

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Week of: August 16th - 20th (Week Prior to School Starting)

Sixth Grade Orientation - On Thursday, August 19th, we will host an in person, on site, orientation for our sixth grade students. Sixth graders can begin arriving at 8:45 am and must be picked up by 11:00 am. Drop off and pick up will take place in our back carpool loop. During orientation, students will receive their schedules, meet their teachers and counselors, acclimate to the building, and get excited for their sixth grade year. This event is for students only. A pre-recorded information session will be posted on our website to support families with a positive start to middle school.

During drop off for sixth grade orientation, we want to support all sixth grade families with **signing up for a PowerSchool Parent Portal Account**. This account allows parents to monitor student attendance and grades. Please print this [form](#) and complete. When you drop your child off for orientation, please have identification ready. A staff member will check your identification and completed form. In a few days, we will reach out to the email address listed in your Powerschool account to confirm login information. (If you are unable to print, we will have blank forms available.)

Schedule Pick Up for Seventh and Eighth Grade Families

On Thursday, August 19th, we invite families to stop by to pick up schedules between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. With respect to current health and safety guidelines, this event will take place outside, weather permitting. We will have the following stations available to help your family with a positive start to the school year:

- Team stations where students can meet their teachers.
- PTA Membership Table
- Carpool Number Table
- School Bus Transportation Request Table
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Access Registration (Complete and bring this [form](#), or we will have blank forms available)

Please note, if you are unable to attend “Schedule Pick Up,” you can access your student’s schedule in Powerschool. (Schedules will be finalized on Wednesday, August 17th, and changes are likely up until this point.)

Staff Support for Students the First Week of School - Due to health / safety guidelines in place for our school district, we are unable to allow families the opportunity to walk the building with your student to locate classrooms. Please know, all staff will be present at each class change to support students with changes during the first week of school.

Virtual Academy Families - Please plan to stop by the Oberlin main office to pick up your Virtual Academy supplies from 8/16 - 8/20, between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00pm.

Register for WCPSS School Bus Transportation - Eligible families who did not utilize school bus transportation during the 2020 - 2021 school year must register if they intend to utilize school bus transportation for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Please fill out the information at this [link](#), separately, for each child. Please note, there will be a waiting period to allow this request to be processed before your child is assigned a stop, and the stop assignment may not be processed prior to the start of the school year. (Link URL: <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/48597>)

School Meals - Although meals are free this year, students will still have the option to make a la carte purchases. Due to a national coin shortage, there may be times when our cafes will not have sufficient coins to make change for a la carte cash purchases. If your student does not have exact change, and the cafeteria cashier does not have the change to give back, the money owed will be placed on the student's school meals prepayment account for later use. An alternative to cash, a check can be submitted to the cafe to apply funds to your student's meal account or MySchoolBucks can be used to make deposits to your student's account. [Learn More](#). School meals menus will now be available on our interactive website, [MealViewer](#).

PTA Updates

Register to Receive PTA Communication - Use this [link](#) to register to receive PTA communications. We encourage all families to take advantage of joining the PTA and staying abreast of all PTA happenings! (Link URL: <https://oberlin.memberhub.com/join/4cd0b5>)

PTA Back to School Staff Appreciation - Oberlin staff will be back at work next week. We know there are many emotions around the start of a new school year. We would like to thank the Oberlin staff for all of their hard work to get our children in school as we continue to face the challenges of COVID. You can click this [link](#) below to purchase an Amazon gift card that will be given to staff during their workdays the week of August 17th. Thank you for supporting the OMMS Staff. Please choose Julie Dalton's Wish List address for shipping address. (Link URL: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G0C5X3I5Z0EY?ref_=wl_share)

Back to School Updates

Face Masks - All students and staff will wear face coverings while indoors at school. The requirement also applies to school buses and vendor transportation. Correctly wearing face masks may prevent a student from having to quarantine if in contact with a student who is presumed positive for COVID. Please stress the importance of correctly wearing face coverings with your student so that we can ensure safety and maintain students' in person participation at school.

Water Bottles - Water fountains will continue to be closed to help prevent the spread of COVID. Please send your student to school each day with a water bottle. We do provide students without a water bottle with a plastic cup. Providing these cups is expensive, and we would be grateful for any donations. Link to example of cups that can be shipped directly to Oberlin.

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