

	<h2>Committed Distance Learning Family Newsletter</h2> <p>October 2, 2020</p>
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WEEKLY WINS

Ms. Peacock's 2nd grade class found wacky ways to do their 20 minutes of reading at home. Some read in the bathtub, some built forts to read in, some even read to their pets!

Mrs. Dauber's CDL Homeroom celebrated Crazy Hat and Hair Day for Hello Week. See their fun and creative hats above!

Mr. Wan challenged his Middle school math classes to share how they continue to be active in their passions outside of the classroom for mental health. Here is an example of one of the classes sharing their favorite activities. [Mr. Wan's Class Video](#)

Ms. Whitney's science class was asked to build a model neuron out of items they had at home. Look how creative they are!

Ms. Jones' AP Lit class discussed a complex short story, focusing on an analysis of its underlying allegory. After class, 2 students stayed on the call to continue discussing literature and the complexities. The students expressed a genuine love for exploring the possibilities of literature, and one said, "I feel like I've finally found my people!"

ATTENDING CLASSES

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2

Deadline for K and 7 grade immunization records

OCTOBER 6

Asynchronous School Day for High Schoolers/ ACT Testing

OCTOBER 15

Deadline for 12 grade and new student immunization records

OCTOBER 16

No School, COTA day

OCTOBER 29

Asynchronous School Day for High Schoolers/ PSAT Testing

OCTOBER 30

A vital aspect to your child's success in Committed Distance Learning is attending live lessons and small group instruction. CDL teachers share a weekly overview in Schoology, designating which days they will be live with students and which days the students will work independently. While we understand that unforeseeable circumstances may prevent students from being on computers at designated times, I kindly ask that families make student attendance in live lessons and small group instruction a priority.

ABSENCE REPORTING

Everyone should have received Attendance communication Tuesday, 9/29. Please save the link shared in the email and use the link for reporting student's absences. Do not share your child's link with other students' parents. If you do not receive this email, or have any questions, email olsd_CDL@olsd.us.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Committed Distance Learning will have program-specific Parent-Teacher conference nights, separate from the school buildings. We are finalizing Parent-Teacher conference details and you will receive more information from your child's teachers in the coming days. Please see the CDL conferences dates by grade level:

No School, Teacher Work day

QUICK LINKS

[Data and Privacy Parent Guide Document](#)

[Olentangy District Website CDL Page - including Parent Question & Answers](#)

[Technology Troubleshooting](#)

[Current Student Absence Form](#)

[CDL Program Overview](#)

[Olentangy Student Handbooks](#)

[Committed Distance Learning October Pre-Order Form](#)

Please utilize the olsd_CDL@olsd.us email for questions regarding the Committed Distance Learning program.

- Elementary School: November 9 & November 12 (4:00pm - 7:30pm)
 - Middle School: October 15 & October 21 (3:15pm - 8:00pm)
 - High School: October 15 & October 20 (3:30pm - 7:00pm)
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IMMUNIZATIONS

Please remember that the immunization deadline for Kindergarten and 7th grade is October 2nd, and the deadline for 12th graders and students new to our district is October 15. If you have not submitted your immunization records to your school nurse, please do so as soon as possible to avoid exclusion from school (this includes access to CDL classes).

PSAT ON OCTOBER 29

For those students who have signed up and are planning to take the PSAT on October 29th, please review the PSAT/NMSQT Fall 2020 Student Guide. Hard copies have been distributed in school and extras are available in Student Services. More information about room assignments will become available soon. The registration for the PSAT is now closed. [PSAT Student Guide](#)

JOIN OUR DIVERSITY CLUB

Diversity Club is a club for all CDL students in grades 6-8 and all students at Orange Middle School. The goal of

Diversity Club is to create a positive school climate so that all students feel welcomed and appreciated for who they are. Students will develop leadership skills by participating in various educational activities, discussing ideas for school improvements, and by organizing school initiatives.

This semester Diversity Club will meet fully online from 3:30-4:15 p.m. on Microsoft Teams on the following dates: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, and 12/17.

If interested in joining, please complete a brief [interest survey](#). After you complete the survey, we will send you the meeting link in Schoology and/or Microsoft Teams prior to the next meeting. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mr. Barkhurst at: brian_barkhurst@olsd.us.
