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Dear Freshmen Students and Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Olentangy Liberty High School, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the home of the Patriots! We are extremely proud of our Blue Ribbon-awarded high school and look forward to working with you and your family over the next four years. Our mission is to *facilitate maximum learning for every student* and I am confident that you will quickly see that this is more than just an expression at Liberty High School; it is truly our goal!

Student schedules will be distributed on **Thursday, August 11th during Frosh Fest!** “Frosh Fest” is an annual orientation event that takes place at Liberty High School to allow incoming freshmen to become acquainted with the building and learn about the high school environment. It is run by the Student Mentors, who are a group of current juniors and seniors who will teach them the ropes and become a resource to support them and help them transition smoothly. The event will take place from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 11. The building will remain open until 5:30 p.m. for students to walk their schedule and student mentors will be available to assist students. The cost is \$17.50, which includes a pizza dinner and a t-shirt (that will be distributed during school in September).

If your student cannot attend *Frosh Fest!* They may pick up their schedule and have their pictures taken on Friday, August 12 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Main Gym. Remember, your student will need to bring the completed envelope portion of their picture brochure whether or not you are purchasing pictures. There are no supply lists for classes. Teachers will let the students know what to have for class during the first day of school.

ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Prior to the first day of school, the Emergency Medical Form and the Student Handbook Awareness statement must be completed online. Parents must log into PowerSchool and select Back to School Forms. This form, along with other back-to-school forms will be available beginning August 11. Students will log into PowerSchool to sign the handbook awareness form.

***Please note: Parents who have not updated their PowerSchool information, will not have access to the mandatory forms and schedules. If you have not updated your PowerSchool information, we strongly suggest you do so on August 11.



MANDATORY FORMS TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE IN POWERSCHOOL:

- **The Emergency Medical Authorization Form** – Ohio law requires that you submit a new form each school year even if no information has changed.
- **Handbook Awareness Statement** – requires **both** parent and student electronic signatures. This will be done by logging into your individual PowerSchool accounts and electronically signing the form. This is found in the forms link. You will find the Student Handbook online under the Back-to-School button on the homepage of the Liberty website.

Other Back-to-School information found on the OLHS website:

- **Driving Registration and Agreement** – All freshmen who hold a valid Ohio Driver's License and plan to drive to school must register for a parking permit. The fee for the parking permit is \$35.00 and can be paid through the parent portal in PowerSchool. All fees must also be paid in order to purchase a parking permit.
- **OLHS Extracurricular Activities flyer** – This is a list of all the clubs/sports offered at OLHS and the advisors/coaches associated with the activity.
- **Food Service Information**
- **District calendar 2022-2023**
- **Clinic Forms** – Prescription and/or over the counter medication forms
- **Possip Information**

When school resumes on Thursday, August 18, classes will begin at 7:20 a.m. and students will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. This is the same schedule as last year. **The school will not be printing schedules for the first day of school.** Students will need to print off a copy of their schedules on Thursday, August 18 and bring it with them on the first day of school for them to follow. They can also access their schedule electronically through the PowerSchool app on their phones.

Please also mark your calendars for a few key beginning of the year events:

- Curriculum Night – Wednesday, August 24 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- New Parent Orientation Meeting – Wednesday, August 24 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 pm
- Labor Day – Monday, September 5 – No School for students or staff
- Curriculum Professional Development Day – Monday, September 19 – No School for students



Again, welcome to Olentangy Liberty High School and to *freshman year!* It is a pleasure to have you as a member of the Patriot Family. Please feel free to contact me or stop in at any time with any question or concern. I am here to help you as well. In addition, I hope you will take advantage of the [OLHS website](#) as an additional resource of information. The *Patriot Parent!* is a weekly academic update newsletter sent directly to parents by email. The *Patriot Parent!* includes a weekly letter from the principal, several “Items of Note” and a calendar of upcoming academic events. If you updated your parent contact information in PowerSchool forms and have included an email address, you will automatically receive the *Patriot Parent!* through the school’s mass notification system. Please call the office if you are not receiving this important communication.

The mass notification system is also used to send email and text notifications of school delays and cancellations as soon as they are announced. New families should opt into the district’s text messaging service by texting YES to 87569.

In addition, we will continue to use our Liberty High School Twitter feed to communicate school events, highlight student accomplishments, and share useful educational information. Follow me @Mr_Starner.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

With Liberty Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Starner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Starner
Principal
Olentangy Liberty High School