 220 Student Services Department will address the needs of all students regarding academics, social-emotional wellness, and career and postsecondary planning.

District Staff:

Oregon Elementary School, Pre-K - 2 School Counselor: Krystal Stewart

Oregon Elementary School, 3 - 6 Social Worker: Josep Montanola

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 9 School Counselor: Joanna Cermak

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 10 - 12 School Counselor: Jim Turffs

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 SEL Interventionist: Morgan Peterson

Oregon Junior/Senior High School, 7 - 12 Dean/Director of College and Career Readiness: Shannon Cremeens

OCTOBER 2022 BOARD REPORT

Academic Updates:

- The PSAT/NMSQT was held on October 12th for interested juniors. This practice test is also an entry into the National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a test provided by the College Board.
- Counselors attended a Horizon Education training on October 19th in preparation for the high school practice test day coming in November. Students in grades 9-11 complete a practice test for PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and SAT each Fall and Spring in preparation for the state testing date in April.
- Counselors/staff attended a Xello training on October 19th, training to support the building in the addition of career exploration for grades 7-8. High school students have had access to this career development website for years.



- Ms. Peterson is working with students who have 504 Accommodation Plans and helping with students learning how to advocate for themselves when they feel they are in need of additional support.
- On Friday, October 21st, the director from Highland Community College's TRIO Program, Upward Bound, visited all 9-11 grade students in their physical education classes. Highland is working with Oregon to provide this programming in the future on site at OJSHS. TRIO is a program for tutoring and mentoring by colleges for high school students at-risk of academic success.
- Mr. Turffs met with all sophomores individually. Discussion points: current grades/schedule; review of credits; future career ideas; junior year class ideas.
- Ms. Cermak hosted meetings with students to discuss current grades/schedules and reviewing career ideas and future plans.
- Districtwide, counselors attended IEP meetings and Parent Teacher Conferences for students during the month of October.

Social-Emotional Wellness Updates:

- At OCUSD 220, multiple families were provided support through the NEXUS program and McKinney Vento support. McKinney Vento is the law related to identifying and supporting students and families facing homelessness, eviction, housing displacement, or unaccompanied youth living with a non-guardian. Counselors and the administrative team work to support families with school supplies and connections to community resources. This fall, multiple families have required a high need of support due to homelessness, including evening and weekend emergency support. The counseling team and NEXUS partners have worked together to coordinate supplies and housing in those times of need.
- Mrs. Stewart continued and completed the Zones of Regulation lessons in all classes for Kindergarten-2nd grade. She also started groups in 1st and 2nd grade, these smaller groups focus on social skills with students who have been identified as needing additional support. Mrs. Stewart continues to meet with students individually for crisis situations, IEP minutes, social skill development, and emotional regulation skill building. We have had several crisis situations in which students are struggling with mental health concerns, this has led to threat assessments and safety plans this school year. Mrs. Stewart also attended parent-teacher conferences to provide updates for parents, she also is in communication with parents via phone, email, and Class Dojo on a regular basis.
- Mrs. Stewart also facilitated the Student Ambassador meetings for 5th and 6th grade, the focus has been on the Veteran's Day Assembly as well as the Toys for Tots service project that OES is having for next month.



- Mr. Montanola met several times with twenty-five students for individual counseling. He ran fifty-two social groups, and taught twenty SEL lessons. He met on a regular basis with eighty-seven students including social groups. In addition, Mr. Montanola provided one hundred forty-five individualized student work classroom interventions. Nine parents were contacted via phone, and he met with fourteen parents during parent teacher conferences. During class instructions, he enters teachers' classrooms to check for any behavioral or social issues. If seen or asked, he removes students due to disruptive behavior. Furthermore, he assists daily with the morning lineup.
- Ms. Peterson, Social Emotional Learning Interventionist, continues to hold weekly and bi-weekly check-ins with students. Ms. Peterson and students work on coping strategies to assist with students being able to remain in the classroom and be successful. Ms. Peterson also assists students with processing difficult situations they have encountered, as well as reflecting on their choices and being able to recognize what they could do differently in the future.
- Ms. Peterson and Ms. Cremeens met with students to hold restorative meetings to help with resolving peer conflict.
- Ms. Peterson continues to lead Student Assistance Team (SAT) meetings every Monday to collaborate with the team on how we can better support students.
- Ms. Peterson attended Parent/Teacher conferences for the students that she meets with on a regular basis.

College and Career Readiness Updates:

- Mr. Crandall, Mrs. Cermak, and Ms. Cremeens took eleven high school students to the RVC College Fair on October 5th. Students could meet with nearly 100 college admission representatives and military recruiters.
- A FAFSA Information/Completion Night was held on October 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM. There were 12 parents and 2 students in attendance in the event provided by the Counseling Department and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.
- College representatives visited from regional colleges throughout the month of October to meet with high school students.



- Monthly OJSHS newsletters:
August: <https://www.smores.com/y28wv>
September: <https://www.smores.com/r86kn>
October: <https://www.smores.com/nu834>
November: <https://www.smores.com/95kqej>

See Something, Say Something Updates:

- Trainings have been held in both buildings to review with students what bullying is and to equip them with ways to respond as an upstander and building reporter. Trainings continue into the winter months for additional groups of students, using student leaders as trainers.
- Data will be reviewed and shared at the end of the semester.
- An end of year survey will be completed again to collect student feedback. This data will be shared with the board by students involved in our *See Something, Say Something* trainings.