

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families, Thanks to everyone who has already donated to the "Build the Blaze" PTA Fall Fundraiser. The support our PTA provides our school allows us to make incredible learning experiences possible and ensures that our teachers and staff have all the tools and materials to meet the needs of our students. More information is below, but please consider giving and know that any amount is appreciated and beneficial to our school.

-- Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of: October 9th - 13th

Monday, October 9th - Teacher Workday, **No School for Students**

Tuesday, October 10th

- Fall Athletic Pictures during Afternoon Practices

Thursday, October 12th

- Football Game vs. North Garner **at Oberlin** - 4:00

Build the Blaze Fall Fundraiser - Wow! Oberlin families, you all have really shown up in the last 36 hours, and we are SO grateful!

BUT - we're still around \$14,000 shy of our goal, so we need every dollar we can get to cross the finish line.

This is where you come in. Your donation, no matter how big or small, will allow Oberlin PTA to continue funding so many incredible opportunities for students, families, and teachers. [Check out our campaign here](#) to donate and see how PTA funds from Build the Blaze are used.

Deliveries - Students may not receive deliveries of any kind at school. This includes food deliveries (DoorDash, Grub Hub, etc.) or gift deliveries (flowers, balloons, etc.) Any deliveries that arrive will be refused. We thank you for adhering to this policy.

Eighth Graders - Interested in applying for an **Early College**? The WCPSS Early College Fair will take place Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Vernon Malone College and Career Academy. All interested 8th graders are encouraged to attend and to apply to any one of our seven early college high schools in the district. We prioritize these unique schools as an opportunity for first-generation college students. Please see this digital flier in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for more details about the fair and where to find more information. Additional information also found on the WCPSS Magnet Schools website [here](#).

Principal Coffee Chat / PTA General Membership Meeting -

Please join us for our Principal Coffee Chat on **Wednesday, October 18th** at 8:30am in the Oberlin Media Center. We are excited to share all the happenings for the 2023 - 2024 school year along with highlighting key components of “School Safety” with suggestions for how students and families can support school safety. Please RSVP using the following [link](#). Guests may enter via the auditorium / Media Center doors.

Bullying Prevention - October is National Bullying Prevention Month.

Oberlin Magnet Middle School will encourage students to wear orange on **Thursday, October 19th**, for “Unity Day” and to show solidarity against bullying. Students will also discuss various topics related to bullying and managing relationships, as part of

Trailblazer Time during late October and/or early November. Parents seeking to learn more about bullying can view a resource guide for middle school parents at: <https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/middle-school>

PTA Reflections - Interested in submitting your original artwork to the Oberlin Reflections Program? Follow the link for each category below to find the specific rules and guidelines. **Oberlin Student Entries are due by October 18, 11:59 PM** and require parent email / permission. Don't wait! Get started today! More info [here](#).

- Dance Choreography:
 - 5 minutes or less;
 - 1000 MB (or less) and
 - MP4, MOV or AVI format
 - [Dance Choreography.docx](#)
- Film Production:
 - 5 minutes or less;
 - 1000 MB (or less) and
 - MP4, MOV or AVI format
 - [Film Production.docx](#)
- Literature:
 - 2,000 words or less, handwritten or typed; PDF file;
 - Include student name, entry title, arts category and division on back of entry.
 - number each page; 8.5 x 11 paper (one sided only)
 - [Literature.docx](#)
- Music Composition:
 - 5 minutes or less;
 - 1000 MB or less; MP3 and WAV format;
 - PDF format for notation/score/tablature (only required for middle or hs)
 - [Music Composition.docx](#)
- Photography:
 - 3x5 - 8 x 10 inches; (cannot exceed 11x14 when mounted); frames not allowed
 - at least 640 x 960 pixels and 300 DPI resolution;
 - JPEG, JPG, and PNG accepted.
 - [Photography.docx](#)
- Visual Arts:
 - 2D no larger than 24" x 30" - create digital image of piece;
 - 3D must have 3 images - JPEG, JPG, or PNG;
 - Include list of materials used
 - Framed artwork containing loose materials is not accepted. Matting is accepted.
 - [Visual Arts.docx](#)

- Special Artist: Follow the above guidelines depending on submission type. See Official Rules for details on who qualifies for this category. [Reflections Oberlin 2023 Official Rules](#)

Ready to submit? The submission window is currently OPEN. All student entries will be submitted using the Google Form found at this link: [Oberlin Reflections Student Entry](#)

Interested in being a judge? Please complete this Google form: [Oberlin Reflections 2023 Judges Interest Form](#) Questions? Email Settle Monroe (settle.monroe@gmail.com) or Cheryl Means (cherylmeans@yahoo.com)

Volunteering at Oberlin - We welcome and are beyond grateful for the parent and community volunteers who make extra special learning experiences possible and celebratory events more engaging for our students. Please, please, register to be a WCPSS Volunteer using this [link](#).

Club Opportunities

Trailblazers, Advocates, Leaders - Do you like sharing your ideas? Do you want your voice to have an impact on our school community? Consider applying for Trailblazer Advocates and Leaders. TAL is a *NEW* leadership group open to all grades, talking about ways students can be more interactive with school events such as spirit and SDG days, a recycling program as well as community service and other activities. Participation will be based on a short student application available [here](#). Be on the lookout for posters with more information!

Science Olympiad - We are still seeking a few more students and parent coaches to support our Science Olympiad team. Science Olympiad allows students to engage in inquiry science challenges, building and researching to solve real world problems. If your child is interested in joining or if you are willing to be a parent coach, please reach out to Mr. Kowaleski (rkowaleski@wcpss.net) for more details. Please note . . . we will make sure that coaches are prepared and supported!

Team Newsletters

6th Grade -	Astros	Rockets	Voyagers
7th Grade -	Dragons	Embers	Phoenix
8th Grade -	Globetrotters	Mountaineers	Rangers

PTA Updates

Oberlin Booster Club - The Oberlin Booster Club focuses its funds to help to support Oberlin's athletic programs, technology, arts, student support, and staff development. During the **2022-2023 school year**, the Oberlin Booster Club purchased a digital piano for chorus, dance costumes, maintained fields for softball, soccer and football, purchased band instruments and covered instrument maintenance, helmet calibration for football, Oberlin Logo athletic shirts/pullovers for coaches, support for after school clubs.

- **NEW** this year Booster Club passes must be purchased through GoFan. For detailed information about how to buy and transfer passes click [here](#).
- Join [NOW](#) to receive your 2023-2024 passes for ALL Home events!
- Questions? Elizabeth Smith elizsmith25@gmail.com or Meghann Adams meghannadams78@gmail.com

Join the Oberlin PTA - Click [here](#) to join our PTA! We have set a high goal for family and community member participation. Thank you for supporting our PTA.

PTA Spirit Wear - Click [here](#) to pre-order Oberlin t-shirt, sweatshirts, cups, and swag. Choose your favorite and show your school spirit. Order delivery anticipated during the first three weeks of school.

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.