

New Parent Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DOES BLOCK SCHEDULING WORK?

Students will alternate Red Days and White Days.

- 'Red Days' are all odd number classes (1, 3, 5, and 7).
- 'White Days' are even number classes (2, 4, 6, and 8).

The first day of school will be a Red Day. See the Academic Calendar 24-25 [HERE](#) to review the Red/White Day schedule. (On the linked calendar, school dates are labeled in red for Red Days, and in black for White days.)

We have also created an easy to use [Daily Schedule Template](#) for Students to utilize to help them organize and see their schedule and classes for Red and White Days. Simply print out the template, and students can hand write their classes in the correct periods and their locations for both a Red Day and a White Day. Then have them take the print out with them in their first days of school to help them navigate their schedule.

WHERE DOES MY STUDENT GO AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY?

The first thing all students must do each day is scan in at the Welcome Center with their ID. If a student is NOT a senior, they must park offsite at Sears and take the provided shuttle bus to OLu campus (details found [HERE](#).) All students who intend to park on campus (seniors) or at Sears, must have a parking permit. (Application found [HERE](#).)

HOW DO STUDENTS FIND THEIR CLASSES?

All new students (freshmen and transfers) will be assigned an Ignite Mentor (for freshmen) and Engage Mentor (for transfers) respectively. It is the role of the Ignite/Engage mentor to help each new student as they start school. (To learn more about our Ignite program, watch [this video](#), for Engage program watch [this video](#))

If transferring mid year, these mentors will meet your student in the Welcome Center on their first day of school to help familiarize them with their classrooms and acclimate to the campus.

For students starting in the fall: New Student First Day is designed for students to spend time with their Ignite and Engage groups and learn things they need to know about campus and life as a Lancer. The activities on this day will help new students get to know other students and also to help familiarize them with their classrooms and acclimate to the campus.

Additionally, there will be Ignite mentors, Engage mentors and Ambassadors (Student Leaders) throughout the campus on the first day of school to help direct students and make sure everyone can find their class(es).

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WHAT DEVICE DO STUDENTS NEED TO USE?

All new Orange Lutheran students will need to purchase their own personal iPad to use at school and at home during the school year, as it allows them to learn in creative, innovative, and collaborative ways. A desktop or laptop access is necessary as well for at homework. For more details on iPad and computer usage at OLu, please visit this [LINK](#).

WILL STUDENTS HAVE LOCKERS?

We do not have assigned student lockers on our campus. Students are able to carry what they need with them to classes, and many courses offer digital textbooks. If students have athletic equipment for after school games/practices, they can talk to their coach about where they can store their equipment during school hours. There are a few lockers available for day use. Please contact the Welcome Center for more information on day use lockers.

CAN STUDENTS DRIVE THEMSELVES TO CAMPUS?

Parking on campus is a privilege reserved for Seniors. If a student is NOT a senior, or if they are a senior who is not able to park on campus, they must park offsite at Sears and take the provided shuttle bus to OLu campus. All students who intend to park on campus or at Sears must have a parking permit. [Click here for more information and to apply for a parking permit.](#)

HOW CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT'S GRADES AND PROGRESS?

Orange Lutheran uses PowerSchool, which is an easy to use, web-based student information system. It is intended to provide parents, students and teachers with a tool to communicate student performance. PowerSchool may be accessed from any place you can access the Internet. Students can use "Login with Google" and log in with their school (lhsoc.org) email address and password. Parents must create their own username (powerschoolid) and passwords by using the credentials provided by OLu to gain access. If you have any questions about how to access credentials or need support logging in, please contact techsupport@lhsoc.org.

You can find the PowerSchool login site [Here](#). (which also can be found on our [website](#) under "[Resources](#)".)

WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

Naviance is a web-based counseling platform students and parents use for all 4 years to do college planning, assessments, request letters of recommendations, and a variety of other uses to support students with their college planning. Please contact the student's counselor with any questions and for login information.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LEARNING COMMONS AND THE STUDENT UNION?

- The Learning Commons is upstairs and meant to be a quiet study area for students. There are computers and research resources available for students. The Learning Commons hours are 7:30am-4:00p. No food or beverage (except water) is allowed in the Learning Commons.
- The Student Union is the big outside area near the gym and adjacent to the OLu Cafe. It can be used to study, charge devices, visit with friends, eat lunch, or grab a snack. It is usually a pretty busy place!

HOW BIG SHOULD MY STUDENT'S BACKPACK BE?

Students' backpacks should be big enough to hold their largest textbook, iPad, and have a bit more wiggle room. It is also advised that students have at least one binder so make sure there is enough room for that, too.

HOW DO I FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT BOOKS?

Books and book lists for classes can be found at our [online bookstore](#). Simply click the link that says "Let's Get Started" and the 2024-25 school year, which will take you to a list of our OLu subjects and classes. Find the classes your student is registered for, and you will see what books are required and/or optional by the teacher for each class. You can purchase these books online and they will be shipped directly to you.

For hard copies of books, you can create an account with your email, your students email--- whichever you prefer. That email will have the receipt sent to you, shipping updates, etc. There are often both hardcopy books and sometimes ebook options.

For ebooks, it is suggested to purchase them directly on your student's iPad that he/she will be using for school. Apple iBook purchases will be associated with whatever iTunes account is on that iPad. When you purchase through the Apple Books app on the iPad, it will download to your student's iPad. We do NOT suggest purchasing the Apple Books through the online bookstore.

WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES DO MY STUDENT NEED?

Students will receive information about what supplies they need for each class from their individual teachers. To start school, we suggest that students come prepared with their iPad, writing utensils and a notebook. Teachers will inform their students on the first day of class of any other specific school supply items they will need. Book lists can be found at our [online bookstore](#) (see question/answer above).

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WHAT ARE SCHOOL ID CARDS USED FOR?

Each student must keep their School ID Card on them at all times on campus. This is a safety and security policy for all students and faculty. Students must use their card to scan in everyday to track attendance. They also must have it to attend and check in to dances and events. IDs can also be preloaded with money to purchase lunch at the OLu Cafe. (see next question).

HOW DOES MY STUDENT BUY LUNCH?

The OLu Cafe offers a safe and convenient way for students to purchase food and drink items. Students can pay “touchless” with their Student ID card, bring cash, swipe their debit card or use Apple Pay. You can load money on your students account by using this [website](#). You can click [here](#) to watch a short video on how to create your account. [More information here](#)

CAN MY STUDENT BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL?

Students can bring a personal reusable water bottle, which can be filled at multiple touchless bottle filling stations throughout the campus. Most teachers will allow water bottles in class.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE SCHOOL CALENDAR?

The school calendar can be accessed on the [school website](#), under News & Calendar/[2024-25 Academic Calendar](#).

CAN MY STUDENT LEAVE THE CAMPUS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

Students cannot leave school grounds during school hours unless signed out by a parent. If your student’s free period comes at the end of the day (7th or 8th), then he/she can leave campus at that time.

WHAT CAN MY STUDENT DO DURING A FREE PERIOD?

During a free period, students can do their homework in the Learning Commons, meet with teachers (if available) , or sit in the Student Union to work or visit with friends. Roaming the hallways is NOT an option.

WHAT IS THE DRESS CODE?

The dress standards can be found [HERE](#).

WHAT IF MY STUDENT IS LATE TO SCHOOL?

For your first few weeks of school, please allow extra time for parking and drop-off to ensure timeliness to class. If your student is late, please have him/her check in at the Welcome Center for a tardy slip.

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WHAT IS PARENT SQUARE?

ParentSquare is now the primary communication system to connect teachers and coaches with parents and students. Parents will receive an invitation to join parent square to the email address provided to the school. If you did not receive the invitation, you can still go directly to Parent Square (or the app) and login and activate your account. Be sure to login using the same email address you use for PowerSchool/provided to the school.

If you have problems logging in or questions, please contact IT at techsupport@lhsoc.org

Please find links to Apps below:

[MAC App store](#)

[Google Play](#)

You can find Parent Square support resources and tutorials here: [Parent Square: Parent Support Resources.](#)

WHY CAN'T I LOGIN TO PARENT SQUARE?

First, make sure you are using the email address that is on file in our school system (the same email you use for PowerSchool). If you are using that email address, but are still having trouble, please contact techsupport@lhsoc.org

WHAT DO I DO IF MY STUDENT IS GOING TO BE ABSENT?

Parents are responsible to contact the school to excuse a student's absence:

- Please contact the school PRIOR to the start of the student's class on the day of the absence:
 - Call 714-998-5151 or email the Attendance Office at Attendance@lhsoc.org
- The following information is needed to excuse an absence:
 - Student's full name and ID number
 - Reason for absence
 - Contact information for follow-up purposes, as necessary

For our full attendance policy, including tardies and requirements for extracurricular eligibility, please [visit our resources page on our website](#) and click [Attendance Policy](#).

WHAT ABOUT SERVICE HOURS?

Students are encouraged to individually serve others and their community, but are not required to track and submit their individual service hours to the school. There will be school sponsored service days and projects throughout the year that OLu students will participate in. Students desiring to include service hours on college applications are encouraged to personally record and track their service hours. Click [HERE](#) for more information about OLu's Approach to Serving.

OTHER SCHOOL RESOURCES

Our website holds many informational resources for you and your student. Please [visit our resources page on our website to see](#) what else is available that may help you.