

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

Fall weather is feeling nice! We are overcome with gratitude to our Oberlin families who shared their time for our grounds clean up last weekend. The efforts of these volunteers made a tremendous impact on our campus. We are beyond grateful to [GreenSweep Solutions](#) and **Seven Slots Landscaping** who donated their time and resources in a professional capacity which allowed us to tackle many extensive landscaping needs. As we look to our week ahead, please look forward to learning about many ways that donations to the PTA support innovative teaching and learning at Oberlin, and thank you for your help as we “Build the Blaze!”

-- Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of October 14th - 18th

Monday, October 14th - Teacher Workday, **No School for Students**

Wednesday, October 16th

- Unity Day, **Wear Orange** (Details Below)
- Girls Soccer AT Dillard Drive, 4:00pm
- Girls Volleyball AT Dillard Drive, 4:00pm

Thursday, October 17th

- Football AT Dillard Drive, 4:00pm



Oberlin Unity Day - Wednesday, October 16th - Oberlin Magnet Middle School staff encourage students to **wear orange on Wednesday, October 16th, for “Unity Day”** and to show support for inclusion and solidarity against bullying. Unity Day, the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, has been recognized in the United States since 2011. To participate in Unity Day, individuals,

schools, communities, and businesses wear or share orange to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to prevent students being bullied. Parents seeking to learn more about bullying can view a resource guide for middle school parents at:

<https://www.stopbullying.gov/prevention/middle-school>.

First in Fitness - for Sixth Grade Students - Are you a sixth grader who enjoys physical activity and challenging yourself to improve your personal best? If so, First in Fitness is for you. Tryouts will be held on October 15th during the last sixth grade elective block, with a rain date of October 17th. Details can be found [here](#). Contact Coach Miller with any questions (amiller6@wcpss.net.)

BIMAS - WCPSS uses a Behavior Universal Screener to help identify students who are at risk of future academic, behavioral, or emotional difficulties. Just like some students benefit from additional academic supports and interventions, we know some students would benefit from additional support to strengthen their behavioral, social, and emotional skills. The data generated from this screener will also help us determine district and school-wide programs, interventions, and training needs for staff.

The research-based screening tool our district uses is *Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System-2*, or **BIMAS-2** (pronounced BYE-mahs two). Students' homeroom teachers complete a 1-page questionnaire about students' actions and emotions they displayed in class during a one-week time period. Teachers will complete the questionnaire twice a school year, typically around the beginning of the second and fourth quarters.

Participation in the behavior universal screener is voluntary and parents are given at least one week notification to opt their student out of the universal screening. Please see [this letter](#) about the BIMAS Screening that will be implemented the week of November 4-8, 2024. This letter also includes an opt-out form for parents.

Hurricane Helene Support - As a global studies school, we are capitalizing on the opportunity to learn about the powerful lasting impacts of natural disasters, how communities support immediate relief efforts, and what sustained support looks like in

the months following a natural disaster. From October 7th - October 18th, our school will collect the following items to donate via the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina to aid in supporting communities in Western North Carolina. We would be grateful for any donations for the specified items that we are collecting below! More information [here!](#)

- 6th Grade: Pet food (cat or dog) & deodorant
- 7th grade: diapers & toothpaste
- 8th grade: baby formula & socks (new, all sizes)

Student Absences - Coming to school every day, ready to learn, is important for student success - and it's required by state law for children between the ages of 7 and 16. Excused absences include: illness or injury, a death in the family, health care appointments, court appearances, religious observance, natural disasters, etc.

When a student returns to school after an absence, the student must bring a **dated** note with the student's name, date of absence, reason for absence and signed by the parent. Parents need to provide a note within **two days** of the student's return to school or the absence(s) will be recorded as unexcused. Students are expected to make up all missed work. When requesting an excused absence for an educational reason, please complete and submit this form, in advance, for review: [Request for Excused Absence for Educational Reasons form](#)

Broughton Alumni Basketball Game - Consider participating in the Broughton High School Alumni Basketball Game on Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. More information [here](#).

Clubs (Check weekly for added clubs and updates)

Robotics - Robotics is off to a great start. Robotics meets every Friday 3:00- 4:30 in room 2304. The deadline to signup is Oct 11th. Please contact Mrs Mckennie or Mrs Hahner if you have any questions. Robotics signup form <https://bit.ly/3BxzZ6D>

Team Newsletters

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

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

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

PTA Updates

Build the Blaze No Fuss Fall Fundraiser - Oberlin's annual "No Fuss" Fundraiser is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to *Building the Blaze* as an entire school community!! This year our goal is to raise \$40,000 to be able to provide optimal learning opportunities for the students and the most desirable, well-supported environment for staff at Oberlin.

This year, we are going to have "**Penny Wars**" - a friendly competition between the teams in each grade - to engage the student body in the fundraising efforts. We need a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Each day during the fundraiser, we will have volunteers in the cafeteria during all lunches to encourage the students to donate their change to Oberlin by putting pennies in their own team's jar. Pennies and nickels will earn 1 point for a team and dimes, quarters, and dollar bills will subtract points from other teams. The students will be learning about this in their homerooms this week. Please consider volunteering for a shift during lunch one day. *You must be an approved WCPSS volunteer:* <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AD2AAB9-51934553-build>

Thank you! We look forward to working together to **Build the Blaze** this year! And if you want to get a head start and make your donation early, here is the [link](#) to donate:

Join the PTA [here!](#)

Purchase Booster Club Passes - [here](#).

PTA Linktree - linktr.ee/OberlinPTA

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