

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

2816 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27608 Main Office: (919) 881 - 4860

Website: <https://www.wcpss.net/oberlinms>

**Week of: January 24 - 28th, 2022**

## Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 24th - School Improvement Team Meeting, 3:30
- Wednesday, January 26th - Virtual Eighth Grade Parent Coffee Chat with Administration (Details Below)
- Thursday, January 27th - Carnage Basketball AT Oberlin (Sixth Graders Can Attend, Details Below)

**End of Second Quarter** -- Second quarter ended on Friday, January 14th. Families will receive a printed copy their student'(s) report card on Friday, January 28th. (**Change due to inclement weather.**) Please note, parents can always review grades in PowerSchool by utilizing their Parent Portal account or by logging in with their child.

**Eighth Grade Families** - In the third quarter of your child's English Language Arts class, students will engage in a content-rich learning module, "*The Civil Rights Movement and The Little Rock Nine.*" Students will learn of The Little Rock Nine during the civil rights era. Students will be reading the memoir of Carlotta Walls LaNier, *A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School* and the experiences of The Little Rock Nine as captured by photographs in *Little Rock Girl 1957: How a Photograph Changed the Fight for Integration* by Shelley Tougas. At times, students will encounter the sensitive racial language of the civil rights era as they read these texts. Great care has been taken to provide students with a context of this language, as well as emphasizing the unacceptable use of this language at all times.

The tasks students complete throughout this module always require students to think, talk and write using evidence from a text or other medium.

We are partners in your child's education and value clear, two-way communication. We encourage you to maintain an open dialogue with your child and with the school throughout this module so that we may address any potential questions or concerns that may arise. Please do not hesitate to touch base with your child's teacher or administrator at any time. More information about this unit of study can be found [here](#).

## **Eighth Grade Families -- Two Upcoming Opportunities to Support Your Child with Registering for High School**

- **(Virtual) Eighth Grade Parent Coffee Chat with Administration** - Wednesday, January 26th at 8:30. Join Ms. Pelton, principal, Ms. Levers, eighth grade assistant principal, and Mr. Milner, eighth grade school counselor, as we help our families prepare for high school registration. This session will take place virtually, and the virtual session will be recorded. [Link](#) to virtual session.
- **(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.
- 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](mailto:smilner@wcpss.net).

## Basketball Game Spectator Information

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.

- 1.27.22 - Carnage Basketball at Oberlin - **Sixth Grade (Change)**
- Date To Be Determined - Martin Basketball at Oberlin - **Eighth Grade can Attend**

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.

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

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

**The deadline to apply for magnet schools is now February 6th!**

Contact Magnet Coordinator, Chris Hahner, with questions. ([chahner@wcpss.net](mailto:chahner@wcpss.net))

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