

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

What a great first week of school! We're so full of joy and gratitude for the amazing efforts of our students, staff, and families who have worked together to connect and settle into our new school year. We know the first few weeks are busy with lots of information, so please keep a close eye on the **Weekly Family Communication** for all the latest updates. We hope you and your family have a wonderful and relaxing long holiday weekend. Remember, there is **no school on Monday, September 1st**. We can't wait to see everyone for a great week ahead!

—Ms. Pelton, Principal

## Week of September 1st - 5th

**Monday, September 1st** - No School - Holiday

**Tuesday, September 2nd**

- Fall Athletic Try Outs, Details Below

**Wednesday, September 3rd**

- Fall Athletic Try Outs, Details Below

**Thursday, September 4th**

- Fall Athletic Try Outs, Details Below

**Friday, September 5th**

- Fall Athletic Try Outs, Details Below

**School Meals** Our menus offer a variety of tasty, healthy breakfasts and lunches students can choose from every day including oven-baking foods instead of frying, fresh local produce, whole grains, and lower-sugar snacks. Meals meet all state and federal

nutrition guidelines, as well as the WCPSS wellness policy. We're proud to serve food that fuels learning and supports well-being. Check out this [link](#) for more information regarding our school meals including menus, adding money to lunch accounts, and meal prices.

**Athletics** - Fall athletic tryouts begin September 2nd. All details can be found on our [Fall Athletic Tryout Information Page](#). Students trying out must be "cleared" in DragonFly prior to being able to try out. Reach out to Athletic Director, Eric Chaplin with any questions (ewchaplin@wcpss.net, 919-881-4860 ext 23336.)

**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. 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.

**Afternoon Carpool** - Beginning **Monday, September 8th**, cars without carpool tags will be asked to park and wait for an administrator to review adult identification prior to calling a student from the cafeteria for pick up. Please continue to remember:

- **Display your carpool number** until your student gets in the car.
- Ensure your **student KNOWS their carpool number**
- Exit campus by **turning right** onto Oberlin Road

**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.**

**Clubs** - We're excited to offer student clubs at Oberlin! These clubs provide a great opportunity for students to connect with staff members over a shared topic of interest. Throughout the year, we will list club opportunities for students and share this information during the morning announcements. Some clubs are fluid, allowing students to join at any time, while others have a set start date and require a commitment. A huge thanks to our dedicated staff and families who volunteer their time to support these clubs, and a special thank you to the Oberlin PTA for their financial and supply support!

- **Model UN** - Model UN - Interest meeting – 4 Sep @ 3:30 - Weekly meeting will probably take place on Thursdays but this will be confirmed with interested students. Model UN will meet weekly initially. Students will learn how to debate issues impacting our planet, while representing one of the countries from the General Assembly. Debating means learning the rules and procedures required while working within the UN. Our goal is to prepare for a Model UN convention in Raleigh on November 1st and 2nd. Email Mr. Wheat with any questions ([swheat@wcpss.net](mailto:swheat@wcpss.net).)
- **Morning Basketball Club** is designed to provide an opportunity for students to get moving before school starts! Students self-organize or ask Mr. Miller for help finding a team and play 4 on 4 throughout the gym. Anyone from any grade can participate on any day. If the interest gets too big, the days will be divided between the grades. Students should get dropped off in the carpool area by the football field and walk down the stadium steps to enter the building on the fitness room-side of the gym. The club runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:10am. Email Coach Miller with any questions ([amiller6@wcpss.net](mailto:amiller6@wcpss.net).)

- **Yearbook Club** is a creative team where students work together to capture memories, design layouts, write stories, and showcase the spirit of our school. Monthly meetings are held once per month on Wednesdays after school. An application is required this year, as space is limited. Interest meeting on September 3rd from 3:30 - 4:15 in the cafeteria. Questions? Reach out to Emma Keel (ekeel@wcpss.net) or Jacey Macdonald (jmacdonald@wcpss.net).
- **Science Olympiad** - Science Minded Individuals Needed - The Oberlin Science Olympiad team is in need of volunteers for the 2025- 2026 NCSO Tournament. Science Olympiad competes with other schools in our region in different STEM related events. Here is a LINK to the events we will be participating in this year. Each event will require 2-3 students to participate.

We are looking for team members and parent coaches to help us prepare for the Regional Tournament in February 2026. We will hold an Interest Meeting on Tuesday September 16 in Room 1203 from 3:15- 4:00 for students interested in joining the team. The team will meet after school at least 2 days per week. A schedule will be provided for all participants. If you are a parent volunteer interested in coaching an event please email Mr. Kowaleski at [rkowaleski@wcpss.net](mailto:rkowaleski@wcpss.net) .

- **Drama Club** starts this Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> after school from 3:30-4:30pm! Students will meet in Ms. McFerren's classroom, room 1102 between the 6<sup>th</sup> grade halls. Please pick up students at 4:30pm at the bus loop in front of the school. Any questions can be sent to Ms. McFerren at [kmcferren@wcpss.net](mailto:kmcferren@wcpss.net).

## 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](https://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](https://linktr.ee/OberlinPTA).