

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

It's been a rainy week, but a great week! We have arrived at the midpoint of first quarter, so check in with your student regarding interim grades via PowerSchool. Thanks to all of our families who participated in our first Principal Chat, either virtually or in person. Resources from this Principal Chat are included below. We hope that our families will join us for our Curriculum Nights next week. Thanks for partnering with us to ensure a great year of learning!

-- Ms. Pelton, Principal

## Week of September 23 - 27

### Tuesday, September 24th

- Curriculum Nights for 6th and 8th Grades, 5:45 - 7:15, Details Below

### Wednesday, September 25th

- Curriculum Night for 7th Grade, 5:45 - 7:15, Details Below
- Oberlin Volleyball AT Ligon, 4:00pm

### Thursday, September 26th

- Oberlin Football vs. Ligon, Game Hosted at Enloe Magnet High School, 6:00pm

**Curriculum Nights** - On Tuesday, September 24th and Wednesday, September 25th, we will hold Curriculum Nights from 5:45 - 7:15 so that we can welcome our families into our classrooms, allow families to connect with staff, and ensure that our families have useful information to best support their students with a successful year.

- Sixth and Eighth Grades will participate in Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 24th
- Seventh Grade will participate in Curriculum Night on Wednesday, September 25th.

The schedule for both evenings will be as follows:

- 5:45 - 6:15 (Optional) Drop In Classroom Visits
- 6:15 - 6:30 - Transition to Grade Level Meeting Spots
  - Sixth Grade - 9.24.24 - Auditorium
  - Seventh Grade - 9.25.24 - Auditorium
  - Eighth Grade - 9.24.24 - Gym
- 6:30 - 7:15 - Grade Level Presentations by Grade Level Teachers (in Grade Level Meeting Spots)

Please bring a picture / screenshots of your student's schedule from Powerschool so you know your student's teachers and room numbers. **Curriculum Nights are designed for parents** and students are not expected to attend.

Oberlin Elective and Special Education teachers will each attend one Curriculum Night. Please know that a departmental representative will be available to check in with families.

- Tuesday, September 24th:
  - CTE: Ms. Lee, Mr. Hampton, Ms. McKennie
  - Health / PE: Ms. Sharp, Mr. McCotter, Mr. Miller
  - World Language / Immersion: Sr. Becerra, Sra. Medina, Ms. Sedita, Ms. Y. Yang, Ms. C. Yang
  - Global Studies: Ms. Barnes
  - Arts: Ms. Hower (Art,) Ms. Dangerfield (Chorus)
  - Special Education: Ms. Best, Ms. Swindell, Ms. Eke, Ms. Kruse, Ms. Falih, Ms. Richter, Ms. Rivers
- Wednesday, September 25th
  - CTE: Ms. Lee, Ms. Alicia Rochelle, Ms. Powell
  - Health / PE: Ms. Nadeau
  - World Language / Immersion: Sra Lopez, Sra. Gil, Ms. Chen
  - Global Studies: Mr. Wheat
  - Arts: Ms. Yosai (Band,) Ms. Gil (Dance)
  - Special Education: Ms. Eke, Mr. Spicer

**Principal Chat with Ms. Pelton: School Safety** - On Tuesday, September 17th, we enjoyed gathering with our Oberlin families to discuss school safety. A copy of the presentation slides can be found [here](#).

**Picture Day - Picture Day** is fast approaching on **October 1st!** These pictures will be used for our yearbook, PowerSchool identification, and for parent purchases. To purchase and view the pictures, please visit <https://my.photoday.com/s/LTBW/41729>.

**PTA Reflections Experience** - Do you have an interest in **art, music, dance, writing, producing films, or taking photos**? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at [PTA.org/Reflections/Awards](https://pta.org/Reflections/Awards). The deadline for submissions is October 10, 2024. Stay tuned for more information and how to submit entries. Questions - contact Hannah Goldstein, [oberlinreflections@gmail.com](mailto:oberlinreflections@gmail.com) - [Reflections Learn More](#)

**Yearbook** - School has only just begun, but it is time to start thinking about yearbooks and great memories. Memories last forever in the yearbook! 2024-2025 OMMS Yearbooks are on sale! Now \$40. That's a savings of \$15.00. **Order by 09/27/2024** to lock in this sale price. Ways to order: Online at [jostens.com/backtoschool](https://jostens.com/backtoschool)

**Clubs** (Check weekly for added clubs and updates)

**Trailblazers of Time** - Mr. Wheat and Mrs. Barnes are hosting a new club this year, currently named "Trailblazers of Time," that seeks to deep dive into many global studies issues surrounding historical events. Students in the club will have an opportunity to present a project at the National History Day competitions, held March 22 of 2025. There, they will present something they have researched and helped to make the history come alive, through either a documentary film, an original play written, produced and acted by students, a website, a paper, or a poster presentation. Entries will be graded and awards given, with the best projects competing on the state level! Trailblazers of Time Club meets every other Thursday. We are excited to bring this club to Oberlin!

**Trailblazer Ambassador Leaders** - We are forming a new **student advocacy group**. Each homeroom will have one representative who will join the group once a

month during our school day **Trailblazer Time**. Interested students will be asked to complete an interest form in their homerooms. If multiple students are interested, a vote may be held. There will be other after-school opportunities to join the **TAL group** in the future.

**Girls on the Run - Known as “Heart and Sole”** for middle schoolers is a club option for Oberlin girls this fall. Participants will meet after school at Oberlin weekly to inspire girls to celebrate what makes them unique, uncover confidence, and understand the importance of physical and emotional health. Participants must register [here](#), but are encouraged to use this code (**CVSFA24**) for FREE registration. Reach out to club sponsors Ms. Usher ([cmusher@wcpss.net](mailto:cmusher@wcpss.net)) or Ms. Harris ([cbharris@wcpss.net](mailto:cbharris@wcpss.net)) with questions.

**Team Newsletters** - Biweekly, our grade level teams share newsletters with our families. The links will remain the same for the duration of the year, with the newest information at the top. The links are posted on our website, included via Talking Points messages from teams, and always linked in our Weekly Family Communication. Our biweekly newsletters provide families with information about what has been taking place in classrooms, along with a “look ahead” to what will be happening in the upcoming weeks.

**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](mailto:bfork1@gmail.com) or Christine Stone at [christinestone526@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kfitzRN@gmail.com)

**PTA Spirit Wear** - The [Oberlin Spiritwear Store](#) is open until October 2 and features Oberlin hoodies, t-shirts, joggers, and zip up jackets. Orders will be run once the store closes and all items will be delivered to students in their homeroom classes (expected delivery is end of October/beginning of November - just in time for cooler weather!). \*\*Please include your student's homeroom teacher when filling out the information at check out.\*\* Once the store closes, it will not reopen until the Spring. If you have questions, please reach out to [alexandraflynn@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraflynn@gmail.com).

You can always find up-to-date PTA information and links at: [linktr.ee/OberlinPTA](http://linktr.ee/OberlinPTA)

A copy of all Weekly Family Communications can be found on our [website](#) (<https://www.wcps.net/oberlinms>). Follow us on **Social Media**: [@oberlinmiddle](#) on Twitter, [OberlinMiddle](#) on Instagram, [oberlinmagnetmiddleschool](#) on Facebook, Oberlin PTA: [linktr.ee/OberlinPTA](http://linktr.ee/OberlinPTA).