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[Homecoming Dance and Ticket Information](#)

Our **Homecoming Dance** will be on Saturday, October 5 from 7:00pm-9:30pm in the auxiliary gym at OFHS. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased through the link below. Tickets will be on sale through 6:59pm on October 5. There are no refunds, so do not purchase a ticket unless you are positive that you are attending the dance - you can still buy them the day of!

Here is the ticket link: <https://ofcs.hometownticketing.com/embed/event/633>

If you are bringing a guest from another school, you are required to fill out a guest form. The guest form is attached and can also be picked up in the Student Office. You must bring the guest form to the dance, as well as your guest's student ID or driver's license. There will be a separate line for you to check in at the dance. [Guest Form](#)

September 30 through October 4 is Spirit week. We hope to get a lot of participation in our daily themes!

Monday: Groutfit (gray outfits)

Tuesday: Frat boy

Wednesday: Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad

Thursday: Anything but a Backpack

Friday: Color Wars (Seniors - Black, Juniors - Blue, Sophomores - White, Freshman - Yellow)

On Thursday, October 4 after school, each grade level is responsible for decorating a specific hallway with their class color. Many people find great decorations at the Dollar Store. Get a group of friends together and show your class spirit! On Friday after school, you also must clean up your hallway. This is not something our custodial staff should do. Be a Bulldog, and pitch in and help out. A lot of hands make for a lighter workload.

[Voter Registration](#)

For our students - if you are 18 years old or will be by November 5th, get registered to vote during your lunch period on Wednesday, September 25th. Be sure to bring your driver's license and the last 4 digits of your social security number and we will help get you registered.

[Upcoming](#)

PTA Mtg | 9/23
7:00 PM - Media Ctr

Financial Aid Night | 9/25
7:00 PM - Room 606

Picture Day | 10/2

Homecoming Dance | 10/5

PSAT/NMSQT | 10/24
All 9th graders & 10th & 11th
graders that register

Senior Yearbook Photos
Media Center | 10/25

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Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15 we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more. Hispanic Heritage Month provides an additional opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States for generations. The Latino presence in America spans centuries, predating Spain's colonization of what is now part of the United States, and they have been an integral part of shaping our nation since the Revolutionary War. Through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Treaty of Paris that followed the Mexican-American and Spanish-American wars, the United States gained territories in the Southwest and Puerto Rico. This incorporated the people of this area into the United States and further expanded the presence of Hispanic Americans. Today, the Latino population in the United States today is over 60 million, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This makes up 18.9% of the total population and is the largest racial or ethnic group. Latinos continue to help fuel our economy and enrich our nation as entrepreneurs, athletes, artists, entertainers, scientists, public servants, and much more.

Senior Yearbook Photos

SENIORS, sign up now for a FREE Senior Mini session with Cavanaugh Photography! They will be at the school on October 25th from 9am until 2pm in the Media Center. You will have an opportunity to move through 3 stations, including your yearbook headshot. And best of all - you can place the order online a couple weeks after the session & have it delivered right to you. Sign up here [Senior Photos Sign Up](#)

OFHS Picture Day is Wednesday, 10/2/24

OLMSTED FALLS HIGH SCHOOL PICTURE DAY 2024

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

PACKAGE A \$55

- 2 - 8x10
- 2 - 5x7
- 4 - 3 1/2x5
- 8 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets
- 16 - Exchange Wallets
- Includes Digital Download

PACKAGE B \$45

- 2 - 8x10
- 2 - 5x7
- 2 - 3 1/2x5
- 8 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets
- 8 - Exchange Wallets

PACKAGE C \$38

- 2 - 8x10
- 2 - 3 1/2x5
- 8 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets
- 8 - Exchange Wallets

PACKAGE D \$32

- 1 - 8x10
- 2 - 5x7
- 8 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets

PACKAGE E \$25

- 2 - 5x7
- 4 - 3 1/2x5
- 4 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets

PACKAGE F \$17

- 1 - 5x7
- 2 - 3 1/2x5
- 4 - 2 1/2x3 1/2 Wallets

ENLARGEMENTS

- (1) 8x10 Individual \$15
- (2) 5x7 Individuals \$15
- (4) 3 1/2x5 Individuals \$15
- (8) Individual Wallets \$15
- (8) Exchange Wallets (personalization not available) \$8

DIGITAL IMAGE

- High Res Individual Image \$25
- Digital Download Templates \$30
- ADD ON** High Res Individual Image to package A-F or 1-5 \$15
- ADD ON** Digital Download with Templates to package A-F or 1-5 \$20

BACKGROUNDS

CB1 is the default background choice. All other background choices are \$2.00 each. If no background is selected, CB1 will be used.



ADDITIONAL BACKGROUNDS AVAILABLE ONLINE!



587 W. Bagley Road • Berea, Ohio 44017
info@cavanaughphoto.com
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QUESTIONS?
Call: 440-973-4390

SPECIALTY ITEMS

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|---|-----------------------------|------|
| K | NEW SIZE 4"x5" Magnets (2) | \$10 |
| L | 3" Round Button | \$7 |
| M | Deluxe Metal Keychain | \$12 |
| N | Fun Pack | \$12 |
| P | 4x10 Locker Magnet | \$16 |
| Q | Aluminum Water Bottle | \$18 |
| R | 11 oz. Ceramic Mug | \$18 |
| T | 5x7 Metal Print with Easel | \$25 |
| U | Phone Pop Socket | \$15 |
| W | Metal Christmas Ornament | \$16 |
| X | Key Fobs (3) | \$10 |
| Y | (4) 2x3 Color Block Magnets | \$12 |
| Z | 5x7 Border Statuette | \$22 |

RETOUCHING AND PERSONALIZATION

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| 8 | Retouching | \$10 |
| 9 | Personalization (Personalize your wallets or magnets with your name and year!) | \$5 |

| PACKAGES | QTY | ITEM | QTY | ITEM | QTY |
|------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Package A - \$55 | | Item J - \$25 Digital Download | | Item U - \$15 | |
| Package B - \$45 | | Item S - \$30 Digital Templates | | Item W - \$16 | |
| Package C - \$38 | | Item K - \$10 | | Item X - \$10 | |
| Package D - \$32 | | Item L - \$7 | | Item Y - \$20 | |
| Package E - \$25 | | Item M - \$12 | | Item Z - \$22 | |
| Package F - \$17 | | Item N - \$12 | | Retouching \$10 | |
| | | Item P - \$16 | | Personalize \$5 | |
| | | Item Q - \$18 | | | |
| | | Item R - \$18 | | | |
| | | Item S - \$30 | | | |
| | | Item T - \$25 | | | |

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|------------------------------|----|
| ADD 8% SALES TAX | \$ |
| TOTAL OF CHECK/CASH ENCLOSED | \$ |

A portion of all proceeds from picture day is given back to each school.

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|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CB1 | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | F5 | F6 |
| FREE | ADD \$2.00 | ADD \$2.00 | ADD \$2.00 | ADD \$2.00 | ADD \$2.00 | ADD \$2.00 |

Please make checks payable to: Cavanaugh Photography
Cash (exact change) is also accepted.

ONLINE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT:
CAVAUGHNPHOTO.COM/ORDER

Pre-pay pricing is available until 48 hours after picture day.
Online ordering pricing will be higher after 48 hours.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.


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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Student First Name: | |
| Student Last Name: | |
| Parent Name: | |
| Parent Cell Number: | |
| Grade: | Homeroom Teacher: |

▲ Please remove envelope at perforation and insert check or cash for payment. Moisten the glue strip and seal.



[HERE IS THE QR CODE TO PLACE AN ONLINE ORDER!](#)

MORGAN'S MESSAGE




ABOUT MORGAN RODGERS

Morgan was an amazing lacrosse player, outstanding student, and a ball of energy. As Morgan got older, she was recruited to play division 1 lacrosse at Duke University. As a blue devil at Duke, Morgan was constantly working hard on and off the field. She was constantly putting in the work outside of practices. Fall of 2016 for her Sophomore year, she had a breakout season.

In the Spring of 2017, Morgan had a shattering knee injury, causing her to be out for the season. She spent the rest of the semester in recovery and doing what she had to do to get back out on the field. Ever since Morgan's injury, she was battling her own mental battle.

She always put up a strong front and never talked about her mental struggles. No one knew she was struggling on the inside because of how happy she seemed on the outside. In 2019 at the age of 22, we lost Morgan to suicide.

In 2021, Morgan's family and close friends decided to honor her legacy by creating Morgan's Message to prevent more athletes from struggling in silence like Morgan.



WHAT IS MORGAN'S MESSAGE?

raising awareness for mental health

■ We are an organization, that promotes getting help for mental health. We share stories and resources to help you.

■ Morgan's message was created to show its okay to not be okay, and to make student athletes more comfortable with getting help

■ We are working with high school and college students to promote Morgan's Message. We encourage a lot of peer activities and communication

■ We are here to support and help you through your mental health journey!

10th Grade Field Trip to Polaris Career Center

ALL 10th grade students will be attending the field trip to Polaris Career Center. The buses will leave OFHS at 11 AM. Students will attend 4th period and WAIT for an announcement to board the buses that will be at the front of the school. If any student has a concern about missing lunch, Polaris is providing free food to all students and they will have time to eat at Polaris from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Information about this field trip was emailed to ALL 10th grade students. If any student has a question about the field trip they should speak to their Counselor.

Join OFHS PTA

As our children head back to class, the first weeks never feel real. Getting back on track with busy schedules and extracurricular activities, it is now the time we as parents and family members start thinking of the best way to help our children grow.

One of the best ways we can do this is by joining the OFHS PTA. At the High School level, the PTA will hand out many scholarships to graduating seniors. Last school year, we handed out over forty scholarships! This would not have been possible without your help!

With a new school year starting, once more we are looking for family members, neighbors, students, teachers, and staff to make this year successful. Let's work together to advocate for our students and school, through programs, networking and education. Your membership in PTA supports those efforts at the local, state, and national levels.

Together we can start building a solid foundation for our students' futures.

PLEASE JOIN: [HS PTA link](#)


OFHS College Visits

Juniors and seniors are encouraged to meet with college and military reps at meetings during the school day at OFHS. Limited to 5 meetings per year. Login to Naviance to register. Click on the “Colleges” link on the homepage and click on “College Visits”. Register with the college/military rep you want to meet with. College meetings are held in the Guidance Conference room and military visits are held in the cafeteria during lunch.

| Organization | Date | Time |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Allegheny College | Monday, September 23, 2024 | 12:20 PM |
| Malone University | Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 11:30 AM |
| University of Mississippi | Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | 12:20 PM |
| Cleveland State University | Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 10:40 AM |
| University of Dayton | Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 11:30 AM |
| Otterbein University | Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 12:20 PM |
| Kent State University | Friday, September 27, 2024 | 10:40 AM |

Here is our After School Detention Schedule for the 24/25 School Year

**OFHS
DETENTIONS**



M

ROOM 811 - ANDREWS
2:50 - 3:30

T

ROOM 218 - KOTZ
2:50 - 3:30

W

ROOM 211 - MESSINGER
2:50 - 3:30
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL: 2:50 - 4:20

T

ROOM 812 - TOPOLSKI
2:50 - 3:30

F

NO AM OR LUNCH DETENTIONS

Some pics from our new Urban Agriculture Class outings



EXPLORER POST #701



From: Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department

Attention Students: The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department Explorer Post #701 invites you to an Open House and Recruitment seminar Thursday October 3rd, 2024, at 7pm in the Justice Center 1215 West Third Street Cleveland, Multipurpose room (entrance from Ontario Street).

Explorer Post #701 is for young adults from the ages of 14-20 years old who are interested in a hands-on approach to Law Enforcement. Explorer Post #701 is committed to helping students better prepare themselves for the real world of Law Enforcement. This Post has encouraged many young men and women to serve in the field of Law Enforcement, military, and other first responders. With the support of CCSD Explorer Post #701 they took the first steps needed to further advancement in achieving career goals.

The following are some of the classes that are taught at the Explorer Post: Handcuffing & Arrest Techniques, Ohio Laws of Search and Seizure, K9 & Swat Demonstrations, Range Instruction, Radio Procedure, Warrant & Hazmat Instruction, Jail & Medical Examiner's office tours.

Thank you and we hope to see you on October 3rd, 2024, at 7pm.



***Note:** if you have any questions about the Explorer Post, please feel free to leave a message at (216)698-2878 for Detective Riegelmayer or email nriegelmayer@cuyahogacounty.us

Justice Center, 1215 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, (216) 443-6000

OFCS Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan

Cost: \$50 per student

Coverage Period: 2024-2025 School Year ending June 4, 2025

Includes: Up to TWO (2) claims maximum per year for the designated student's device. Plan covers repair or replacement of LCD screens, keyboards, AC chargers and cameras. Plan does NOT cover damage caused by liquid spills or neglect; plan also does NOT cover lost or stolen device or AC charger.

The OFCS Optional Insurance Plan must be purchased in order to be activated for the current school year.

The Optional Chromebook Insurance Plan will be available for purchase from now until Friday, September 20th through your PaySchools Central account. The Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan is optional and must be selected and added to your cart. It will not appear automatically in your student's list of school fees, but will be available to add.

The OFCS Optional Insurance Plan must be purchased by Friday, September 20th in order to be activated for the current school year. After September 20, 2024, the Optional Chromebook Insurance will no longer be available for purchase for the current school year.

For devices not covered by the district's Optional Chromebook Insurance Plan, families are responsible for the cost to repair/replace the device your child has been issued. Following are examples of estimated repair/replacement costs for the 2024-2025 school year that could be incurred:

Chromebook Replacement: \$275.00

Dell Partial Keyboard \$25.00

Dell Full Keyboard \$50.00

Lenovo Keyboard \$50.00

Screen (All Models) \$ 40.00

45 Watt Charger \$25.00

65 Watt Charger \$30.00

Camera Replacement (All Models) \$30.00

How To Purchase an Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan:

If you are interested in purchasing an OFCS Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan (or plans) for one or more students in your household, below are the directions to pay for and finalize the insurance coverage for your child's device:

- 1) Click on this link: <https://payschoolscentral.com/>
- 2) Login to your PaySchools Central account (*if you do not have an account, you may create one*)
- 3) Select the student (in grades 3-12) for whom you would like to purchase an Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan
- 4) Scroll down and click on the Chromebook Insurance tab; then select 2024-2025 Optional Chromebook Insurance Plan (\$50) to add it to your cart.
- 5) Payment will begin coverage for the selected student's Chromebook.
- 6) To purchase an Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan for another student, please select that student and repeat Steps 4-6.

An Individual Chromebook Insurance Plan will be activated for each student once payment is posted.

Again, the deadline for securing optional insurance coverage is Friday, September 20th. If you have not purchased the optional coverage by September 20, 2024, you will not have coverage for the 2024-2025 school year.

If you have any questions about the student Chromebook insurance plan, please reach out to OFCS Technology Director Joe Magrey at jmagrey@ofcs.net.



OLMSTED FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming Gathering

Join us for our 3rd Annual Alumni Homecoming Gathering at the Olmsted Falls High School cafeteria before the Bulldog football game. This will be a free social event with refreshments, tours of the school & mingling with other Alumni.

October 4
5pm-6:30pm

Once a Bulldog Always a Bulldog

PICTURE DAY!

Easy as 1-2-3

1

Picture Day Dates



OFHS (9th-11th) - 10/2

OFMS - 9/24

Falls-Lenox - 9/20

OFIS - 9/27

ECC - 10/1

2

Online Ordering



cavanaughphoto.com/order

Store is open now & will remain open for 48 hours after picture day.

Cash or Check Ordering

Print out the flyer that the school emailed you. Place the flyer, EXACT cash or check (made out to Cavanaugh Photography) in an envelope & send it in with your student on picture day.

3

Picture Day!



Pick out your favorite clothes that make you want to SMILE! And if you're buying pictures, make sure you ordered online or bring in your downloaded form & payment!



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PHOTOGRAPHY

classic, contemporary, creative.

Questions? Call 440.973.4390

OFHS Late Start - Student PLC's Schedule

Often times, grade level meetings are held for students during the school day, disrupting the learning environment and educational process. To solve this issue we are conducting seven late starts to conduct required and or meaningful grade level meetings. **Attendance is mandatory.** This will allow us to maintain the 8 period school day and conduct grade level meetings. In the table below is the list of dates that students will report to school at 8:10 am. The grades not listed on each day will officially start their school day at 9:30 am. Topics will include internet/social media safety, college application process, career exploration/Naviance and Polaris. Transportation on PLC days will be provided for both the 8:10 am and 9:30 am start times. Normal bus runs will occur for the students that are reporting at 8:10 am for their PLC then a secondary bus run will occur for students starting the day at 9:30 am. The second round of buses will leave the bus garage at 8:45 am. This is the same process of transportation we do on our late start state testing days. Only the students in the left column will report to school for 8:10 am start.

| <u>Dates</u> | <u>Bell Schedule</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <u>September 4th - Seniors</u> College Applications, Career Focus, and Military | 1st Period 9:30am - 10:05am (35) |
| <u>October 7th - Freshman & Sophomores</u> Dr. James Knight presenting | 2nd Period 10:09am - 10:44am (35) |
| <u>November 4th - Sophomores (Counselors)</u> Career Assessment and Exploring Careers that match personalities | 3rd Period 10:48am - 11:22am (34) |
| <u>January 13th - Juniors</u> Junior Pathways - Looking Ahead to beyond OFHS | 4th Period 11:26am - 12:00pm (34) |
| <u>February 3rd - Freshman</u> Career Assessment and Exploring interests | 5th Period 12:04pm - 12:38pm (34) |
| <u>March 3rd - Juniors</u> Communicating Your Strengths / Preparing for College Applications and Job Interviews | 6th Period 12:42pm - 1:16pm (34) |
| <u>April 29th - Seniors</u> Senior Class Meeting | 7th Period 1:20pm - 2:01pm (41) |
| Note: No PLCs in December and May | 8th Period 2:05pm - 2:46pm (41) |

Reminders

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| Polaris Seniors will need to leave at the end of 2nd Period and will not be present for 3rd Period. | Off campus CCP students may have conflicts due to the schedule shift. | Lunch periods cannot be moved any later in the day due to staffing/contract this is why 7th & 8th periods are longer. |
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Student Pickup and Dropoff

During the morning arrival, all students should be dropped off at the athletic entrance at the side of the building. During dismissal all students will be picked up at the athletic entrance at the side of the building. During dismissal students will not be permitted to exit the building via the front doors. Only bus riders will enter and exit the building via the main entrance doors. **THIS IS FOR STUDENT SAFETY** and to allow our buses a safe passageway in our narrow driveway. New signs are posted to help remind parents of the proper drop off and pick up of students. The far west drive is a one way street for entering the parking lot only. At no times should this be used as an exit. Students caught using this to exit school grounds may have their parking privileges revoked.

