

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

We have had a great week, and it's starting to feel like fall. Thanks to everyone who came out to cheer on our Trailblazer football, soccer, cheer, and volleyball athletes this week. Like many of you, our school community is devastated to learn about the effects of Hurricane Helene on Western, North Carolina. For the next two weeks, we are organizing to collect supplies to support those impacted. See below for more details, and thank you for helping us to think global, by acting locally. We hope many of you will join us at Taco Bamba on Wednesday, October 9th. Enjoy a great meal and support Oberlin at the same time! Thanks for all the ways our families are supporting our school community.

-- Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of October 7th - 11th

Saturday, October 5th

- PTA Ground Workday, 8:00am - mid-Afternoon (details below)

Tuesday, October 8th

- Fall Athletic Pictures

PTA Campus Workday - On Saturday, October 5 starting at 8:15am, three local landscaping companies have agreed to donate their time for free to the Oberlin community. We are beyond grateful to Seven Slots Landscaping of Wendell/Knightdale, Alpha Tree Services of Raleigh and Mr. Beaver Tree Services of Raleigh for their support of our school's landscaping needs.

In order to take advantage of this generous offer, **we need Oberlin families to support this PTA sponsored grounds workday.** We welcome parents, students, older siblings, or community volunteers to help us on this day. We welcome help for any duration of time from 8:15 through early afternoon -- any amount of time will be truly appreciated.

If you are willing to volunteer, please sign up [here](https://forms.gle/AoUR9PQAK9KpDEKh7) (<https://forms.gle/AoUR9PQAK9KpDEKh7>) or message Caroline Reed, by October 2nd so we can have an idea of head count. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Caroline Reed at 919-616-0354.

Out to Eat for Oberlin - Enjoy a meal from **Taco Bamba** any time (**breakfast, lunch, or dinner**) and any way (**dine-in, take-away, or buy a gift card for future use**) on **Wednesday, October 9th** to support Oberlin Magnet Middle School! Taco Bamba will donate 20% of sales on this day to our school! If ordering food or a gift card online on 10/9, enter the code **GIVE20** in the coupon line at check-out (to be clear, you will not receive a discount, this just let's Taco Bamba know to donate a portion of the sale to Oberlin). If dining in, mention **Oberlin** or the code **GIVE20** to ensure we receive credit. Questions? Sara Wein, sarawein@gmail.com

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)

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.)

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](#)

PTA Reflections Experience - Do you have an interest in art, music, dance, writing, producing films, or taking photos? Join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections!

For more information visit our slide show at [Reflections Learn More](#) The deadline for submissions is **October 10**. Start planning your submissions today! Submissions can be made here: [Reflections Submission Form](#) For questions email Hannah Goldstein @oberlinreflections@gmail.com

- **Dance Choreography:** [Dance Choreography.docx](#)
- **Film Production:** [Film Production.docx](#)
- **Literature:** [Literature.docx](#)
- **Music Composition:** [Music Composition.docx](#)
- **Photography:** [Photography.docx](#)
- **Visual Arts:** [Visual Arts.docx](#)

Clubs (Check weekly for added clubs and updates)

Dungeons and Dragons Club - Do you love fantasy? Do you love gaming with friends, creative storytelling, and puzzle-solving? Then the Dungeons and Dragons club might be for you! Come and check it out at our first meeting on Wednesday, October 9th in room 703. That's Ms. Sedita's classroom in the World Languages trailer. You'll need a permission slip to attend meetings, so stop by and grab one from Ms. Sedita and get it signed before our first meeting. Have a ride ready to pick you up in the carpool loop at 4:15. Late pickups may result in not being able to participate in the future. All are welcome, and no previous experience is needed! See you there! (ksedita@wcpss.net)

Oberlin Jr. Thespian Club - Do you enjoy drama, theater, and theatrical performances? Consider joining Oberlin's Jr. Thespian Club, sponsored by Mr. Funni. Students will have the opportunity to engage in the performing arts while fostering essential life skills. Students in this club will explore various aspects of theater, including acting, directing, stagecraft, and scriptwriting. There will be an interest meeting on Thursday, October 10th (**rescheduled time**) at 3:15 in Mr. Funny's room, room 311.

Team Newsletters

Sixth Grade: Astros Rockets Voyagers

Seventh Grade: Dragons Embers Phoenix

Eighth Grade: Globetrotters Mountaineers Rangers

PTA Updates

PTA Corporate Sponsorship Opportunity - New this year! The Oberlin PTA is offering a corporate sponsorship opportunity for area businesses to stay connected with Oberlin families with a tax-deductible donation. This is a "one-time ask" that will give your company benefits throughout the entire school year. You can reach an audience of more than 1100 Oberlin families and staff and support the educational enrichment of our kids.

We are offering four sponsorship levels: Platinum (\$2,500), Gold (\$1,000), Silver (\$500) and Bronze (\$250). By joining as a corporate sponsor, your logo will be prominently featured in Oberlin PTA email communications, on the PTA website, through social media and displayed on various banners throughout the school. At the Platinum level, we will display your company's individual banner in the carpool line. It's a fantastic way to support the PTA while highlighting your business!

The deadline to register for a corporate sponsorship is Friday, Oct. 11. This will ensure that you are recognized in our Fall Build the Blaze campaign and Athletic Booster Club publicity.

To register, please click [HERE](#). For more details, contact Brooke Fork at bfork1@gmail.com or Christine Stone at christinestone526@gmail.com.

Join the PTA - Oberlin Magnet Middle School PTA - The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. All parents and school supporters are encouraged to join the Oberlin PTA [here](#)! (Family memberships covering two adults for \$18, Parent / Guardian / Community Supporter Membership \$10.) Please reach out to PTA President Meghann Adams for with any PTA questions.

Booster Club Passes - Admittance Into ALL Oberlin HOME Athletic Events - Support the Oberlin Booster Club by purchasing an OBC Pass to HOME athletic events. There are a variety of "pass options" depending on how many family members you wish to include. Money raised supports extensive academics, athletics, and arts opportunities within our school community.

- Booster Club passes must be purchased through GoFan. For detailed information about how to buy and transfer passes click [here](#).
- Join **NOW** to receive your 2024-2025 passes for ALL Home events!
- Questions? Kristen Fitzgerald kfitzRN@gmail.com

You can always find up-to-date PTA information and links at: linktr.ee/OberlinPTA

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.