Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Week of: September 20th - 24th

Concerning Behavior in Restrooms - On Friday, September 17th, there were several instances at Oberlin of students participating in the Tik Tok Challenge in which destruction took place in restrooms causing damage to soap dispensers and fixtures. Please remind your students that although this "challenge" may be perceived as entertaining, it is considered destruction to school property. Anyone participating in destruction of school property, observing, recording a video, or sharing a video of destruction of school property will likely face disciplinary action which may include an out of school suspension. For upcoming days, strict restroom procedures will be in place so that we can ensure that our school restrooms remain safe for all students. We thank you for helping students to understand the severity of these choices.

Principal Chat - Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 22nd for our first Principal Chat. This chat is primarily intended for parents of our sixth grade students, although all families are welcome to participate. If you have specific questions that you would like to have addressed, please share those here. We look forward to connecting with you on Wednesday, September 22nd. (Virtual Link for 9.22.21 from 8:30 - 9:30: meet.google.com/gqr-mgdk-bry)

Spirit Week - September 20th - 24th - Oberlin students will be celebrating our school's name change during the week of September 20th. See below for daily theme options!

- Monday Oberlin Blue and White Day!
- Tuesday Grade Level Day Wear your grade level's assigned color:
 Sixth Grade Blue, Seventh Grade White, Eighth Grade Black

- Wednesday Community Day! Wear something that represents a community that you are a part of -- school, sports, family, neighborhood, club, volunteer organization, religious institutions, etc.
- Thursday Future Day! Wear something to represent your future dreams or goals!
- Friday- Global Day! Wear green to represent World Peace and Global Sustainability!

Open House - Due to health and safety updates, we will be shifting Open House to a virtual event. Please see dates and times below for details. Virtual meet links will be shared at the end of the week of September 20th.

Monday, September 27th

6th Grade: 5:00 - 6:00
Pioneers - 6:00 - 7:00
7th Grade: 6:00 - 7:00
8th Grade: 7:00 - 8:00

Tuesday, September 28th

6th Elective 1: 5:00 - 5:20
6th Elective 2: 5:25 - 5:45
7th Elective 1: 5:50 - 6:10
7th Elective 2: 6:15 - 6:35
8th Elective 1: 6:40 - 7:10
8th Elective 2: 7:15 - 7:35

• Intervention / AIG: 7:30 - 7:50

• SPED: 7:30 - 7:50

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 <u>flier</u> 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!

Yearbooks - Although it's the beginning of the school year, it's time to order yearbooks for 2021 - 2022 school year. If you order now, you will receive the yearbook for the cheapest price of the year at \$35.00. Visit: https://www.jostens.com/ Select: "Order Your Yearbook Today." Search for Oberlin and choose "Oberlin Magnet Middle School, Raleigh, NC." Follow the directions to purchase.

PTA Updates

Support OMMS Athletics, Arts, and Academics - Oberlin Booster Club (OBC) provides funds to support the school's athletic programs, technology, arts, student support, and staff development.

OBC has historically funded the following

- Athletics storage shed
- Donation toward new dance room
- Seasonal field maintenance
- Band instruments
- Uniforms
- Yearbook camera
- Concussion testing
- And more!

<u>Click here</u> for membership options and purchase by September 30 to receive your 2021 - 2022 events pass! Events passes for students and families will be distributed to students in their homerooms. Questions, reach out to Suzanne Barham at suzannebnc@gmail.com.

Register to Receive PTA Communication - 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 website
(https://www.wcpss.net/oberlinms). Follow us on **Social Media**: **@oberlinmiddle** on Twitter, **OberlinMiddle** on Instagram, and **oberlinmagnetmiddleschool** on Facebook