

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Week of: February 14 - 18

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, February 17th - High School Registration Meeting for 8th Grade Families, More Info Below
- Friday, February 18th - Teacher Workday, **No School**. (School Main Office Closed on this Day)
- Monday, February 21st - Holiday, **No School**

#GRATITUDE - Super thanks to our Oberlin PTA for celebrating Staff Appreciation Week! From breakfasts, to gift cards, to snacks, treats, and a delicious Chinese lunch, we feel tremendously appreciated, and we are grateful for this kindness. Super thanks to Ms. Dalton, Ms. Houk, and all of our Oberlin families for allowing this week to be possible.

Maintaining an Inclusive Community - This year, we have noticed an increase in profanity being used by students at Oberlin. Over the last three weeks, students have participated in two Trailblazer Time discussions around the use of profanity and insensitive words. Students have shared how these words impact them at school, and we have discussed that some members of our school community feel uncomfortable when these words are used. **We need help from our families:** Please review with your child the need to refrain from using profanity and insensitive comments at school. It is important to remind students that text abbreviations and phrases from social media are often inappropriate in the school setting. As we have now addressed this concern as a school community, staff will reach out to families with any concerns. Super thanks to our staff and Student Support Services Team for guiding these conversations, and gratitude to our families for reinforcing this message at home.

How to Participate in Spring Sports at Oberlin

Spring Sports are Boys Soccer, Girls Softball, and Boys & Girls Track

REGISTRATION: Please click this [Registration Link](#) to sign up to participate in athletics. All registration is done online through the dragonfly program ([how to use dragonfly](#)). All athletes are required to have an updated athletic physical that was completed in the past 395 days. All information about athletics can be found on the [Oberlin Athletic Website](#). Anyone who is not registered will not be allowed to tryout. Registration must be completed by Feb. 17th. Only 7th and 8th grade students can participate in athletics.

Tryout Dates and Times

- **February 22** - The first day of Tryouts for Boys Soccer, Girls Softball, and Boys & Girls Track. Tryouts will last 2-3 days, and students must attend all days of tryouts. Tryouts will start at 3PM and end at 5PM. All students must have a ride in carpool at 5PM.

Softball Interest Meeting - Calling all potential softball players! Information about 2022 Oberlin softball tryouts can be found by stopping by room 3110 on the morning of February 15th. Coach Gravley will be there to give out information about try-outs and field any questions from 7:45-8:05. If your student's morning transportation does not allow them to stop by, please feel free to email your questions to Coach Gravley at sgravley@wcpss.net.

Eighth Grade Families -- Registering for High School

- (In Person) **Parent Information Session for High School Registration** - Thursday, February 17th, 6:00 - 7:00pm - Eighth grade families are invited to attend this information session to support preparing and registering students for high school. This session is scheduled to take place in person in Oberlin's

auditorium, however, event details will be confirmed the week of the event to ensure compliance with updated health / safety protocols. If the event cannot take place in person, the event will be held virtually.

- All presentation information can be found [here](#).
- If you have any questions about the transition to high school or high school registration, please contact eighth grade school counselor, Mr. Britt Milner at smilner@wcpss.net.

Rising 9th Graders Attending Broughton: Broughton will host a virtual rising 9th grade planning night on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:00pm. Please see the Broughton website [here](#) for more information, including the link to join. Go, CAPS!

Rising 9th Graders Attending Enloe - Join on February 23rd at 6:00 pm. More info [here](#).

Rising 9th Graders Attending Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School - Join on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 pm. More Info [here](#).

Access Testing - Dear Parents, our testing window has begun for the annual ACCESS for ELL's. Testing will continue until March 11th. The ACCESS exam is given to all students who have been identified as LEP. Typically, these will be students who speak another language besides English at home. Most of these students will be enrolled in ESL classes. Some students who have recently exited ESL will also take the test. Results from the test are used to determine students' English language services for next year.

Team Newsletters - Click [here](#) to review each team's newsletter as we start off strong in 2022! (<https://www.wcpss.net/domain/19203>)

PTA Updates

Register to receive PTA Communications - Use this [link](https://oberlin.memberhub.com/join/4cd0b5) 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 guidance from WCPSS, the majority of classes eat outside for lunch, weather permitting. (Please note, we follow an inclimate weather plan for extreme heat, extreme cold, and /or precipitation where students eat inside, with spacing to the extent possible.) 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. *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) (<https://www.wcpss.net/oberlinms>). Follow us on **Social Media**: **@oberlinmiddle** on Twitter, **OberlinMiddle** on Instagram, and **oberlinmagnetmiddleschool** on Facebook.