

# THE ACORN – WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

12/07 – Parent Council (6:00PM) 12/09 – Community Conversation with the Equity and Inclusion Task Force (5:00PM) 12/10 – Middle School Winter Dance (6:00PM) 12/11 – Pop Up Holiday Faire

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### SPIRIT WEAR FOR SALE!

Welcome back Blue Oak families. We hope you had a restful Fall Break. To lift your *spirits* even more, we are announcing some new Blue Oak Spirit Wear! That's right, we are offering **3 new designs** for you and your family to enjoy. Pick out your favorite design and color. Select from a variety of t-shirts, sweaters, and hoodies. Then purchase your items easily online. The best part is, your order will be shipped directly to your door.

Don't wait. This soft launch of our new designs will **only be available for purchase for the next 3 weeks**. You have until December 19<sup>th</sup> to make your purchases. Orders will arrive at your door between December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Only a small portion of your purchases proceeds will go to Blue Oak, so the option for an additional donation is available at checkout. You won't want to miss your opportunity to be able to represent Blue Oak during our next Spirit Week or school event. See the links below to get started.

### CILANTRO-FREE SCHOOL

So everyone in our community is "allergy aware," Blue Oak is a cilantro-free school. One of our adored staff members suffers from an anaphylactic, **airborne** allergy to cilantro (also known as coriander, Chinese parsley, and dhania). Please be aware of the foods that you pack in your students snack and lunch to help keep everyone on our campus healthy and safe.

## SCHOOL VIRTUE: FRIENDSHIP



#### COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The Equity Task Force is inviting you to the first Community Conversation of the year. This event is a chance for our Blue Oak community to connect, listen, and learn from one another. We will be participating in small breakout groups to discuss prompts surrounding identity: our own and our children's. Please come with open minds and open hearts.

This event will take place on **Thursday**, **December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.** The Zoom link is posted on our schools calendar and will also be shared via ParentSquare as the event gets closer. Don't forget to mark your calendars now. We cannot wait to engage in this adult-only time with you all!

### WINTER DANCE

Blue Oak will be hosting another dance for our Middle School students on **Friday**, **December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM to 8:00PM**. Tickets will be available for pre-sale starting today. Tickets will be on sale for \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

Permission slips are only required for *non-Blue Oak students*. These permission slips can be picked up at the front desk and must be signed by the guest students' teacher and parent before attending the dance. All Blue Oak students in  $6^{\text{th}}$ –  $8^{\text{th}}$  grade are invited to attend unless notified by their teacher.

Light concessions will be available for purchase. Be sure to dress appropriate for the weather as the dance will be held in the Kindergarten yard. Masks are only required to enter the building to use the restroom; they are optional outside.

#### POP-UP HOLIDAY FAIRE

Blue Oak will be hosting a Pop-Up Holiday Faire on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 11AM to 4PM**. Although this will not be a fundraising event for the school, it will still be a great opportunity to shop and mingle. If you are interested in helping with this event or reserving a booth, please reach out to Ms. Shawn Von Rotz (shawn@blueoakcharterschool.org).