

Bear Tracks Newsletter 9.8.23

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Principal's Message

Mr. Spinner's [Principal's Message](#)
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Ohio Seal of Biliteracy

Olentangy Local Schools is offering an opportunity for current senior students to obtain the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy. The Ohio Seal of Biliteracy is an award conferred on graduating high school seniors who can demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English and at least one world (foreign) language.

To obtain the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy students must meet both criteria listed below:

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 12

Homebase Schedule

Sept 18

Staff PD- NO SCHOOL

Sept 23

Homecoming

8-11pm

Sept 26

Picture Retakes

1.) Meet an English language arts assessment score through one of the following:

- Earn proficient level (700) or higher on Ohio's required state tests for high school English language arts II or
- Earn a remediation-free score on the English and reading sections of the ACT (18-English, 22-Reading) or SAT (480-Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Reading 450) or
- Earn a score of proficient or higher on the 9-12 English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)

2.) Obtain a qualifying score on a state approved world language vendor assessment. This score must be obtained **within 15 months** of graduation. Students in Olentangy Schools can meet this second requirement by either:

- Scoring a 4 or 5 on a world language AP assessment the spring of their junior year or
- Through a testing opportunity on a state approved vendor assessment.
 - Olentangy Local Schools is offering an opportunity for students to take this assessment at Olentangy High School on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** (students will be allowed to leave when they finish testing)
 - Parents can register students for this assessment in PowerSchool by clicking on "Registration and Forms" > selecting their student's name > clicking on "... Senior Seal of Biliteracy Testing".
 - The district is offering two different assessments this year.

Quick Links

[OBHS Website](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

- ○ ■ The first is the Avant Stamp 4s. The languages available for this assessment are Arabic, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin-Simplified, Mandarin-Traditional, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.
- The second is the Avant WS. The languages available for this assessment are Amharic, Armenian, Cabo Verdean, Chin (Hakha), Chuukese, Czech, Filipino (Tagalog), Haitian-Creole, Hawaiian (Olelo Hawai'i), Hmong, Ilocano, Kannada, Marathi, Marshallese, Samoan, Somali Maay Maay, Somali Maxaa, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Yup'ik, and Zomi.

§ The cost for either assessment is \$24.90

§ **Registration is open from September 5-29, 2023.**

For additional information regarding the Ohio Seal of Biliteracy, please visit the Ohio Department of Education's website [here](#).

Start with Hello Week

September 18-22, schools across Olentangy will participate in **Start with Hello Week**, a national program to help prevent social isolation, school violence, and self-harm. Students will be educated and empowered to connect with one another, while promoting a sense of belonging. [Learn more about Start with Hello week](#).

Berlin High School Alumni Gathering

Please join us for a gathering before the homecoming game
September 22nd.

[Alumni Flyer](#)

Homecoming 2023

HOCO 2023 will be held September 23, 2023, 8-11pm at Olentangy
Berlin High School.

Tickets will be available though PowerSchool and sales begin
September 5, 2023 and end September 22, 2023 at 12pm.

Tickets are \$20 and the price will increase to \$40 on September
20th.

Student Parking Passes

For safety and security, students who will be driving to school will
need to purchase a Berlin parking pass to display in their car.
Parking passes are available to purchase in PowerSchool in the
parent portal. Students can bring a printed copy or picture of the
receipt to Student Services to pick up the pass. Berlin has parking
spaces so parking passes can be purchased throughout the school
year. Students must have their driver's license prior to purchasing a
pass. Parking for students is in the front of the building.

Counselor Information

We have added a new counselor to the OBHS Student Services team. Please see the new alphabet breakdown for the 23-24 school year:

Dana Stearns A-Cr

Samantha Kigar Cs-Hn

Dana Yochum Ho-Me

Alexandria Nicolay Mg-Sc

Abigail Smith Sd-Z

SENIOR COLLEGE SEMINAR

Student Services will hold a SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION SEMINAR for senior students all day in the auditorium on September 13th.

School Sponsored Ticketing Events

The Olentangy School District has two important updates for students and families purchasing tickets for athletic and other school-sponsored events, including cash payments and increased ticket prices for varsity sports. [Read more about these changes on our district website.](#)

Immunizations Requirements

Senior Class of 2024 (current Seniors)

Immunization requirement:

Notice for all Senior Students enrolled in OLSD whether DACC, CCP, or OASIS,

Ohio law mandates that all students have two doses of meningococcal (MCV4) immunization prior to entering 12th grade, unless otherwise exempt. If the first dose was given on or after the student's 16th birthday, the second dose is not required before senior year. Menactra, Menveo and MCV4 are vaccines that meet the requirement. Please be aware, Meningococcal B vaccine does not meet this requirement.

Students who have not received these immunizations yet can go to The Delaware Public Health District (www.delawarehealth.org or 740-203-2040), their physician's office, or local pharmacy.

If you have not already done so, records must be turned in to the school clinic by October 8, 2023. **If records are not received by this date, your student will be excluded from school beginning October 9, 2023 until compliance is reached.**

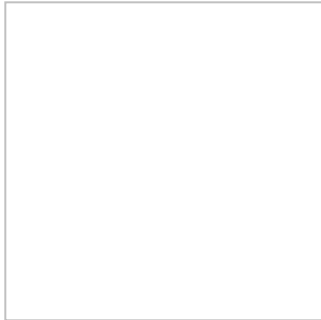
- Please be aware the first Meningococcal (MCV4) shot is given in 7th grade
- Meningococcal (MCV4) booster due age 16 or older
- To avoid school exclusion, a complete shot record or an exemption form is needed.

[Immunization Exemption](#)

Immunization Clinic

Please see attached flyer for upcoming vaccine clinic information on September 14th.

[Vaccine Flyer](#)



Berlin High School

Website: [Berlin Website](#)

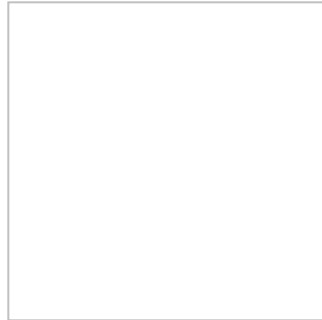
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[Berlin Calendar](#)

Main Office Hours

7:05am-2:40pm

1-740-657-5900



Student Services

[Dana Stearns](#) (A-CR)

[Samantha Kigar](#) (CS-HN)

[Dana Yochum](#) (HO-ME)

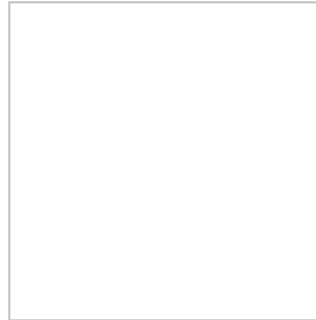
[Alexandria Nicolay](#) (MG-SE)

[Abigail Smith](#) (SD-Z)

Student Services Hours

7:05am-3:00pm

1-740-657-5919



Berlin Athletics

Website: [Athletic Website](#)

Athletic Director: John Betz
@BerlinBearsAD

Athletic Office Hours

7:05am-3:00pm

1-740-657-5911

[Alumni Flyer](#)