



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

AUGUST 2022 BOARD REPORT

Academic Updates:

- OES hosted a New Student Orientation and New Kindergarten Family Orientation prior to school starting. Families were given a tour of the building, provided information about OES, and also had the opportunity to ask questions regarding our district.
- OES had Meet the Teacher Night on August 11th for 1st-6th grade families. Pre-K and Kindergarten families have designated times to come in during the first two days of school to meet their teachers individually and bring supplies.
- OJSHS counselors and administration hosted a New Student Orientation night on Tuesday, August 9. At this event, families could learn more about OJSHS, the culture of how we do things at OCUSD 220, and they received building tours by Student Council members.
- OJSHS counselors and administration hosted a 7-8 Meet the Teacher Night and a 9th Grade Orientation on Thursday, August 11th. Several hundred students and parents attended to kick-off the 2022-2023 school year. Also present on this night were LSSI hosting a *Hidden in Plain Sight* room and the Sauk Impact Program.
- OJSHS counselors registered 31 new students this July/August in grades 7-12. At intake meetings, families completed registration, were assigned or selected courses for their schedule, and received information about OJSHS.



Social-Emotional Wellness Updates:

- Counselors worked to complete the *SEL in the Classroom* over the summer. This resource was created to share topics covered and resources used within the classroom as they support the whole child.
- Ms. Cremeens and Ms. Peterson participated in an informational zoom meeting regarding Satchel Pulse to gain more knowledge about the program and how it can assist in screening our students and their Social Emotional needs. A proposal is being made for approval after review of several programs and those that fit best with our department goals of screening and supporting students emotional/behavioral well-being.
- Several situations regarding student homelessness presented themselves during the month of August, requiring substantial time and service support by the district homeless liaison, Ms. Cremeens, Mrs. Cermak, Mrs. Stewart, and Ms. Peterson. Wrap around services were provided with community resources including NEXUS (the ROE referral support system for case management), Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
- Counselors spent multiple hours providing emotional support to students in crisis upon return to school. Many situations were related to outside-of-school occurrences that required support. Collaboration with colleagues for feedback, student counseling, and parent contacts were made to support individual students.
- Mrs. Stewart began lessons in Kindergarten-2nd grade. All lessons were focused on Meet the Counselor, this explained what a school counselor is and what their role is. Mrs. Stewart has also been supporting Pre-K-3rd grade students with the transition back to school. She has provided assistance to students individually who were in need. She has also assisted in Mrs. Costa's room with several students who have been struggling emotionally, and who become physical with staff on a daily basis.
- Mr. Montanola met with twenty students for individual counseling, ran eighteen social groups, and taught eight SEL lessons. He met on a regular basis with fifty students including social groups. In addition, he provided ninety individualized student work classroom interventions. Furthermore, he met with multiple parents. Mr. Montanola contacted several homeless families and referred them for eligible services. During class instructions, Mr. Montanola entered teachers' classrooms to check for any behavioral or social issues. If seen or asked, he removed students due to disruptive behavior. Furthermore, he helps daily with the morning lineup.
- Mrs. Cermak completed introductory "minute meetings" with seventh grade students to check-in on how their year has started and see if the students have any needs for support. She pulled students from their social studies class and sat for check-ins with students right outside the classroom door, welcoming them to OJSHS and building relationships with the new students to the building.



College and Career Readiness Updates:

- The OJSHS counseling department has worked to schedule multiple events for the months of September and October, providing support to college-bound students and families. Throughout the year, events will be held for both college and career readiness. All events will be included in the new monthly counseling newsletter, along with resources for parents and students about future planning.

August: <https://www.smores.com/y28wy>

September: <https://www.smores.com/r86kn>