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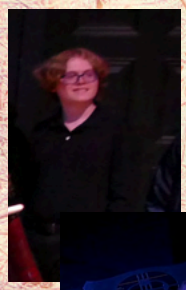
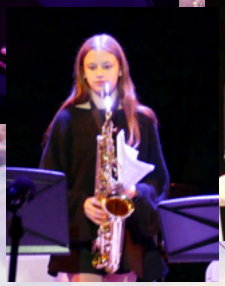
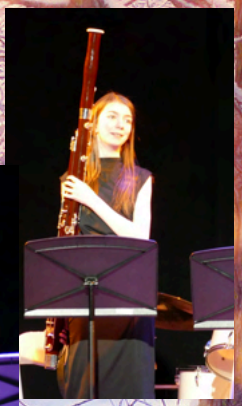
OAKWOOD UPDATE!

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE WINTER CONCERT!



Congratulations to all of our talented students and faculty who performed in this year's Winter Concert! It was a lovely evening of music, song and community!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Incredible Parents, Guardians, and Oakwood Boosters!

Your generosity in providing such an incredible luncheon for our faculty and staff was truly appreciated! The food was delicious, and the smiles were endless. Thank you for making everyone feel so special and valued. We are honored that you trust us with your students and believe in the work we do here at Oakwood. Your kindness and support mean the world to us!

With heartfelt thanks,
Oakwood Faculty & Staff

Young Alumni

WINTER REUNION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026 ~ 12 NOON

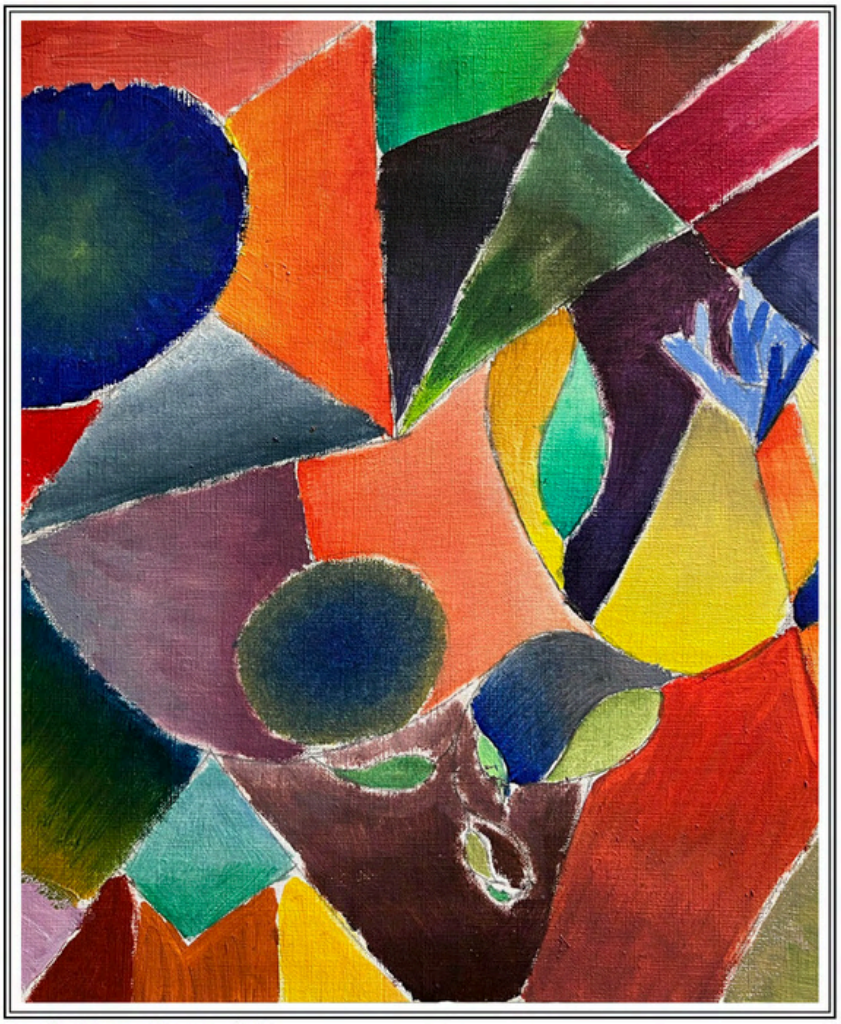
WELCOMING CLASSES OF 2021 ~ 2025

Are you the parent of an alumni who graduated 2021-2025?

Encourage your graduate to join us for our Young Alumni Reunion on Friday, January 9, beginning at 12:00 noon. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and faculty, catch up on life after Oakwood, and offer practical advice to our current juniors and seniors. Refreshments will be available all day in the Williams Lounge. We hope to see many familiar faces back on campus!

MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER

NEW DATE & TIME
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
AT 7:00PM



Art by Isaac Carter '26

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Save the Date

Apps and Auction!

To Support Oakwood's Annual Fund

Friday, January 23, 2026
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Alumnae House Vassar College
161 College Avenue
Poughkeepsie, NY

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2026 Apps & Auction!

Help us suport today's students and reach our Annual Fund goal with a donation to the auction!

Consider Donating:

- **Getaways: A stay at a vacation home, timeshare, or hotel (feel free to include date restrictions).**
- **Own a business?: An item or service from your business or store**
- **Artistic Creations: Paintings, ceramics, photography, drawings, books, or poetry.**
- **Services or Skills: Share your talents! Offer baked goods pet sitting, creating art**
- **Gift Certificates: Purchase a gift card to your favorite local restaurant or business, an excellent way to support both Oakwood and our wider community!**

Contact Wendy Giangrasso at wgiangrasso@oakwoodfriends.org if you have any questions or to contribute!

Thank You for Your Support!

Please check each Update, this changes frequently!

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 19TH
Early Dismissal - 3:30pm

DECEMBER 22ND - JANAURY 5TH
Winter Break

JANUARY 6TH
Classes Resume

JANUARY 14TH
Middle School Show - 39 Steps - 7:00pm
Spencer Family Theater

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Book Club

In the student lounge

Our first book: Anxious kids, anxious parents

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

4:00-5:00 PM

10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7

Can't make it on one of these days? No problem! We will have an open document where I will mention the key points we discussed and any ideas that were shared!

For more information

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NIKKI'S NOTE

DECEMBER EDITION!

YOUR MONTHLY DEIB NEWSLETTER

Bodhi Day Blessings!

December 8th is Bodhi Day Observed by Buddhists, this day celebrates the Buddha's enlightenment and invites reflection, mindfulness, and inner growth.

Happy Winter Solstice!

December 21st marks the start of the winter solstice/Yule. Observed in Pagan, Wiccan, and other spiritual traditions, this day celebrates the return of light and the promise of renewal.

Habari Gani!

Kwanzaa is celebrated from December 26th to January 1st. It honors African-American culture, heritage and the seven guiding principles known as Nguzo Saba. We celebrate the strength, wisdom and joy that these principles uplift within our community. May this season inspire us to practice community care, reflect on our shared values and move into the new year with purpose.

Chag Sameach!

Hanukkah begins at sundown on December 14th and invites us into eight nights of light, resilience and hope. Hanukkah is a time to acknowledge and celebrate the power of persistence and resilience, the importance of religious freedom and the joy in gathering with loved ones. May this season inspire us all to bring more light into the world.

Merry Christmas!

Quaker communities approach Christmas in a spirit of simplicity and reflection. Rather than focusing on elaborate traditions, many Friends emphasize quiet worship, inner light, and practices that center on peace, gratitude, and community care. At Oakwood Friends School, we honor those values by recognizing this season as a time for compassion and mindful presence with one another. May this period of stillness and hope bring warmth to all who observe.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

About ASC

Helps students improve their academic performance and succeed in their studies.
Serves students with learning differences/disabilities and/or executive functioning challenges to to strengthen their study habits and get extra support outside of their classes.
Bridges the gaps in understanding, fosters independent learning skills and improves students' confidence and performance in school.

Classes

Focused Instruction - available to any student in need of support in the areas of organization, time management and work completion.
Learning Skills - Support services for students with documented learning differences and ADHD.
Both programs instill self-advocacy skills in students.

Basic info

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Services

Support student learning
Test Preparation
Accommodations based on supporting documentation
Drop-in help
Mentoring
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Quiet study area
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