



OAK PARK and RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL

Dear OPRFHS Families,

As the summer continues, I hope this letter finds you enjoying the time away from school. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I'm thrilled to extend a warm welcome back to our returning 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, and a special greeting to our newest 9th grade Huskies who are joining us for the first time! We're incredibly excited to kick off another productive academic year. Our team is diligently preparing, and we're ready to provide your students with an enriching and challenging learning experience in a relationships-rich environment. We're committed to fostering an environment where every student feels supported, engaged, and empowered to reach their full potential, both academically and personally.

We expect the four years of high school to be filled with growth, discovery, and opportunities. We encourage all students to embrace the upcoming year with enthusiasm, get involved in our many clubs and activities, and challenge themselves to explore new interests. Our theme for the upcoming school year is "We are Huskies: Same Heart, New Start." The school year is starting a bit later this year due to our Project 2 building construction coming to an end. As our physical education/athletics facility enters its next chapter as a fully integrated cornerstone of our campus, this theme reminds us that while our spaces grow and modernize, our core values, dedication, and school spirit remain unchanged. We believe that a strong partnership between the school, students, and families is key to a successful journey, and we look forward to collaborating with you throughout the year.

I want to take a moment to highlight a few important items that are significant to the start of our school year:

1. District 200 has collaborated with neighboring districts 90, 91, and 97 to develop a comprehensive plan to reunite students and families in the event of an emergency. In early August, our districts along with local police and fire departments will be running a full-scale exercise to ensure that we are fully prepared to enact this plan. For important information about what families should do if the reunification plan ever needs to be implemented, please [click here](#).
2. On May 31, 2026, the Illinois General Assembly voted to pass the statewide classroom cell phone ban. The greatest part about this new legislation is that OPRF already has a Phone Home Storage Protocol that has been in place for years. We will continue to enforce phone storage during instructional times in all our spaces. If you have questions about our protocol, we encourage you to review the [Parent FAQs](#) and, if needed, follow up with the school's cell phone committee. With the phone homes having been integrated into daily life for four years now, we can tell you that this policy has been transformative in promoting academic engagement, reducing screen dependency, and improving school culture.
3. All students must scan their ID card through the Minga platform each day to enter the building on school days. This will begin on School Day 1 and students will receive ID cards at Schedule/Book Pick Up.
4. Our Special Education social workers and psychologists have been blended with our Pupil Support Services Teams to form our newly named **Student Services Teams (SST)**. All five teams now have two social workers and a psychologist in addition to the existing counselors and dean. There have also been some shifts in 504 case management. Information is forthcoming to the family of any student who is set to experience this change.
5. Course change procedures for adding and dropping classes have been modified. The new language (below) can also be found in the online version of the 2026-2027 Academic Catalog. It is different than what is in the printed booklet:

LAST DAY TO:	
Add a new course	Tenth day of school attendance each semester
Withdraw from course without W notation (no GPA impact)	Friday of the third week of semester

Withdraw from course without WF notation (GPA impact)	Friday of the sixth week of semester
<i>Note: Withdrawals can only be completed if there is an open seat in another available option, otherwise the student must remain in the current class.</i>	

Finally, to help you and your student prepare for the upcoming school year, we've compiled a comprehensive, online **Back-to-School Webpage which you can access beginning today, July 1st!** This packet contains all the important information you need to prepare for an easy return to school including dates for schedule/book pickup, health forms, academic expectations, and much more. We are always working to optimize the learning experience for all students while providing a safe and welcoming school building for all who attend.

The Back-to-School Webpage is online only beginning today! You can access our online Back-to-School Summer Packet directly on our school's website at www.oprfhs.org. Look for the Quick Links section at the top right of the homepage or click here for the [Back-to-School Packet](#). You should have received school enrollment information in March. If you did not, please email to Registrar@oprfhs.org for assistance.

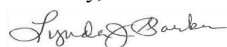
Skyward/Family Access is our student information portal. Go to our homepage (oprfhs.org) and look for the Quick Link called Skyward. Don't know your password? Go to our Family Access login page and click "Forgot your Username/Password?" For questions or concerns, submit a ticket at [Incident IQ](#). Please note that student schedules will not be available until Schedule/Book Pick Up Week in August and will not be posted in Skyward until classes begin.

All 2026-2027 fees are payable starting JULY 14th.

The Registration Fee for all grade levels is \$355. Sophomores have an additional district fee for Driver Ed (\$250) and seniors have a Graduation fee (\$53) respectively. Please pay your fees online through your Family Access account or, for in-person cash payments, at the Bookstore (Mon-Thurs. 7:30am-3:30pm. If you need to submit a fee waiver, please complete the application found in the online Back-to-School Packet. To set up a payment plan, use this link: [Payment Plan Enrollment & Deposit](#). ***To pay fees for the 2026-2027 school year, families must have completed the online enrollment process for each child first.***

The faculty, staff, and administration stand at the ready to bring in the new school year. We look forward to welcoming you to school beginning the week of August 17th for Schedule/Book Pick Up. We can't wait to see our students back in the hallways! Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,



Lynda J. Parker
Assistant Superintendent/Principal