



***A Brief Description of Osprey's Continuation High School Program:***

Beloved Independent Study teacher, Mike Carroll, is no longer with us. Mike is now retired, and is able to devote himself to his passion: softball. Congratulations Mike, and thank-you from all of the Osprey Learning Center staff and students for a great 15 years!

The Continuation High School Class at Osprey is designed as an alternative program, which allows students to attend high school in a more flexible environment. Continuation curriculum is aligned with the California Department of Education's Model Curriculum Standards.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY PARENTS AND STUDENTS:**

**Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 8am to 3pm or Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm please come to Osprey to sign contracts and schedule your day and time with Mr. Kitts or Ms. Chausse.**

The Continuation High School is a self-contained program that runs Tuesday through Friday, 9am to 2:15pm, for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Continuation program is available to students from 8am to 3:15 pm, 5 days a week, for those students needing a longer day/week. Students may accelerate and graduate early, or go at a slower pace, depending on their needs.

***Health and Counseling Services Available to Osprey Students***

Health care services are provided to Osprey students through the bi-monthly health clinic on the South Fork High School campus provided by Redwoods Rural Health Clinic. Individual counseling is available through RRHC for Medi-cal and private pay students, and Changing Tides (Humboldt Child Care Council) for Medi-cal eligible students only. Students, and/or parents/guardians wishing to access these services should contact their teacher or Student Services Tech's Randi Perkins or Sue Eldridge. Patty Radenbaugh is the school nurse for SFHS and OLC students. She is available on Monday through Friday 8:15am-3:15pm. She can be reached by phone at 943-3144 ext 3123.

Osprey Learning Center is the vehicle for providing alternative education in the Southern Humboldt Unified School District. Osprey serves students from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The school was established to serve as a placement for students whose learning styles, lifestyles or personal beliefs make attendance in an alternative program a more satisfactory educational experience. Osprey offers choices for its diverse student population that provide students individualized opportunities to progress towards a high school diploma and matriculate to college, or a vocation, at a pace that meets their individual needs. Osprey instills a respect for individuality, enabling each student to develop his or her unique abilities through a commitment to learning as a creative, productive, lifelong process.

***A Brief Description of Osprey Learning Center Graduation Requirements:***

An Osprey High School Diploma requires the completion of 230 units, 15 hours of community service, and passage of both sections (Math and English/Language Arts) of the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination). Osprey teachers can award units in increments as small as 0.5, allowing students more flexibility and the ability to go at their own pace. Students must complete 14 credits per quarter to be on the honor roll.



***Contact information***

SFHS/OLC Office Phone: 943-3144  
Jim Stewart, Principal  
Mary Moore, Secretary  
Donna Bowman, Attendance Clerk  
Sue Eldridge, Student Services Tech  
Randi Perkins, Student Services Tech  
Carole Willard-Clark, Career Counselor

Osprey academic credit breakdown by grade level:

0-57.5 units	9 <sup>th</sup> grade
57.5-115	10 <sup>th</sup> grade
115-172.5	11 <sup>th</sup> grade
172.5-230	12 <sup>th</sup> grade

Cliff Kitts: Independent Study Teacher

- Monday-Friday 8am-3pm Osprey Campus
- email: ckitts@humboldt.k12.ca.us
- voicemail: 943-3168 press 2

Melanie Chausse: Continuation & Independent Study Teacher

- Monday 8am-3:30pm Osprey Campus Independent Study and H.I.T.S class
- Tuesday - Friday 8am-3:15pm Continuation High School Osprey Campus
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***STAR Testing***

All Osprey students are required to take the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) exams given in the spring of each year to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Test results are used for student and school accountability purposes. For more information on STAR please go to the following website. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/>. The STAR testing window begins May 1, 2011.

***PSA  
Healthy Kids Humboldt***

Children need medical insurance! They do better in school when they are healthy. By calling 442-6066 parents in Humboldt County can apply for low, or, no cost health and dental insurance for their children. Convenient appointment times and places can be arranged at home, office or school. Experts from Healthy Kids Humboldt are available to help parents with the application process for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and the new low cost CalKids. For an appointment and more information call Healthy Kids Humboldt at 442-6066.

***A Brief Description of Osprey Learning Center's Independent Study program:***

Students meet for one hour per week with their assigned teacher to go over curriculum provided by the I.S. teacher, as determined by the student's transcript. It is critically important that I.S. students and parents sign and date the I.S. contract prior to, or on, the date of the first appointment. Attendance in the I.S. program is determined by the amount of work the student produces, not seat time. Students are welcome to come into class for extra help during the week if needed.



### **Osprey Learning Center School Site Council News**

**The Osprey School Site Council is actively recruiting Osprey parents and students to serve on this year's site council. Students who participate will earn community service hours needed for graduation. Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Jim Stewart at 943-3144.**

The Osprey Learning Center School Site Council meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, at 3:20pm, in the continuation high school classroom.

#### *Introduction*

The SSC is intended to be representative of all segments of the school community. Being composed of the school principal, teachers, other school personnel, parents and students, it provides a forum for all the major players in the school to come together to identify common goals and establish a plan to achieve these goals. The success of the SSC depends upon the ability and willingness of all those in the process to work together in a cooperative manner to develop an effective curricular and instructional program in which all students may attain higher levels of academic competence.

#### *Functions of School Site Council*



The basic principle underlying the establishment of the School Site Council (SSC) is that individuals who are most affected by the operation of the school should have a major role in the decisions regarding how that school functions. This involvement occurs through the development of a school improvement plan, including a budget, which is reflective and supportive of the plan, the continuous review of the effectiveness of the plan, and the ongoing assessment and updating of the plan. The Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) becomes the instrument by which the school, represented by the SSC and the local governing board, establishes a common agreement regarding the educational strategies that will be implemented at a particular site to help support the highest possible levels of teaching and learning at that site.

The SPSA is also the contract that exists between the school and the governing board that controls how the supplemental funds provided will be expended. This contract can only be modified with the agreement of both the SSC and the governing board.

#### *Composition of School Site Council*

Composition of the school site council is specified in the California Education Code as follows:

The school site council shall be composed of the principal and representatives of: teachers elected by teachers at the school, other school personnel selected by other school personnel at the school, parents of students attending the school selected by such parents, and, in secondary schools, students selected by students attending the school.

At the secondary level, the school site council shall be constituted to ensure parity between a) the principal, classroom teachers, and other school personnel, and b) equal numbers of parents or other community members selected by parents, and students.

### **Website Updates**

Parents and students can now find a yearlong calendar of events for all district schools at:

**[http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb\\_usd/school/](http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb_usd/school/)**



### **calendar/index.html.**

The calendar is updated as information becomes available from the individual schools.

### **Every school in the district has a website.**

You can access the sites by either typing the name of the school into your browser, or go to the District site **[http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb\\_usd/school/index.html](http://www.humboldt.k12.ca.us/sohumb_usd/school/index.html)** and click on "Schools".

These sites will enable students and parents greater access to teachers and other school personnel, via email, as well as information about the school.

## **Dates to Remember Fall Semester 2009**

**First day of school: August 30, 2010**

**September 6, 2010: Labor Day: no school**

**November 11, 2010: Veterans Day: no school**

**November 22-26, 2010: Thanksgiving Holiday: no school**

**December 20, 2010 -December 31, 2010: Winter Holiday: no school**