

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

It's been a great week having students back! Super thanks to all of our current students and families that helped to welcome our incoming Trailblazers at our welcome event this past week. The excitement and community felt during this event exemplifies what makes our Oberlin community special. **We are Trailblazer proud of Ms. Rebekah Hower, Oberlin's visual arts teacher, for being selected as a Semi-Finalist for the WCPSS Teacher of the Year.** This is an incredible honor of which she is quite deserving! Please take time to celebrate her this week and wish her well with her upcoming site visit. The end of third quarter is coming quickly, so please take time to review PowerSchool with your student, and take time to connect with teachers to address any questions or missing assignments.

– Ms. Pelton,
Principal

Week of March 3rd - 7th

Monday, March 3rd

- School Improvement Team Meeting, 3:30 pm Media Center

Tuesday, March 4th

- Eighth Grade High School Registration Parent Meetings (Details Below)
 - 8:30am - In Person - Oberlin Media Center (Guests can enter via the exterior Auditorium / Media Center Doors)
 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Virtual Meeting - [Virtual Link](#)

Friday, March 7th

- Sixth Grade Dance, 3:30 - 5:30 (Oberlin Sixth Grade Students Only)

Make Up Days for Inclement Weather

- Friday, March 14th is now a school day for students (This date was formerly a teacher workday)
- Monday, April 7th is now a school day for students (This date was formerly a teacher workday)
- Friday, May 2nd is now a school day for students (This date was formerly a teacher workday)

Seventh Grade Families - Oberlin Magnet Middle School is proud to host a chapter of the **National Junior Honors Society**. Each year, students are invited to apply to Oberlin's National Junior Honors Society during second semester of their seventh grade year. Information on eligibility criteria, the timeline, and expectations for NJHS students during their eighth grade year can be found [here](#). Eligible students will receive an email to their WCPSS student email account the week of March 3rd. (Any student who feels that they meet the eligibility criteria, but does not receive an email should contact Ms. Hernandez (mohernandez@wcpss.net) promptly so that the question can be resolved.) In the email that eligible students will receive the week of March 3rd, there will be a link to the **Oberlin NJHS Candidate Application** that must be completed, no later than March 21st. It is the *student's responsibility* to complete the NJHS Candidate Application in its entirety, and to the best of their ability, by the **deadline of March 21st, 2025**. Please reach out to Ms. Hernandez with any questions.

Sixth Grade Dance - On Friday, March 7th, sixth grade Oberlin students are welcome to attend the annual dance from 3:30 until 5:30. There is no cost to attend, and students wishing to attend will remain in their last period class until they are dismissed to the cafeteria. Students will be allowed to place their bookbag and personal items in the gym during the dance, where these items will be safely supervised until the student dismisses. Attire for this dance is casual. Our Oberlin PTA will offer concessions, so students can bring money for treats if they wish. Students attending the dance must have a ride to pick them up in the stadium / carpool parking lot by 5:30. Any student who leaves campus or exits the dance will not be allowed to re-enter and will need to contact a ride for pick up. Students will NOT be allowed to walk to other parts of our campus for pick up -- we thank you for helping us to prioritize safety.

Picture Day is Coming on March 18! Lifetouch School Photography, known for capturing school pictures from K-12 nationwide, will take our school photos this year. For more information about Picture Day or to purchase pictures, check out the link below. Please note, there will not be a “make up” picture day for students who are absent on 3.18.25. <https://schools.lifetouch.com/for-your-families/>

Rising 7th Grade Registration Timeline (Current 6th Grade Students) -

Students will be receiving registration information and elective choices for 7th grade classes the week of February 24th. Information will be shared in Science classes. Students should partner with parents/caregivers to finalize course selections. Students will enter their course selections into PowerSchool the weeks of March 10th and 17th in Science classes with the assistance of Ms. Blanton, school counselor. **Please do not have the students complete course selection in Power School on their own - we will complete that together in classes. Ms. Blanton reviews each student's course selections before the student submits.**

Registration in Power School; Ms. Blanton visits classrooms to support

- Tuesday, March 11th - Powell/Rockets
- Thursday, March 13th - Colon/Astros
- Tuesday, March 18th - Kawasmi/Voyagers

Rising 8th Grade Registration Timeline (Current 7th Graders)

- **Registration in Power School; Blue registration forms due**
 - **Please do NOT register in Power School at home**
 - **This is done in school on the dates below**
 - Monday, March 10th - Williams/Dragons
 - Wednesday, March 12th - LaPat/Embers
 - Thursday, March 13th - Keel/Phoenix

All students must have registration completed by Friday, March 28th

Fast Break Football Camp - is back for its 8th year! This year's camp will run from Monday, 6/23 to Friday, 6/27, 2025 and is open to boys and girls in rising 4th - 8th grades.

Fast Break Football Camp is unique in that it focuses on character, general athletic development, and weight room fundamentals in addition to football specific instruction. This is a NON-CONTACT camp that requires no football pads. Coaches at Fast Break Football Camp will teach young athletes the key character traits required of good teammates, the fundamentals of the game of football, and the athletic postures and movements necessary to excel in any sport. Instruction will be clear and concrete. Activities will be fun and fast-paced. Register and pay today by visiting www.fastbreakfootballcamp.com. Financial Aid is available. No camper will be turned away for financial reasons. More questions? Please email Coach McGuire at fastbreakfootballcamp@gmail.com.

Oberlin Spirit Wear - The Oberlin Spirit Wear Store is open until Friday, March 21 and features Oberlin hoodies, t-shirts, joggers, and zip up jackets. Once the store closes, it will not reopen until the Fall. Orders will be run once the store closes, and all items will be delivered to students in their homeroom classes (expected delivery is mid-April). Feel free to share [this link](#) with families who have rising 6th grade Trailblazers. Please be sure to include your student's homeroom teacher and grade when filling out the information at check out. Questions? alexandraflynn@gmail.com.

Eighth Grade High School Registration Updates (Rising 9th Graders) - Eighth grade families, we are entering the "busy season" for high school registration. This [link](#) will be updated weekly by Mr. Milner, eighth grade school counselor, and will contain all up to date information for all of our feeder high schools. Most recent updates will be at the top. At any time, please reach out to Mr. Milner with any student specific or school specific questions. (smilner@wcpss.net)

Eighth Grade High School Registration Parent Meetings (Rising 9th Graders) - Mr. Milner, 8th grade school counselor, will hold an **in person parent meeting** on **Tuesday, March 4th** from 8:30am - 9:30am in the Oberlin Media Center

and a **virtual parent meeting** on the evening of **Tuesday, March 4th** from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm using this [Virtual Link](#). Both meetings will contain the same content and will provide an overview of the high school registration process for families. Please reach out to Mr. Milner with any questions. (smilner@wcpss.net)

Team Newsletters

Sixth Grade: [Astros](#) [Rockets](#) [Voyagers](#)

Seventh Grade: [Dragons](#) [Embers](#) [Phoenix](#)

Eighth Grade: [Globetrotters](#) [Mountaineers](#) [Rangers](#)

PTA Updates

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Purchase Booster Club Passes - [here](#)

PTA Linktree - linktr.ee/OberlinPTA

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