

Bear Tracks Newsletter 9.22.23

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Principal's Message

Mr. Spinner's [Principal's Message](#)
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OBHS Freshman Parents

Attention all OBHS freshman parents: the school counselors will be holding a freshman parent meeting on Oct. 5th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Since we have met with freshman parents at the end of the 8th grade year and again at the start of freshman year, we are requesting parents to fill out the form below to give us topics you feel are still lingering or have questions about. Please use the form below to let the school counselors know what topics would be best to review during this parent meeting. Please use this form until Friday, Sept. 30th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 23

Homecoming

8-11pm

Oct 5 & 11 3-7pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

(sign up link coming soon)

October 9

Senior Yearbook

Pictures

October 11

Picture Retakes Grades 9-11

[Questionnaire](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Parent teacher conferences will be held October 5th and 11th from 3-7pm.

[Parent teacher conference Signup](#)

ACT/SAT Test Prep

As part of our Schoolinks subscription, students also receive access to Methodize, a ACT/SAT test prep feature. Please see attached flyer for more information

[SchoolLinks](#)

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:

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

October 19-20

No School

October 24

Homebase Schedule

October 26

PSAT

Quick Links

[OBHS Website](#)

[Bell Schedule](#)

- 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.
 - 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](#).

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes have been rescheduled to October 11th. This will be the final opportunity this year for school photos for 9th-11th grade students. Photos will be on the stage in the theater during all lunch periods, from 9:55 - 12:55. This is also a good time to get a photo taken if a student missed it the first time around. To order photos, go to hrimaging.com.

Senior Portrait Sign-Up

ATTENTION SENIORS! Yearbook portraits will be taken on Monday, October 9th from 7:50 am to 4 pm in the Overlook. Click on the link below to sign up for a spot. Students attending DACC, STEM, and Columbus State must have their photo taken at Berlin to be in the yearbook. Please email erin_bush@olsd.us with any questions. Thank you!

[SignUp Genius](#)

Delaware County Transition Fair

Please see the attached information.

[Transition Fair](#)

College and Career Preparation: DACC Fall Coffee Chats

Parents of 6-11th graders: Thinking college and career? Attend an upcoming coffee chat to learn more about the "super electives" your kids can take in high school through the Delaware Area Career Center (DACC). With over 25 career and college-prep programs that include Columbus Zoo school, engineering, pharmacy, nursing, bioscience, cybersecurity, robotics, digital design, as well as senior-only programs, families can customize a pathway to success. Join the DACC staff at an in-person or virtual chat in September and October. Translated captions or transcription are available during the live webinars. For details and to register, visit the [DACC website](#).

Ozone- High School Robotics Team

OZone is the district's high school robotics team that includes students from all four of Olentangy's high schools. Every year we design a robot from scratch to compete in the global FIRST Robotics Competition. If a student is interested in joining the team, please email olentangyfrc@gmail.com.

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,

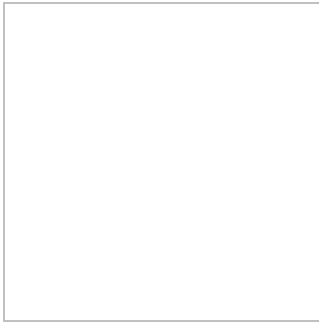
unless otherwise exempt. If the first dose was given on or after the student's 16th birthday, the second dose is not required before senior year. Menactra, Menveo and MCV4 are vaccines that meet the requirement. Please be aware, Meningococcal B vaccine does not meet this requirement.

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](#)



Berlin High School

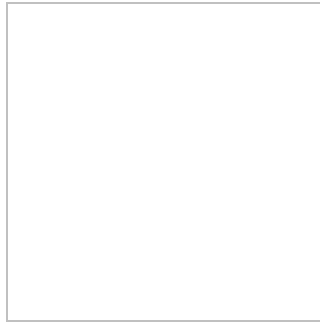
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Principal: Todd Spinner
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[Berlin Calendar](#)

Main Office Hours
7:05am-2:40pm

1-740-657-5900



Student Services

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

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

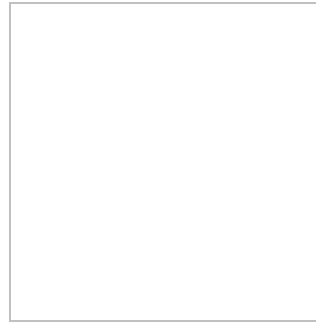
[Dana Yochum](#) (HO-ME)

[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

[Transition Fair](#)