OIS UPDATE

The start of the new year coincided with the launch of the second semester at Orinda Intermediate School, and the students came back refreshed and ready to go.

Bulldog Sports is midway through its winter season, with boys basketball and yoga proving to be as popular as ever. Staff yoga also begins this month, thanks to the wonderful partnership with Mindful Littles. It is exciting and encouraging to have both adults and young adults practice this centuries-old tradition that is known for both physical and mental benefits.

In continuing the collaboration with Bay Area Children's Theatre, Bulldog Theater has launched its spring production of *High School Musical*. As with the fall production of *Frozen, Jr.!*, there are three separate casts with over 100 students participating as either performers or technical crew. Auditions were held this week and by all accounts, the talented students truly brought their "A-game."

The OIS Leadership class spearheaded the One Warm Coat drive before the Winter Break and wrapped it up this week. The students surpassed their goal, collecting 402 coats for local families in need! Big thanks to all OIS families who donated warm coats and jackets. Also, thanks to the OUSD Maintenance department, who delivered the coats to Cityteam Ministries in Oakland for distribution in the East Bay. This Leadership project supports OIS's mission of creating caring, compassionate, and empathic students. Also, it directly addresses the District's strategic goal of cultivating ethical and respectful citizens who contribute to the greater community.

Upcoming Dates:

- **January 30:** 8th Grade Visit to MHS / MHS Open House
- **January 31:** Scoliosis Screening for 7th Grade Girls