

Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families, We have come to the end of May, and we are incredibly grateful to our staff for their continuous efforts to ensure strong learning experiences, as well as to our students for remaining committed to giving their best effort. Please note that there will be no school for students on Monday, May 25, in observance of the holiday. Looking ahead, EOG and EOC testing is scheduled to begin on Friday of next week. To help ensure all of our Trailblazers are prepared to show their best effort, please make sure that students are well-rested, have eaten a good breakfast, bring a fully charged Chromebook, and arrive at school on time. Thank you so much to our families for your ongoing partnership and support in maintaining a positive and successful end to the school year!

--Ms. Pelton, Principal

Week of May 25th - 29th

Monday, May 25th

- **Holiday**, No School for Students

Friday, May 29th

- EOG / EOC Testing (Details Below)

Meals on Wheels Take Action Project - Help Oberlin Global Studies and Eighth Grade Students with a take action project to support Meals on Wheels breakfast bags packaging. At this link, please consider sending in a few items to support this project. You can have them shipped directly to Oberlin, or send them in with your student. We will collect items from May 25th through June 6th. Thanks for supporting this project. [Signup Genius](#) [Amazon wishlist \(same items ship right to school\)](#)

PTA Sponsored End of Year Gift Crowd - Looking for a way to thank the amazing staff at Oberlin for a wonderful school year? The PTA will be collecting contributions, via GiftCrowd, until 5:00pm on Thursday, June 11th through this [link](#). This is

optional. Every teacher and staff member is listed for you on GiftCrowd so you can easily send a gift to administration, office staff, student services, custodial staff, elective teachers, classroom teachers and more! Please contact Blair Miller (blairmiller27@gmail.com) with any questions! (<https://app.giftcrowd.com/app/join-event/ET1iqbDxpp>)

Eighth Grade Dance - Friday, June 5th - The Eighth Grade Dance is a fun part of celebrating and ending your 8th grade year. At the 8th grade dance, you get to dance, hang out with your friends, and take memorable pictures. You want to dress your best, aligned with the dress code, but above all be comfortable and have fun. Our Eighth Grade Dance will take place on Friday, June 5th beginning at 5:30 pm. The dress is semi formal, and outfit options include (but are not limited to) button-down shirts, dress pants, and dress shorts, and jumpsuits, tea dresses, and knee-length dresses. Students should be dropped off in the “mini loop” near our cafeteria entrance and should be picked up by 7:30 pm. This event is for Oberlin 8th grade students ONLY. (There is no cost for this event.)

Eighth Grade End of Year Activities - Eighth grade students will enjoy the traditional Eighth Grade Picnic on Wednesday, June 10th at 11:30AM. Eighth grade parents have traditionally collected funds from parents to combine with the funds allocated to the 8th grade picnic from the Oberlin PTA to be able to pay for picnic activities. If you are able to contribute, the recommended donation amount is **\$35 per student**. If you are unable to contribute, please do not worry. If you would like to contribute on behalf of someone who is unable to do so, please add whatever additional amount you would like to your contribution. Contribute to 8th Grade Activities [here](#). There are lots of opportunities for parent participation at the picnic, and we would love to have you there! If you are able to volunteer at the picnic, please [Sign Up to Volunteer Here](#) [Link to Donate Supplies](#)

Late Arrival / Early Check Out During EOG / EOC Testing - Students arriving late to school on EOG / EOC testing days may not be admitted to a testing classroom once the test has begun. **Please plan accordingly to arrive on time** to avoid having to test on a make up day. When a classroom is engaged with EOG / EOC testing, we will not call the classroom or visit the classroom to get a student for early check out as this disrupts the testing setting. **Families will have to wait until testing**

concludes in the classroom to check out a student early from school. Please plan accordingly so an early check out is not needed during testing.

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).

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.

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.