## **Oberlin Magnet Middle School**

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### Week of: December 6 - 10

### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday, December 6 Oberlin Basketball Game AT Martin
- Wednesday, December 8 PTA Meeting at 12:00 pm -- More Details Below.
- Thursday, December 9 Oberlin Basketball Game AT Oberlin (Oberlin Seventh Grade students are invited to attend) More details below!

**PTA General Membership Meeting - NEW DATE -** We hope you can join us for the next PTA meeting **NEXT Wednesday, December 8 at 12pm**. Click <u>here</u> to register and receive the Zoom link (*please note that you MUST register to receive the link*).

**Oberlin Angel Tree** - The Oberlin PTA's Community Outreach Committee presents our 2021 Angel Tree! This project supports families in our school community experiencing need this holiday season. Please consider <u>signing up</u> to provide a gift for a student at Oberlin. If you have questions about the sign-up, please contact PTA Community Outreach Committee co-chairs Kacey Ragsdale or Catherine George, or Oberlin counselor Jay Kyte.

**National Junior Honors Society Food Drive -** NJHS is running a food drive to benefit the Interfaith Food Shuttle from December 6-10. Teams will earn points for participating, and the winning team will receive a treat. Please send in unopened, shelf stable items such as peanut butter, oatmeal, pasta or rice, canned fruits and veggies, healthy snacks, nutritional shakes, baby food, and diapers. Let's help our community and help meet our UN Sustainable Development Goal #2: Zero Hunger!

**Interims -** Printed copies of interims will go home with students on Friday, December 10th.

**Club Opportunities from Oberlin's Student Services Office -** If you are interested in joining the Gay Straight Community Alliance (GSCA) or the Interesting Interests Club, please check in with your counselor or join an interest meeting on Wednesday, December 8th from 7:45 - 8:15 in the Student Services Office. Both of these clubs will meet during lunch blocks.

**Basketball Game Spectator Information** - We are excited to begin the 21 - 22 Oberlin Girls and Boys basketball seasons. As you may know, Oberlin has a smaller gymnasium, with limited seating for only 480 spectators. Due to updated guidance for spectators for Athletic Events, we must limit the number of spectators for our girls and boys basketball games. Per NC DHHS guidance, schools should maintain a minimum of three feet of distance between students to the greatest extent possible. Per NC DHHS guidance, schools should maintain a minimum of six feet between adults (teachers/staff/visitors) and students and between adults (teachers/staff/visitors) to the greatest extent possible.

For home games hosted at Oberlin, parents / families of basketball players and cheerleaders will be allowed entry and will sit on the visitor side. Adults with Oberlin Booster Club passes will be allowed to enter and will sit on the visitor side.

For each of the six home games, one grade level of Oberlin students will be allowed to attend and sit in the student section of the gym. Only students from the designated grade level will be allowed entry to the game.

12.9.21 - Dillard Basketball at Oberlin - Seventh Grade

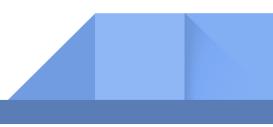
12.16.21 - East Garner Basketball at Oberlin - Eighth Grade

1.6.22 - North Garner Basketball at Oberlin - Sixth Grade

1.10.22 - Ligon Basketball at Oberlin - Seventh Grade

- 1.20.22 Martin Basketball at Oberlin Eighth Grade
- 1.27.22 Carnage Basketball at Oberlin Sixth Grade

\*\*General student spectators from the opposing teams will not be allowed entry.



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Spectators are required to wear face coverings properly over their nose, mouth, and chin. **Repeated reminders to properly wear a face covering will result in the spectator being asked to leave.** No food or drink will be allowed in the gym, and concessions will not be sold.

**Credit by Demonstrated Mastery** - Students may earn high school credit for specified courses without spending a set number of hours taking the course in a classroom. Under the state's Credit by Demonstrated Mastery (CDM) option, uniquely qualified students may "test out" or bypass a course if they have already mastered the content.

The program provides another opportunity for students to learn new content, to challenge themselves with the next level of rigor in a subject, and even graduate early. This option is not designed to replace existing accelerated pathways, such as the Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) program at WCPSS.

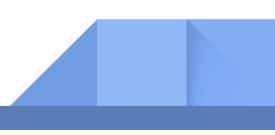
Application Deadline (must be submitted at your child's school): December 17, 2021

Phase I Testing Window: February 15 - March 14, 2022. Email any questions to: cdmquestions@wcpss.net or mbvereen@wcpss.net

More information and materials:

- <u>CDM Family and Student Application and Agreement</u>
- CDM Available Courses
- <u>CDM FAQs</u>
- <u>CDM Process Chart</u>

**Chinese and Spanish Immersion Parent Meetings** - We will be hosting a virtual Chinese and Spanish Immersion parent meeting on December 7th. Chinese Immersion families will meet from 6:00 - 6:45 at this <u>link</u>, and Spanish Immersion families will meet from 6:45 - 7:30 at the following <u>link</u>. We are excited to welcome representatives from Participate, along with Ms. Sheri Golden Perry from the WCPSS Magnet Office. We look forward to providing an overview of our Immersion curriculum and sharing updates to our Immersion



program. If you have any specific questions that you hope to have addressed, you can note them <u>here</u>. We look forward to virtually connecting with our families.

# Eighth Grade Families - Magnet High Schools and Early College Application Schools

Early College and Career Academies in Wake County will begin their application period on **October 15th and continue until December 14th**.

Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy

- Tour sign-ups on school website **Applications due December 14th!** Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy
  - Tour sign-ups Applications due December 14th!

North Wake College and Career Academy

• Tours every Wednesday at 9 am. - Applications due December 14th!

Wake STEM Early College

• Virtual Information Sessions and Open House sign-ups on website - Applications due December 14th!

Wake Early College of Health Sciences

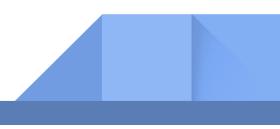
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Research Triangle Park Early College

- Information on Wake County Early College website Applications due December 14th!
  <u>Vernon Malone College and Career Academy</u>
- Tour sign-ups from 10/20 12/9 on website **Applications due December 14th!** Broughton Magnet High School
- Global Studies and Language Immersion Tours and Open House Information Enloe Magnet High School
  - Virtual Tours and Information sessions on website

Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School

• Tours and information found on website



### **PTA Updates**

**Register to receive PTA Communications -** Use this <u>link</u> 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)

### Health and Safety Guidelines

**Lunch** - In accordance with updated guidance from WCPSS, we shifted the majority of classes outside for lunch. Only two classes per lunch block remain in the cafeteria, and these students are seated with spacing to the extent possible, facing the same direction, and masks are only removed while students are actively eating or drinking.

**Face Masks -** All students and staff will wear face coverings while indoors at school. The requirement also applies to school buses and vendor transportation. <u>Correctly wearing face masks may prevent a student from having to quarantine if in contact with a student who is presumed positive for <u>COVID</u>. 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.</u>

**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. <u>Link</u> to example of cups that can be shipped directly to Oberlin.

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

