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### PAOSSM Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Trip

The OSSM Parent's Association is planning a trip for all students to see the musical performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" at the Oklahoma City Civic Center on October 31. In previous years, all students would attend this event. This year, however, the Civic Center is requiring all visitors to be fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus or get a negative COVID-19 PCR.

Please see the link for more information: [Patron Health & Safety Information | OKCBroadway.com](#)

## Junior STUCO Elections

by Anusha Fathepure

Last week OSSM held their 2021-22 Junior STUCO Election. Fifteen Junior candidates had a week to answer questions, make posters, and run a campaign. Five Juniors were selected by their fellow classmates to represent them and their interests. The elected candidates were Janice Ku, Brian Yang, Natalie Waters, Sourish Pasula, and Jason Wang.

When asked why they ran, the candidates cited their desire to have an influential role in the OSSM community. Natalie Waters emphasized her desire to make good change. "My main goal is to organize events and programs that aim to relieve some stress from the students and make OSSM feel more like home."



OSSM is once again ranked #1 public and STEM high school in Oklahoma. It's also #20 of 19,984 in the nation. Congratulations to our faculty, staff, parents and students who work together to make it!

### Wanting to Check out Old Newsletters?

There's a new resource page for OSSM students that includes test registrations, archives of the OWL newsletter, the handbook, etc. under Student Resources and Handbook on the OSSM website.

### Have a Passion for Writing?

Here's your chance to both pursue your passion and earn service hours. The communications department needs students to write for this newsletter, the website, the OKC Friday newspaper and social media.

We can also use photographers and artists!

If you're interested, contact Ms. Waters at linda.waters@ossm.edu or Anusha Fathepure at anusha.fathepure@ossm.edu.

Like Natalie, Sourish Pasula wants to plan "numerous exciting events to help students destress and relax during the school year."

Brian Yang also hopes to create a fun and enjoyable environment here on campus. He wants to use the position and opportunity of STUCO to "voice [his] ideas, [and] . . . make sure that all the students' opinions are heard."

Jason Wang also expressed a desire to represent his peers; in particular, his floormates provided the encouragement and inspiration for his campaign. "Becoming such good friends with everyone on my floor makes me want to be the best representative for them."

With her time in STUCO, Janice Ku wants to "make this school year the most it can be for everyone."

Senior STUCO member Teegan Smith holds a lot of hope for the new members. "I think that we have an enthusiastic and knowledgeable group of Juniors that will each provide their own set of skills, I'm excited for this year's activities."

## OPAL Tutoring Shines Bright!



OPAL Leaders Aditi Gali, Stephanie Kim, Anusha Fathepure, and Simren Shah speak to new OPAL Tutors

by Janice Ku

On September 20, 2021, the Online Peer Assisted Learning interest group (or OPAL) had their first meeting. OPAL is a "platform was created by high school students who strive to help students by providing the tools needed to achieve academic success." Founded by past OSSM students Grace Ha, Ashley Pasion, Gabriella Nettey, Temi Oguntayo, and Andie Hadley, OPAL is now turning two years old. Through OPAL, students at OSSM are able to tutor primarily

elementary students in subjects such as math, language arts, and science. Through OPAL, students are able to gain service hours, while elementary students receive free tutoring.

At the meeting, current heads of the club Stephanie Kim, Anusha Fathepure, Simren Shah, and Aditi Gali spoke on being an OPAL tutor. Aditi Gali gave advice on general tutoring, saying "Make sure that were really friendly to them and make sure to acknowledge that they're learning." Anusha Fathepure said "Figure out what's best for you and your tutee, and be diligent in how you're teaching." The leaders emphasized the importance of effort, and of finding the right style of tutoring. "Be really consistent," was advice that Simren Shah gave.

The leaders also emphasized the importance of communication not only between tutees and tutors, with Stephanie Kim saying "Make sure you and your tutees are keeping in touch," but also between the club leaders, club members, tutors, and parents, with Anusha saying "Try to keep [parents] involved."

Overall, the meeting was a success, with eighteen students in attendance. In the future, students can be sure that they will be seeing OPAL creating positive effects in the community as OPAL tutors and tutees shine bright.

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