

# Oberlin Magnet Middle School

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Greetings Oberlin Families,

We enjoyed getting to meet with and connect with our Oberlin families during Fall Curriculum Night. Thanks to all who were able to come out and join and strengthen partnerships with fellow parents, our Oberlin PTA, and staff. If you were unable to join, please find links to all of our Curriculum Night materials below. Don't forget to purchase Fall Pictures and plan for your Picture Day outfit on Tuesday!! We also hope you will come out and join us for home athletic events which begin this week -- Go Trailblazers!

-- Ms. Pelton, Principal

## Week of September 30th - October 4th

### Monday, September 30th

- Oberlin Volleyball vs. Carnage AT Oberlin, 4:00pm

### Tuesday, October 1st

- Oberlin Soccer vs. Carnage AT Oberlin, 4:00pm

### Wednesday, October 2nd

- Oberlin Football / Cheer vs. Carnage AT Oberlin, 4:00pm

### Thursday, October 3rd

- Teacher Workday, No School for Students

**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>.

### **Canvas - Becoming an Observer in My Student's Canvas Course -**

From your student's chromebook, logged into Canvas, follow [these directions](#) to

generate a “pairing code” so that parents can be “observers” for each of their students’ classes.

**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.

**Athletics** - Our fall athletic season is underway, and home games begin the week of September 30th. Athletic events are listed on our main school website calendar and in this communication each week. All athletic games begin at 4:00. Students attending should remain in their last period class, and they will be dismissed by announcement to the stadium / gym. The cost of athletic events is \$6.00. Students may: bring cash and pay at the gate, use an Oberlin Booster Club pass purchased in advance (show pass from phone or name will be on list,) or purchase digital game tickets in advance through GoFan. All students are expected to uphold all school behavioral expectations, and the following highlights of being a respectful spectator will be shared with students ([link.](#)) We invite all students, parents, and community members to join us to show Trailblazer spirit and strong sportsmanship for our athletic events.

**Volunteer to Sell Concessions with PTA at Home Football Games** - Come have fun and cheer on our student athletes. We only have two home football games this fall, and we look forward to selling concessions at both! **Sign Up [Here](#).**

## Fall Curriculum Night Materials

- [Sixth Grade](#)
- [Seventh Grade](#)
- [Eighth Grade](#)
- [Parent Feedback Survey](#)

**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](#)

Interested in submitting your original artwork to the Oberlin Reflections Program? Follow the link for each category below to find the specific rules and guidelines.

- **Dance Choreography:**
  - 5 minutes or less;
  - 1000 MB (or less) and
  - MP4, MOV or AVI format
  - [Dance Choreography.docx](#)
- **Film Production:**
  - 5 minutes or less;
  - 1000 MB (or less) and
  - MP4, MOV or AVI format
  - [Film Production.docx](#)
- **Literature:**
  - 2,000 words or less, handwritten or typed; PDF file;
  - Include student name, entry title, arts category and division on back of entry.
  - number each page; 8.5 x 11 paper (one sided only)
  - [Literature.docx](#)
- **Music Composition:**
  - 5 minutes or less;
  - 1000 MB or less; MP3 and WAV format;
  - PDF format for notation/score/tablature (only required for middle or hs)
  - [Music Composition.docx](#)
- **Photography:**
  - 3x5 - 8 x 10 inches; (cannot exceed 11x14 when mounted); frames not allowed
  - at least 640 x 960 pixels and 300 DPI resolution;
  - JPEG, JPG, and PNG accepted.
  - [Photography.docx](#)

- **Visual Arts:**
  - 2D no larger than 24" x 30" - create digital image of piece;
  - 3D must have 3 images - JPEG, JPG, or PNG;
  - Include list of materials used
  - Framed artwork containing loose materials is not accepted. Matting is accepted.
  - [Visual Arts.docx](#)

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

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

**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 3rd at 3:15 in Mr. Funny's room, room 311.

**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!

**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).

**Last Call - PTA Spirit Wear** - The [Oberlin Spiritwear Store](#) will close on October 2. If you haven't already done so, be sure to grab Oberlin hoodies, t-shirts, joggers, and zip up jackets. 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!). \*\*Be sure to 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.

**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)

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

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](https://linktr.ee/OberlinPTA).