

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

It's been fall for a few weeks, but it is finally beginning to "feel" like fall. Thanks to all of our families who have donated to "Build the Blaze!" Your contribution is sincerely appreciated, and we thank you for supporting the vital work of our school. If you are considering a contribution, we encourage you to check out our social media! You'll see firsthand how your donations are thoughtfully maximized to impact **ALL** students, allowing **innovative** instruction to be possible across every classroom. Every gift helps us strengthen our learning environment. As the **end of the first quarter rapidly approaches** at the close of October, let's work together to ensure every student finishes strong! Please consistently check in with your child about their progress, help them address any missing assignments, and don't hesitate to reach out to teachers with any questions you may have.

—Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of October 13th - 17th

Monday, October 13th - No School, Teacher Workday

Wednesday, October 15th

- Girls Soccer - Dillard Drive AT Oberlin, 4 pm
- Girls Volleyball - Dillard Drive AT Oberlin, 4pm

Thursday, October 16th

- Football and Cheer - Dillard Drive AT Oberlin, 4pm

Build the Blaze - Thanks to all of our families who are donating and spreading the word about our PTA's "**Build the Blaze**" fall fundraiser. We have raised \$14,265 - we are 36% of the way to our \$40,000 goal! Check out social media for some critical,

concrete ways that your donations enhance our school community. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will be put to great use supporting learning and experiences in our innovative school community. Donate using [this link](#).

The students kicked off “**Coin Wars**” on Friday - a friendly competition between teams in each grade to see who can get the most points by donating coins. We are excited to see them engaged in helping make their school community stronger by participating in Build the Blaze in this fun way!

Winter Basketball season is coming up quickly, and it is not too early to get all forms uploaded and filled out on [Dragonflymax.com](#).

Tryout Information: n[Boys basketball](#) [Girls Basketball](#)

Eligibility: Students must have passed 5 of their 6 classes in the 2nd semester of the 2024-2025 school year and have less than 14 absences from the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Dates to remember:

10/21/2025 - Interest meeting for both boys and girls basketball

11/14/2025 - Last day to turn in forms

11/17/2025 - First day of tryouts

Email Athletic Director, Mr. Chaplin (ewchaplin@wcpss.net,) with questions or if you need a physical form and medical eligibility form or assistance with Dragonflymax.com.

Seventh Grade Signs of Suicide - The Oberlin Student Services Team will be presenting the SOS (Signs of Suicide and Depression) and Human Trafficking lesson to all of the 7th Graders in the coming weeks. SOS is a youth suicide prevention program which is used in all Wake County Public Schools for students in 7th, 9th and 12th grade. A lesson on human trafficking will also be presented on the same day. Letters ([SOS](#) / [Human Trafficking](#)) were sent home with students this past Tuesday, (October 20th) explaining the programs. This is a county mandated session. However, for parents preferring for their student to opt out can send the signed letter back to Student

Services or email Katherine Blanton (7th grade counselor) at kblanton@wcpss.net. Feel free to reach out to Ms. Blanton with any questions. We will present the lesson during 1st period and will screen students, as needed, through the remainder of the school day. The schedule is below:

- Thursday, 10/16 - Phoenix
 - 7th Graders who have Mr. Upton 1st period will participate with the Phoenix team on 10/16
- Wednesday, 10/22 - Embers
- Thursday, 10/30 - Dragons
 - 7th graders who have Ms. Best 1st period will participate with the Dragons team on 10/30

NC State Fair - Are you planning to attend the NC State Fair (October 16th - October 26th) this year? Support Oberlin when you purchase your tickets! For every adult or child advance Gate Admission ticket purchased with our code, the State Fair will donate money to Oberlin. To participate: [Purchase your tickets online](#) ahead of the Fair and use our school code **388** when asked for the external subscription ID at check out.

Family Engagement - Our Family Engagement committee is preparing for a spring Family Engagement evening with the intent to feature short learning sessions for families on topics of interest to our families. Please take 90 seconds and complete [this feedback questionnaire](#) so that we can tailor our session offerings around topics of high interest to our families. <https://bit.ly/OMMSfamilyideas>

Sanderson High School - Students interested in touring Sanderson High School can sign up and find more information at this [link](#). Several tours are scheduled from October through March, but an RSVP is required. Tours will include presentations from students and staff members and a tour of the campus. Following the tour of the campus, staff will be in the library to answer any questions you may have about Sanderson High School. All tours will begin at 8:00 am and end by 9:00 am.

Unity Day - Attention, students & staff! **Please plan to wear orange Wednesday, October 22nd for Unity Day!** Unity Day has been recognized in the United States since 2011, as part of Bullying Prevention Month. Individuals, schools, communities, and businesses wear orange as a show of support for inclusion and solidarity against bullying. Make sure to wear orange on **Wednesday, October 22nd** for Unity Day!

Team Newsletters

Sixth Grade - [Astros](#) [Rockets](#) [Voyagers](#)

Seventh Grade - [Dragons](#) [Embers](#) [Phoenix](#)

Eighth Grade - [Globetrotters](#) [Mountaineers](#) [Rangers](#)

PTA Updates

PTA Reflections - It's time for Reflections! Each year, the PTA Reflections program offers students a platform to express their unique perspectives and interpretations of a student-created theme. For the 2025-2026 school year, the theme is "I Belong!" Students can create 1) Dance Choreography, 2) Personal Documentary, 3) Literary Story, 4) Visual Arts Collage, 5) Music Composition, and/or 6) Photography to show what "I Belong" means to them. The deadline to submit online is **Friday, October 17**. See the entry requirements [here](#). Reach out to Elizabeth Newman (Elizabeth@newmanfirm.com) or Ashley Jones (AshleyTJones@gmail.com) for more information.

Booster Club Passes - Fall sports are in high gear! A Booster Club membership gives your middle schooler (or even your entire family) admission to all regular-season home games, so [purchase](#) now! Remember, 100% of your membership fee goes to support our student athletes, arts, and academics. Questions about Booster Club? Reach out to Jenn Giordano at jenn@smartfulworks.com.

Join the PTA - Thank you to all of our parents, faculty, and staff who have already joined the PTA. For those of you who have not yet joined, click [here](#) and select the

option that works for your family. Email Tracy Lathan (tracy.lathan@gmail.com) with membership questions.

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, **oberlinmagnetmiddleschool** on Facebook, Oberlin PTA: linktr.ee/OberlinPTA.