



OLENTANGY ACADEMY: SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALIZED SUCCESS

New Family Welcome Letter: 2020-21

Welcome to our OASIS family! **OASIS** is a unique, student-centered educational program for families who are looking for a different option than the traditional school setting. We are looking forward to partnering with you and your student to create an individualized and optimal school experience. We feel confident that your student's educational needs can be met here in our small, flexible setting as we maintain the challenge and rigor of our larger Olentangy School community.

Our Mission: *To facilitate maximum learning for every student.*

Please watch your email inbox for important updates from OASIS!

Getting Started:

The computer software that middle school students use at OASIS is called **Edgenuity**. Mrs. Breckner, the middle school instructor, will provide detailed instructions on logging in and using the Edgenuity software for each middle school student.

The computer software that high school students use at OASIS is called **Apex**. The introduction to this website can be viewed once you login to www.apexvs.com.

Once logged in: Click on "Help" (found on right side of screen) Then, "Getting started" Next, "Student Getting Started: Courses"

There are four videos on that page that should be reviewed before your first day. The videos are *READY, SET, GO!, MY DASHBOARD, WORKING WITH COURSES, and MONITORING COURSE PROGRESS.*

The website and login information is listed for your reference. Once logged in, you will have the opportunity to change your password.

WEBSITE: **www.apexvs.com**

USERNAME: _____

PASSWORD: _____

Important Contact Information:

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Meet The Staff:

Our dedicated and approachable staff is here to guide your student towards successful completion of various courses across every content area.

Principal-
Jennifer Aylward

Dr. Aylward helped with the three years of research and subsequent foundation of OASIS, in 2009. Dr. Aylward worked in the Curriculum Department of Olentangy, beginning in 2006, and has also worked as a principal in Hamilton Township, and as a National Board Certified Teacher of English at Beechcroft and Brookhaven high schools in Columbus City. Dr. Aylward has her B.A., M.Ed., Principal's Licensure, Superintendent's Licensure, and Ph.D. (a.b.d.) all from The Ohio State University.

OASIS Middle School Teacher-
Maureen Breckner

Mrs. Breckner graduated from The Ohio State University with bachelor's degrees in Environmental Education and Zoology and a master's in middle childhood education with a focus on math and science. Before joining OASIS, she taught science for 3 years at Horizon Science Academy Middle School. Mrs. Breckner loves the nature and is on a mission to visit all the national parks. Her favorite part of teaching is watching students grow academically and socially as they strive to reach their potential.

OASIS Social Studies Teacher-
Jim Brehm

Mr. Brehm is the primary Social Studies teacher and has been with the OASIS program since its inception. Mr. Brehm has a B.S., M.S., Principal's Licensure, Comprehensive Social Studies Licensure and a CBI endorsement from OSU and Ashland University. He came to Olentangy in 2000 as a Central Office Administrator. He transferred back into the classroom in 2005. Prior to that, he taught and coached at Pleasant Local Schools and worked as a Labor Relations Consultant for the Ohio Education Association. Mr. Brehm's primary goal is to have all students become happy, responsible and productive citizens.

OASIS Social Studies Teacher-
Carol Chapman

Ms. Chapman teaches Art and Music Appreciation while providing academic support as needed to OASIS students. She is also a facilitator of the Work Study program. Ms. C. is a graduate of Youngstown State University, with a Bachelor's in Education and holds a Master's Degree, from Mary Grove College of Education. She has taught in Olentangy for twenty-two years. She loves teaching at OASIS and developing positive relationships with the students.

OASIS Social Studies Teacher-
Amy Fidler

Mrs Fidler will be providing academic assistance in all areas of History and Government. She graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a BA in Social Sciences and 7-12 Comprehensive Social Studies teaching certificate. She has previously taught both Middle and High School History at Hiltonia Middle School and Beechcroft High School. She has also been a substitute teacher at OASIS for the last four years.. Mrs Fidler is passionate about assisting each student to reach their maximum learning potential.

OASIS Science Teacher-
Debbie Heiman

Dr. Heiman holds a K-12 Health Education teaching license, a 7-12 Integrated Science license and a Master's and Doctorate in Counseling Education. She has 24 years of teaching experience that spans the middle school to collegiate level. Her passion is teaching Science and helping students grow both personally and academically.

OASIS English Teacher-
Josh Holt

Mr. Holt graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Education. He has been a part of the Olentangy School District since 2011. Mr. Holt taught English at Olentangy Liberty High School for six years before joining the OASIS team in 2018. His goal at OASIS is to create positive relationships through one-on-one learning while focusing on the development of English skills.

OASIS Math Teacher-
Lindsay Stamm

Mrs. Stamm graduated from Ohio Northern University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and attained her teaching certification in 2000. She has a master's degree in educational administration from Ashland University. This will be her 19th year in the Olentangy district with 18 of those spent teaching a variety of math courses in the classroom at OHS. Her goal in moving to OASIS is to make connections, work individually with the math students, and help them find confidence and success in all they do.

OASIS Mental Health Counselor-
Ashley Swiger

Miss Ashley Swiger is a clinical social worker with Syntero with her Masters of Social Work from The Ohio State University and Bachelors in Psychology from Kent State University. She has experience working with children and adolescents as young as 5 years old, and all the way up to 18. She has worked previously in community, school and hospital settings for a little over five years. Miss Ashley enjoys assisting students struggling with anxiety, depression, future planning, and trauma issues. She also enjoys utilizing a strengths-based and future-oriented approach throughout prevention and treatment. She enjoys reading, listening to music, crafts, and crocheting as well as spending time with her family.

OASIS Secretary-
Carrie Ahmed

Mrs. Ahmed provides administrative support to the OASIS program. Previously, she was the District's Communications Secretary. She has over fifteen years of experience supporting education professionals. Mrs. Ahmed lives in the district and has two children who attend Olentangy Schools. She graduated from The University of Akron with a BS in Business Administration. Mrs. Ahmed enjoys working with teachers and students and is a lifelong learner.

OASIS Intervention Specialist-
Steve Sisko

Mr. Sisko graduated from Ohio Dominican University with a degree in Special Education in 2000 and earned his master's degree in 2003 from Ashland University. He has been with Olentangy as an Intervention Specialist since 2001 and has taught at OHS and LHS. He is excited to be at OASIS and enjoys working with all students to help them grow socially and academically.

OASIS Intervention Specialist-
Tracy Tluchowski

Mrs. Tluchowski graduated from Wright State University with a Special Education degree in 1993 and earned her master's degree through the University of Dayton in 1998. She came to Olentangy in 2001. She loves watching OASIS students grow and learn in such a comfortable environment.

OASIS Academic Assistant-
Teri Calcara

Mrs. Calcara is a retired educator of 40 years that included three years of teaching Spanish and the remaining years as a school counselor. Her part time role at OASIS is an academic assistant in Spanish as well as administrative support. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a B.A. in Spanish and then a M.A. in school counseling. She has worked at Bishop Watterson, Olentangy, Bexley, and Upper Arlington schools. She enjoys working towards the success of the OASIS students.

OASIS Academic Assistant-
Kelly Joseph

Mrs. Joseph graduated from Virginia Tech in 1986 with a degree in math education. Mrs. Joseph is dedicated to assisting students master math content in the Apex curriculum as well as helping students discover and develop their individual skills and interests. She has also had the opportunity to homeschool her own 4 children through elementary school. For the 25 years prior to coming to Oasis, Mrs. Joseph tutored math at levels and across several school districts.

OASIS Academic Assistant-
Christie May

Mrs. May's primary role at OASIS is to provide academic assistance in Math. She graduated from Cornell University in 1991 with a BS in Computer Science Engineering. She worked for Xerox as an embedded software engineer until 2004 when she decided to stay home with her 2 girls. She became a substitute teacher in the Olentangy district when her youngest started school. Her goal at OASIS is to help each student perform to their potential in a supportive, caring environment.

OASIS Academic Assistant-
Amy Schroff

Mrs. Schroff's role at OASIS is as a part-time academic assistant focusing on Math and Sciences. She graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Biology and a minor in Business Administration. She has 3 children in the Olentangy School District. Her goal at OASIS is to establish an honest and trustworthy relationship with every student. She enjoys the challenge of fostering every student's learning desires and helping them grow as a unique individual.

OASIS Academic Assistant-
Gina Vitale

Miss Vitale is a part time virtual mentor. She graduated from West Liberty University with a degree in Secondary English Education and continued her education at Ohio Dominican University with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration. Her goal at OASIS is to establish connections with students and create a sense of belonging.