

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Week of: January 31st - February 4th

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 31

- Oberlin Basketball AT East Garner

Thursday, February 3rd

- Oberlin Basketball AT North Garner
- Oberlin Band Concert, 7pm, Oberlin Auditorium

Saturday, February 5th

- Science Olympiad Finals at Oberlin (All Day)

End of Second Quarter -- Report cards were sent home on Friday, January 28th. Please note, parents can always review grades in PowerSchool by utilizing their Parent Portal account or by logging in with their child.

Oberlin Staff Appreciation Week Hosted by Oberlin PTA - Staff Appreciation Week is February 7-11th! "Oberlin Staff take the Gold!" See signup below to see how you can help make this week special. There are needs most days so make sure to check when items need to be dropped off. <https://signup.com/go/EPuWpOe>

Seventh Grade Families - The third unit for Language Arts centers on the enduring power of the narrative in literature and society. Students will read excerpts from the *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave*, studying the topic of slavery, and reviewing other related fiction and non-fiction texts for context and enrichment. 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.

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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.

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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 [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.

Team Newsletters - Click [here](https://www.wcpss.net/domain/19203) 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)

[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

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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.