

July 2022

Dear Junior Students and Parents,

It may seem hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparing for your third year at Olentangy Liberty High School! For the last two years, you have helped demonstrate Liberty High School's values of *academic, artistic and athletic excellence, and quality conduct in a positive environment*, and we are excited to return this year to do even more to achieve the district's mission of *facilitating maximum learning for every student*.

This year we will be holding our back-to-school Pictures on Thursday, August 11 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or Friday, August 12 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. for all juniors. **All students must have their picture taken.** Please bring the HR Imaging form with you even if you are not purchasing pictures. You will also be issued your student picture ID card for the 2022-2023 school year. Your student picture ID card is required for attendance purposes.

If your student cannot have their picture taken during this time, the make-up day is Monday, August 29 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the auditorium.

Parking permits will be available in the Commons starting August 29th during your lunch time. **You will go through the parent portal in PowerSchool to buy the parking pass. You must also upload the student's driver's license in the parent portal.** **NOTE: All outstanding student fees must be paid, in full, in order to obtain a Pupil Driving Permit.* This year, fees will be assessed for all vehicles in the lot without a pass. There will also be a fee if a vehicle is parked in an unauthorized area or in violation of any parking regulations.

Fall student athletes only: *Your Emergency Medical Form (EMF) will need filled out online in PowerSchool in addition to the online Final Forms requirements.*

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 juniors 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
- **PSAT – testing for Juniors on Wednesday, October 13**
- **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 11 and bring it with them on the first day of school for them to follow. They can also access their schedules 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 *junior year!* 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 parent 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!*. 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".

Michael Starner
Principal
Olentangy Liberty High School

