

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

It's so great to welcome back our staff, students, and families this week! We're truly excited for the first week of school next week. We look forward to partnering with our community as we work to achieve our goal of **"One School, Many Voices, Real Action."** Please keep a close eye on the **Weekly Family Communication** in the coming weeks for all the important back-to-school information. Super thanks to our Oberlin PTA for providing a delicious welcome back lunch on Wednesday and a pizza treat on Thursday to ensure our staff were well fed amidst a busy week of preparations! Don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything as we get a great year underway—we are truly excited for the week ahead!

—Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of August 25 - 29

Monday, August 25th

- **First Day of School** - Students arrive at 7:45, with instruction beginning at 8:15. Dismissal begins at 3:00pm.

Monday, September 1st - Holiday, No School

Athletics - Trying Out for Athletics - Tryouts for Fall Athletics (Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Football, Cheer) begin Tuesday, September 2. Please be sure that your student athlete has ALL forms completed in DragonFly. **ALL forms in DragonFly will need to be completed prior to students being approved to participate in tryouts and should be completed prior to Sunday, August 31st.** Forms submitted after this time may result in student athletes missing tryout days or being unable to participate. Please note that in order for students to participate in tryouts AND athletics, students need to have passed 70% (5 of 6) classes from 2nd semester the previous year AND have 13 or fewer total absences. [Fall Athletic Tryout Information Page](#) Reach

out to Athletic Director, Eric Chaplin with any questions (ewchaplin@wcpss.net, 919-881-4860 ext 23336.)

Football Managers - Students interested in serving as a manager for the football program should reach out to Coach Upton at jupton@wcpss.net. Interested students should plan to be at try outs on September 3rd and 4th, and Coach Upton will share more details.

Student Personal Devices - In accordance with WCPSS Board Policy 4318 for student personal digital devices, including wireless air pods / air buds. Devices must be silenced and away while at school. AirPods are NOT permitted at school. Ear buds with a wire are permitted only when permission is given from a teacher. Oberlin has instituted a similar policy, with much success, over the last three years, and we look forward to continuing to prioritize instruction and student safety for the upcoming school year.

Commercially Prepared Food Deliveries - To protect valuable instructional time and minimize distractions, **our school will no longer accept dropped-off takeout food from delivery vendors or from parents/guardians**. Families wishing to provide their student with takeout food during the school day will need to check their student out through the front office. We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining a focused learning environment.

Morning Carpool - Help us stay safe and efficient by:

- **Pulling all the way** to the top of the loop, near the dumpster.
- Have your **child prepared** to exit the car (cell phone in pocket, water bottle in book bag, food contained.)
- Follow directions of school staff to “**shift to the left**” so we can double stack a line of cars.
- Exit campus by **turning right** onto Oberlin Road

Afternoon Carpool - Help us staff safe and efficient by:

- **Displaying your carpool number** until your student gets in the car. (Cars without numbers will need to park and wait until an administrator can verify the pick up person.)
- Ensure your **student KNOWS their carpool** number and impress upon them the importance of listening for their number. We will NO LONGER BE CALLING NAMES. Cars of students who are not responding to their number will need to park and wait.
- Exit campus by **turning right** onto Oberlin Road
- Students not picked up in carpool by 3:30 will need to be checked out in the Main Office, by an approved adult with identification

Student Early Checkout from School - Planning to check your child out early from school early -- we have an easy, efficient system for that. Send your child to school with a signed note indicating what time they will be picked up. Your child will turn this note in to the receptionist in the Main Office during arrival, and receive a pass that allows them to leave their class at the designated time. At the designated time, your child can leave class and report to the office for pick up. Your child may wait up to 15 minutes in the office, but after this, they will be sent back to class. Upon arrival, the parent / guardian will need to show identification and check the child out via the check out system.

Please use this system as it prevents us from calling and interrupting classes and making you wait while we locate your child.

PTA Updates

Join the PTA - Join the Oberlin PTA with this [link](#). (Individual membership = \$12.00, Family membership = \$22.00, Staff membership = \$6.00)

Booster Club Passes - Support Our Students – Join the Booster Club! A Booster Club Membership gives you free admission to all regular-season home games! Even better, 100% of your membership supports our student athletes, arts, and academics (AAA!)—funding equipment, facility upgrades, team needs, art supplies and projects, as well as classroom and curriculum enhancements. It's a win-win: you enjoy the games, art

exhibits, and upgraded learning spaces, and our teachers and teams get the support they need to succeed! **Join using [this link](#) today** and be part of the team behind the teams!

PTA Spirit Wear - Use [this link](#) to purchase your Trailblazer gear.

You can always find up-to-date PTA information and links at: linktr.ee/OberlinPTA

A copy of all Weekly Family Communications can be found on our [website](#) (<https://www.wcpss.net/oberlinms>). Follow us on **Social Media**: **@oberlinmiddle** on Twitter, **OberlinMiddle** on Instagram, **oberlinmagnetmiddleschool** on Facebook, Oberlin PTA: linktr.ee/OberlinPTA.