

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families, It truly feels as though the "May-cember" rush is flying by faster than ever. As we navigate these final weeks of the school year together, we ask that you intentionally set aside time weekly to check Infinite Campus and reach out to teachers with any questions you might have regarding your student's progress. Beyond grades and assignments, please partner with us to ensure that students finish the school year strong and with confidence. By taking the time now to re-establish consistent daily schedules, ensure on-time arrival at school, and maintain a healthy sleep routine, we can make sure every student is well-poised to give their best effort during upcoming testing and to finish the school year. Let's work together to finish this school year Oberlin strong!

--Ms. Pelton, Principal

## Week of May 18th - 22nd

### Monday, May 25th

- **Holiday, No School for Students**

**Student Safety When Walking to and From School** - We are reaching out because **we need your partnership** to keep our students safe. Recently, we have received several alarming phone calls from community members regarding "near misses" where students were almost hit by cars during arrival and dismissal.

To prevent a tragedy, we are asking you to have a serious conversation with your child about two specific, dangerous behaviors being reported:

- **Distracted Walking:** Students are walking into traffic while looking down at their phones, unaware of moving vehicles.
- **"Daring" Traffic:** Students are playing games near the road—such as pushing friends toward the street or seeing how close they can get to a car before jumping back.

**How You Can Help** - Please do not assume your child isn't participating in these choices. Peer pressure and distractions can affect any middle schooler. We ask that you connect with your student and emphasize these non-negotiable safety rules:

1. **Eyes Up:** If you must use your phone, stop moving and stand in a safe spot away from the curb. Never walk and text near traffic.
2. **No Horseplay:** The street is not a place for games. Pushing, shoving, or "dares" near moving cars are extremely dangerous.
3. **Use Crosswalks:** Always use designated sidewalks and crosswalks. Do not "jaywalk" or weave between cars, cross with a crossing guard when possible.

**Our number one priority is making sure every Oberlin student gets home safely every single day. Thank you for your immediate support in reinforcing these life-saving habits.**

### EOG / EOC End of Year Testing Schedule

	Friday May 29	Monday June 1	Tuesday June 2	Wednesday June 3	Thursday, June 4 – Thursday, June 11
6th		Reading EOG	Math EOG	Math I EOC	Make-ups/ Retesting
7th	Reading EOG	Math EOG		Math I EOC	Make-ups/ Retesting
8th	Science EOG	Science EOG Make-ups	Reading EOG	Math EOG Math I EOC	Make-ups/ Retesting

*This schedule reflects our current plan for 2026 EOG / EOC testing. The possibility exists, due to circumstances beyond our control, that adjustments to these dates may happen. Please know that if a change needs to be made, we will communicate it as soon as possible to our families. Please reach out to our Testing Coordinator, Susan Cherry, with any questions ([scherry@wcpss.net](mailto:scherry@wcpss.net)).*

**EOG Remediation / Readministration** - North Carolina requires all eligible students to take state End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of Course (EOC) tests each year. Students in grades 3–8 take EOG tests in reading and math, and in science in grades 5 and 8. Students

taking NC Math 1, NC Math 3, Biology, or English II take EOC tests, which count for 20% of the final grade in those four courses. This year, students who score “Not Proficient” on their state assessment will have the opportunity to take the test a second time. Students scoring levels 3-5 are not eligible for retesting. This retest gives students another chance to demonstrate their learning and growth. **For students taking EOC tests, they will also have the opportunity to improve their course grade if the score is higher on their second attempt.** More information found [here](#).

If you would like your student to have this opportunity to retest in the event that they score “Not Proficient” on their first attempt, please complete [THIS FORM](#). You must submit one form for each student attending Oberlin. The deadline to complete the form is **May 25, 2026**. If you have any questions about retesting or state assessments, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Susan Cherry at [scherry@wcpss.net](mailto:scherry@wcpss.net).

**8th Grade School Counseling Newsletter** - Eighth grade families, please check out the eighth grade school counseling newsletter linked [here](#).

**Human Trafficking Lessons for 7th and 8th Grade Students** - This month (May 2026), Oberlin students will receive district provided lessons on Human Trafficking Safety. NC Senate Bill 279 mandates that all students in grades 7-9 receive instruction concerning trafficking prevention and awareness. All WCPSS students in grades 7-9 will participate in a lesson on Human Trafficking, presented by members of the school Counseling and Student Services staff. Following the lesson, students will participate in a survey to help staff in identifying high-risk pupils and referring them to assistance resources. More information can be found [here](#).

**Fidgets, Squishies, Stuffed Animals, Blankets** - Effective Monday, May 4th, squishies, fidgets, stuffed animals, blankets, and all similar items will no longer be allowed on campus. This is due to multiple incidents involving exploding squishies, accusations of theft, students leaving class to collect an item, all of which are creating significant distractions to learning. We appreciate your support in helping your student to leave these items at home. First warning, students will be asked to place the item in the bookbag and not bring it back to school. Second warning, the student will turn the items into the office, and parents will need to pick it up. If your child has an IEP or 504

plan regarding fidgets and you have questions, please reach out to your case manager. Thank you for supporting us with a learning focused conclusion to the school year.

## 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](mailto:tracy.lathan@gmail.com)) with membership questions.

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