Dear High School Students and Parents:

It's that time of year again - SPIRIT WEEK AND HOMECOMING! We are very excited about this year's festivities. Spirit Week and Homecoming will be held September 22 – September 27. It is a very busy week that includes decorations, athletic events, Spirit Game Time, dress-up days, and the High School Homecoming dance. Each day of the week, secondary students will be running a special assembly schedule so they can participate in activities at the end of each day.

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

<u>Dress-Up:</u> <u>Freshmen</u> <u>Sophomores</u> <u>Juniors</u> <u>Seniors</u>

Mon: Adam Sandler Day-all grades

Tues: Country vs. Country Club (You can choose which you dress up as)-all grades **Wed**: Rhyme without a Reason (ex, one person dresses up as Hannah Montana, the other person dresses up as a banana)-all grades

Thurs: Decades: 2000's 90's 80's 70's **Fri**: Class Colors: Gold Gray Green White

NO REAL OR IMAGINARY WEAPONS PERMITTED - NO POLITICAL STATEMENTS

* NOTE: Clothing for the week should be modest, appropriate, and not offensive. Body paint is not permitted; however, face paint is acceptable. Students not participating in the dress-up days must be in uniform. If leggings/yoga pants are worn, they MUST have appropriate skirts/shorts over them. Nothing should be excessively tight. All students may wear sweans or jeans on Friday, Class Color Day.

Athletic Games - September 22 - 26 (Home Games in **bold**)

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - Varsity Soccer vs Plymouth Christian

Tuesday, Sept. 23 - JV & Varsity Volleyball vs Inter-City Baptist

Thursday, Sept. 25 - Varsity Soccer vs Lutheran Northwest

Thursday, Sept. 25 - JV & Varsity Volleyball vs Charyl Stockwell Prep Academy

Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 PM - Varsity Football vs. Benton Harbor - AT OCS Campus

Saturday, Sept. 27 - Cross Country Invitational vs. Parkway Christian

*NOTE: The OCS Homecoming Court will be introduced at half-time at the football game, and the Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at this time.

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, September 27, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at OCS in the Main Gym

The OCS Homecoming Dance on September 27 is for high school students only. Dinner is **not** provided; however, dessert and beverages will be available. The dance will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude at 10:00 pm, in the main gym. The cost is \$30.00 per person, and tickets may be purchased <u>during high school lunch only, Sept.22-26</u>. Outside Guest tickets must be purchased by Friday, Sept. 26. OCS students' tickets not purchased by the end of lunch on Friday, September 26, must be purchased at the door on September 27, for \$35.00 per person. High school students are permitted to invite 1 (one) outside guest who is high school age (grades 9-12) or under 21 years of age. The guest must accompany, remain, and leave with the OCS student during the OCS event. **Guests from outside Oakland Christian School** are required to complete a **Guest Application Form. Forms** may be picked up in the secondary office. All Guest Applications must be submitted by September 26. OCS offers the Homecoming event as a safe, school-sponsored occasion and does not require a date or guest in order to attend. **We strongly discourage dates/guests for students in grades 9 and 10.**

Dress Guidelines

Young Women:

The following information should serve as a helpful guide when shopping for appropriate and acceptable formal dresses for our young ladies. These guidelines will restrict your choices, so please review this list carefully. The emphasis on all dresses is modesty, which is partially determined by the cut of the dress, but must also consider how the dress fits each girl. Regardless of the neckline, dresses must not reveal cleavage. Strapless dresses are appropriate when modest (see below) and well-fitting.

- Dress Slits and Dress Length: The dress may not have a slit higher than or the length may not be shorter than mid-thigh.
- Midriffs must be completely covered (no see-through materials or cut-outs), and two-piece dresses must completely cover the skirt even with arms raised.
- The back of the dress cannot be lower than the bottom of the rib cage.
- The sides of dresses must extend from the front of the dress under the arm so that there is no flesh-on-flesh contact between the arm and the torso. The sides of the dresses must be solid with no cut-outs.
- Dresses that are cut to be form-fitting must not be skin-tight.
- No visible tattoos are permitted.
- **Remember**: When bringing a guest from outside the school or an underclass-person, it is your responsibility to inform him/her of our banquet dress guidelines/requirements and the standards for behavior during dances.

Young Men:

- A tuxedo is optional, but a sports jacket, slacks, and dress shoes are minimal expectations, and earrings or visible tattoos are not permitted. Sideburns, mustaches, and beards must be neatly groomed.
- **Remember**: When bringing a guest from outside the school or an underclass-person, it is your responsibility to inform him/her of our banquet dress guidelines/requirements and the standards for behavior during dances.

Please note: When a student leaves the Homecoming event, they are leaving the school-sponsored portion of the evening. The school does not sponsor or supervise any activity after 10:00 pm. We encourage parents to involve themselves in <u>monitoring the post-Homecoming activities of their children</u>, as the school does not sponsor any events following Homecoming. Looking forward to a great week. Go Lancers!!

Brian Eddy Secondary Principal