

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families, It has been such a joy to have our students back on campus for a full and "normal" week of learning! We want to share our heartfelt gratitude with our families, staff, and students for the incredible flexibility you showed during the unusual schedules of the past few weeks. This week also marked the conclusion of our Winter Athletic Season, with many close basketball games and a State Championship for our Cheer team. We couldn't be prouder of our student-athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication in making this season a great success! Additionally, our staff would like to send a **sincere thank you to our families and the PTA** for a truly generous Staff Appreciation week. From the tasty treats and breakfast items to the delicious lunch and thoughtful gifts, please know that every gesture was deeply felt and appreciated by all of our staff.

--Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of January 16th - 20th

Monday, February 16th

- School day for Students (Make Up Day from Inclement Weather)

Wednesday, February 18

- Club Pictures

NJHS Gratitude Grams - Let's Celebrate Oberlin Staff - NJHS students are organizing a "pay what you can" service project to support [Place at the Table](#). Send a "Gratitude-Gram" to Oberlin staff members using this link. The suggested donation is \$5 for a few Gratitude Grams, and can be paid via Venmo (@Leslie-McKay-10,) however, following the inclusive model, you can pay a lesser amount, pay a larger donation, or commit to an act of kindness in our community during February. Using this link - please send a Gratitude-Gram to Oberlin staff Members! <https://bit.ly/NJHSOberlin>

Eighth Grade High School Registration Updates - Check out [this link](#) from Ms. Rush, 8th Grade School Counselor, sharing important updates regarding high school registration. Ms. Rush also sent this newsletter to all eighth grade parents via Talking Points last week.

Global Getaway - Oberlin's Spring fundraising event, Global Gateway, is back! It will be held after school on April 30th. The Global Gateway committee is looking for help with various parts of the event. If you are interested in helping, please email Sarah Zambon at sgzambon@gmail.com or Mari Porter at mari.porter@duke.edu.

Protecting Our Students - As part of our commitment to student safety and well-being, all Wake County Public School System middle and high schools are required to show the *Protecting Our Students* videos to students in grades 6 through 12 during the school year. A state law passed in 2023 requires that all public school students in grades 6-12 view these videos. Oberlin will show the video on Wednesday, February 18th. More information can be found [here](#).

Oberlin Spring Family Engagement Event - Middle school is a journey, and we want to navigate it together. Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 10th, from 5:00 PM – 6:35 PM**, for our Family Engagement Event. We will be hosting sessions led by our own staff and are designed specifically around the feedback you've shared with us this year. Sessions will be offered in English and Spanish. We can't wait to partner with you in supporting your student's success!

Spring Athletics - Tryouts for Spring Athletics (Boys Soccer, Girls Softball, and Track) begin on Monday, February 23. Please be sure that your student athlete has ALL forms completed in DragonFlyMax.com. ALL forms will need to be completed prior to students being approved to participate in tryouts and should be completed prior to Friday, February 20th. The only two forms that need to be completed by a doctor, and uploaded are the Medical Eligibility form and Physical. Forms submitted after this time may result in student athletes missing tryout days or being unable to participate. Please

note that for students to participate in tryouts AND athletics, students need to have passed 5 of 6 classes for 1st semester this year AND have 14 or fewer total absences. Spring Tryout Information is [Linked Here](#) Email Athletic Director, Eric Chaplin, with any questions (ewchaplin@wcpss.net)

Bi-Weekly Team Newsletters

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

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

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

PTA Updates

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>). Follow us on **Social Media**: [@oberlinmiddle](#) on Twitter, [OberlinMiddle](#) on Instagram, [oberlinmagnetmiddleschool](#) on Facebook, Oberlin PTA: linktr.ee/OberlinPTA.