

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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## Week of: August 23rd - 27th

**Staff Support for Students the First Week of School** - Please know, all staff will be present at arrival, dismissal, and during each class change to support students with finding classes during the first week of school.

**21 - 22 School Schedule with Lunch Times** - [Link](#)

### Virtual Sixth Grade Orientation for Families

- [6th grade Parent Orientation Slides](#)
- [6th grade Parent Orientation Video](#)

**Student Support Services** - Welcome to the new school year from our school counselors, school psychologist, and school social worker. Click [here](#) for more information.

**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](#).

**School Bus Transportation** - Please remember to arrive 15 minutes early to your stop each day. Work with your child to learn the "Route Number" for each bus and to

not pay attention to the number on the side of the yellow bus or the driver, as yellow school buses and drivers are likely to change, due to school bus driver shortages. We thank you in advance for practicing patience for the first weeks of school as transportation schedules settle into place.

**Early Check Out from School** - If your student needs to be checked out early from school, please note the following.

- Send a signed note with your child indicating the time for pick up. Have your child stop by the main office in the morning to receive a pass to leave class at the assigned time. Your child can then leave class and wait in the office for pick up. If the child is not picked up 15 minutes after the time indicated on the note, the child will be returned to class with respect to supervision and to participate in learning.
- Only parents / guardians or emergency contacts can pick up students. Those picking up students must have photo identification ready for review.
- We do not allow student pick up after 2:30 each day as we are shifting into dismissal procedures. After 2:30, families must participate in daily dismissal procedures.

## Carpool

- **Pull all the way forward** - When the first car pulls all the way forward, we can maximise the number of cars with students exiting. Occasionally, there will be short pauses in pulling cars forward so that we can get as many cars as possible ready to allow students to safely exit.
- **Prepare to exit** - Have students' backpacks, water bottles, lunch boxes ready so that students can efficiently get out of the vehicle. **Exit when parallel to the sidewalk or when prompted by staff from the passenger side.** (Do not opt to "wait to pull up" closer to the door as this slows down carpool significantly.)

- **Right In and Right Out** - For morning and afternoon arrival / dismissal, all cars must approach Oberlin from the direction of Fairview Road and **turn right into our carpool loop. When exiting campus, cars MUST turn right** in the direction of Glenwood Avenue.
- **Respect the directions from school staff directing traffic** - School based traffic directors are directing cars by moving the greatest numbers of cars without interruption to maximise efficiency. We will NOT always be allowing “equal numbers” to merge as we are having to consider the degree to which traffic is backed up on Oberlin or Sanderson Drive at different points during our morning carpool block.

## Walkers

- Students walking to and from school should cross at crosswalks and obey directions of crossing guards and school staff.
- Students who are walkers should NOT be walking to a parked car. Students walking to a parked car should be utilizing carpool.
- No Parking Zones - Raleigh Police Department will be present to enforce “no parking zones” around our campus. Additionally, Raleigh Police Department is supporting Glenwood Village Shopping Center to ensure that this parking lot is not used as a pick up point for Oberlin students.

If, as a school community, we commit to upholding the procedures outlined above, we can ensure safe and efficient arrival and departure procedures and respect our surrounding school community.

## 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>)

## 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>). Follow us on **Social Media**: [@oberlinmiddle](#) on Twitter, [OberlinMiddle](#) on Instagram, and [oberlinmagnetmiddleschool](#) on Facebook