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OTTAWA HILLS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL BEN MCMURRAY

We hope everyone is enjoying a restful and relaxing summer with family and friends. July's STARTING 5 includes important reminders that will help everyone have a successful start to the 2023-2024 school year.

Enjoy the 4th of July. See you all soon!

Best,
Ben McMurray

Have you had a change in residency or custody in your family?

Click here to find out what to do.

Residency and Custody Guidelines

High School Starting 5

1. 12th Grade Required Vaccinations

Ohio requires a SECOND booster shot of the Meningitis vaccine for all students entering the 12th grade. Please submit proof of these vaccines to the office by August 15 by using either the below form filled out by a physician OR submit a record of vaccines. This proof can also be faxed directly to our office at 419-534-5384.

12th Grade Shots Required

2. Athletic Physicals-Required

Fall sports officially begin August 1. Before a student can participate in any athletic practice, scrimmage, or game, we must have a current athletic physical on file. If you have a questions regarding student's physical expiration date, please call our office 419-534-5376. If you need a new form, please click the below button.

Athletic Physical

3. Summer Learning Program & Summer Required Homework

The Summer Learning Plan offers a variety of instructional material and is designed to address the question: What skills might I need to successfully start the 2023-2024 school year? The document also shares with families important information about required courses for many students in grades 7-12. If you

have any questions, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 419-536-2713.

Also now available, the high school supply lists. Click the button below to see what your student needs for next year.

Summer Learning Program/Summer Homework

High School Supply List

Electives Supply Lists

4. Save the Date: Green Bear Day!

Wednesday, August 9

8:00am-3:00pm



Previously known as Schedule Pick Up Day, Green Bear Day is our official day to kick off the school year. It should take each student less than an hour to get through each station. On Wednesday, August 9 students are to enter through the Arrowhead doors near the flagpole and report directly to the main gym. In order to receive their official course schedule and locker assignments, all current and outstanding fees must be paid (please pay online or in the office before you arrive).

On this day, students will also take their school photos, have the opportunity to turn in vaccination records, and connect with tech people if there are any computer issues.

5. Class of 2024 Seniors: Important Information

College Bootcamp (different from the essay workshop):

Mrs. Nagy will hold College Application Bootcamps the week before school starts in August. Seniors must choose to attend one of the sessions offered:

Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 10

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

During the bootcamp, students will update their SCOIR account, create their Common Application account, learn how to request their high school transcript, letters of recommendation, and other important information needed to complete their college applications.

Online registration will be available in early August. Students must bring a laptop computer to the bootcamp sessions.

College Essay Workshop:

The Foundry plans to offer workshops this summer to help rising seniors begin their personal essay for their college applications. More information will be communicated by The Foundry. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get a head-start on this important aspect of the college application process. Please direct all questions regarding this workshop to [Ms. Eisenbaum](#).

Senior Parent Night:

Wednesday, August 30

6:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

Parents of seniors are invited to join Mrs. Nagy to kick-off the college application season. Mrs. Nagy will review the information provided during the College Application Bootcamps and explain what is submitted with the students' college admission applications. She will also provide insight and advice about the college application and financial aid process.

Junior High Starting 5

1. 7th Grade Required Vaccinations

Ohio school vaccination requirements include Tdap vaccine booster shot and a Meningitis shot for all students entering 7th grade. Please submit proof of these vaccines to the office by August 15. Please use either the below form filled out by a physician OR submit a record of vaccines. This proof can also be faxed directly to our office at 419-534-5384.

7th Grade Required Vaccinations

2. Junior High Athletics

Fall sports officially begin August 1. Before a student can participate in any athletic practice, scrimmage, or game, we must have a current athletic physical on file. If you have a questions regarding student's physical expiration date, please call our office 419-534-5376.

Athletic opportunities through the school are listed below. To get more details regarding tryouts, practices, and schedules, please email Athletic Director, [Tammy Talmage](#).

- cross country
- field hockey
- football
- volleyball-grade 7
- volleyball-grade 8
- cheerleading

The office of Village Life offers girls and boys soccer for grades seven and eight. For more information regarding soccer, please email BHauck@ohschools.org.

Athletic Physical

3. Summer Required Homework & Summer Learning Program

The district is providing OH families an opportunity for educational enrichment. A variety of instructional material is available and all are designed to address the question: What skills might I need to successfully start the 2023-2024 school year?

The document also shares with families important information about required courses for many students in grades 7-12. [Please follow this link](#) and begin exploring the Summer Learning Plan. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 419-536-2713.

4. Seventh Grade Orientation & Important Dates

Please save the dates below. These events will greatly help your student transition from elementary school to junior high. All events will take place in person. More details to come regarding what to bring, lunches on those days, what the schedule will hold, etc. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are very excited to welcome your students to the junior high!

Seventh Grade Parent Night

Monday, August 7

7:00pm

Parents/Guardians only, no need for students to attend.

Tech Day

Tuesday, August 8

8:30am-3:00pm

Students will receive invitations (via the parent/guardian's email and phone) for a one hour computer/technology training. Parents/Guardians, please check emails for specific times.

Green Bear Day (Previously known as Schedule Pick Up Day)

Wednesday, August 9

8:00-3:00pm

Students will attend based on alphabet for one hour. They will take their school photos, receive updated versions of schedules, receive locker locks, and much more.

Seventh Grade Orientation

Thursday, August 10

9:00am-1:00pm

Students required to attend the entire time.

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 15

5. Junior High School Supplies

If you have any further questions about supplies for junior high, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Seventh Grade Supply List

Eighth Grade Supply List

Electives Supply List

Back to School 5K
Sunday, August 20, 2023

OTTAWA HILLS



BACK TO SCHOOL
5K & 1-MILER



**Interested in hosting a
foreign exchange
student?**

Please contact Linda Sherry.



Save the Date:

Thursday, August 4

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Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

Thursday, August 10

Friday, August 11

Tuesday, August 15

Sunday, August 20

Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Fall Sports Pictures

7th Grade Parent Meeting

Tech Day (Seventh Graders)

Green Bear Day

7th Grade Orientation

New Student Orientation

First Day of Instruction

Back to School 5K



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