

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

This has been a terrific week at Oberlin, and with the **end of the first quarter quickly approaching**. Please be aware that **fall athletics will be winding down soon** as we look forward to the start of **winter basketball**, so be sure to note all upcoming deadlines for student participation. We are also incredibly proud to congratulate **Mr. Wheat and the Model United Nations club** for their excellent first showing at the convened session at Broughton High School last week. Finally, we urge everyone to show support and help us prevent bullying by wearing **ORANGE on Unity Day, October 22, 2025**. Thank you for your continued community support in helping us reach our goals!

—Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of October 20th - 24th

Monday, October 20th - No School, Teacher Workday

Wednesday, October 22nd

- Unity Day, Wear ORANGE
- Girls Soccer AT North Garner, 4pm
- Girls Volleyball AT North Garner, 4pm

Thursday, October 23rd

- Football, Oberlin AT North Garner, 4pm

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!

Build the Blaze . . . We are so close:

We have now raised \$36,320!!! Thanks to your incredible generosity thus far, we have helped to build programs such as Teacher Mini-Grants, Engineering & Technology, Robotics, the Arts, Literacy, Enrichment, Global Studies, Physical Education, Science, Media, Classrooms, and Sustainability. We are so grateful!!

We are getting so close to our \$40,000 goal!!! We need your help to cross the finish line. Your donation, no matter how big or small, will allow the Oberlin PTA to continue funding so many incredible programs. The need is great! *Follow us on Instagram @oberlinmiddlepta*, where we are highlighting the many ways your gifts are used to support the Oberlin students and staff. Click [here](#) to donate.

We are incredibly thankful to the 140 families and individuals who have given so far!!

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

Stuffed Animals - Unless students have individual permission from a teacher, stuffed animals and baby dolls must be kept at home as these are causing significant

distractions within classrooms. Students with a stuffed animal / baby doll the first time will be asked to leave the item in the Main Office for pick up during dismissal. If this occurs in the future, the item will need to be picked up by a parent / guardian. Thank you for helping us keep our classrooms focused on learning!

Blankets - Please note, we do not allow students to walk around with blankets. Blankets prevent a safety hazard, especially while students are transitioning on steps. As the weather is getting cooler, if any student needs support with a jacket or coat, please reach out to our school social worker, Mr. Kyte (jkyte@wcpss.net.) Our school community is happy to help address this need.

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:

- 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.

Broughton High School Open House for prospective families will take place on November 13 from 6:00-7:30. Join us to explore the great opportunities available at Broughton, and please invite your friends and neighbors! No pre-registration is necessary for this Open House. More information found [here](#).

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>

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.

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.