

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Week of: October 4th - 8th

Congratulations to our volleyball, soccer, and football teams for their wins at home this week. We are grateful to our Trailblazer fans for showing support and strong sportsmanship.

Fall Picture Day - Get smiles and your outfit ready for fall pictures. Individual pictures will happen on **Tuesday, October 5th**. Take a look at this [flier](#) for “order ahead” details

- Visit: MyLifetouch.com
- Enter your Picture Day ID: K338FZTVE
- Order your perfect package, and don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

Science Olympiad Interest Meeting - Please join Ms. Kowaleski, eighth grade science teacher, for an interest meeting for Science Olympiad. The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 7th at 3:15 in room 2103.

Trailblazer Time - As we work to reconnect with our students during this very unique year, we are prioritizing opportunities for students to create positive friendships with peers and to make positive connections with staff. Twice each month, students will participate in a “Trailblazer Time” discussion where students will discuss a topic that helps them to develop a skill and work to feel connected to our school community. “Trailblazer Time” discussions are organized by our school counselors, and will take place twice each month for around forty minutes. On Thursday, October 7th, students will engage in their first “Trailblazer Time” within their homeroom, and students will be discussing school culture here at Oberlin.

Tik Tok Challenges - Unfortunately, Tik Tok challenges continue to persist and be shared through social media. Please discuss with your students that touching anyone, a student or staff, through unwelcomed touch, will likely result in suspension and possibly charges through law enforcement. We realize that middle school students can be easily influenced by social media trends, and we realize that students may consider an action to be silly or humorous, when in reality, it is treated very seriously. We ask our families to continue to discuss students NOT participating in these types of social media trends and guide students to understand the harm caused to others or property, that results through many of these social media trends.

PBiS Celebrations - At Oberlin, we have a strong Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBiS) program. The purpose of PBiS is to collectively establish schoolwide behavior goals and to celebrate teams of students for demonstrating positive behaviors. Over the last two weeks, all of our grade level teams have met their initial goals and have earned a team celebration. We are grateful to our staff for supporting positive approaches to behavior, and we are proud of our students for meeting and exceeding behavior goals. Ask your students about the celebrations chosen for each grade.

PTA Updates

Spirit Wear Sale - The “Go Trailblazers” Spirit Wear Store is Now Open. Now featuring our full line of Oberlin Middle School apparel including t-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, and car magnets! [Click Here to visit the "Go Trailblazers" Spirit Wear Store](#). Orders must be placed by Friday, October 8 at 6:00 pm and will be delivered to your child's homeroom in late October. OMMS Spirit Wear is a fundraiser sponsored by the OMS PTA. All proceeds are given directly back to the school to help students, staff, and families. All sales are final. No refunds or exchanges. For any OMS Spirit Wear questions, please contact Kara Manooch at karabloomer@yahoo.com

Teacher Appreciation Snack Tables - October 11th is a teacher work day, and we would like to have a snack table set up to thank the teachers for all they have done to get this school year started. We could use snack and drink donations. Items may be dropped off in the OMMS main office or sent in with your student to deliver to the office BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 7th. Contact Julie Dalton (julie.e.dalton@gmail.com) or Laurie Houk (lehok@nc.rr.com) if you need to make other arrangements. <https://signup.com/go/ViMhprv>

Register to Receive PTA Communication - Use this [link](#) 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. 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.

