Oxford Middle School
6th Grade Orientation
March 5, 2020
OMS Administration Team

Mrs. Beazley
Principal

Mrs. Saterstad
Assistant Principal A-K

Dr. Sproul
Assistant Principal L-Z
The Arts
Academics
Athletics
We will welcome you & ask you to identify yourself before admitting you to OMS
Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- How to Get Information at OMS
- A Typical Day at OMS
- Classes & OMS Extras
- Policies — Attendance, Dress Code, Electronic Use, Medicine
- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme
- Counseling & Dean of Students Support
- The Transition to 6th Grade...What’s Next?
- Dismissal
- Meet OMS Staff: Music Teachers, Teacher Consultant, Administration, IB Coordinator, WEB Leaders

All of tonight’s information will be on our OMS website Friday morning:
http://oxfordmiddle.oxfordschools.org/
Academics >> Counseling >> 2020-21 Scheduling Information
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

- **School Messenger** - Email to your address on file
  - Family Notes are emailed twice a month
  - Updates/important information emailed once a week
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

○ **PowerSchool** - Grades, Attendance, School Bulletin
  - Parents and students have access (website/app)

Email this teacher by clicking here

Email all teachers by clicking here

Click on grade for details
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

- **Haiku** - Individual Class Information
  - Daily/Weekly plan, resources (textbook links, homework assignments)
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

- **OMS Website** - http://oxfordmiddle.oxfordschools.org/
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

Become a member of the OMS PTO
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

**Required duties:**
- Attend 8 monthly PTO meetings.
- Help organize & work Back 2 School Bash, Santa Gift Shop, Staff Appreciation Week, Mother’s Day Sale & 8th grade Farewell Party.
- (Treasurer- reconcile monthly bank statement, complete monthly Treasurer’s Report, manage monetary transactions for PTO.)

**Board Member Benefits:**
- Be the 1st to know what’s happening at OMS!
- Get monthly OMS updates by Mrs. Beazley, principal at PTO meetings.
- Get to know the students, staff and parents.
- Decide what events to offer students and staff.
- Decide how PTO money is spent.
How Do Families Get Information at OMS?

Come to a PTO meeting and see what’s happening!
March 14, 7pm library • April 18, 7pm PTO room • May 9, 7pm PTO room

Board Member Vote is April 18, 7pm in PTO room!
Questions? Contact us at OxfordMiddleSchoolPTO@gmail.com
A Typical Day at OMS
Arrivals & Departures…

**BUS RIDERS**
- Use the Main Office Entrance

**WALKERS**
- Use the Field House or Main Office Entrances

**CAR RIDERS**
- Use the Field House Entrance

**LATE ARRIVAL:** After 7:30am
**EARLY PICK-UP:** Before 2:33pm
- Use the Main Office to sign in
Start/End Time

• Instructional time **begins** at 7:29 AM
  Students are released to their lockers at 7:10am.

• Instructional time **ends** at 2:33 PM
  Students, if not in an after school activity or sport, must be picked up by 2:55pm.
Delayed Start Wednesdays

- Teachers, counselors, administrators are in Professional Development each Wednesday from 7am-10am.
- Every Wednesday, with the exception of about 6 throughout the year (mostly in May) will be a late start for your student.
- Instructional time begins at 10:05am.
- The buses will run their routes at a later time.
- Instructional time will end at 2:33 pm.
- Late start supervision requires a permission slip (filled out at the beginning of the year at registration).
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**OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**2019-2020 OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

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6th Grade Scheduling

• Student Schedule sheets are due to your student’s 5th grade teacher by **Friday, March 13**

• As a reminder, Oxford Middle School participates in the Middle Year Programme. World Language selection in 6th grade remains their focus of study through the completion of 10th grade.

• Therefore, the 6th grade year will be the only time a language choice can be made: Spanish or Chinese.
Students with IEPs

• Please complete the scheduling sheet according to the directions on the sheet.

• All students with IEPs will have a Move-Up Meeting with IEP team members and Elementary Resource Room teachers present this spring.

• Classes, supports, and services for students with IEPs will be discussed at the Move-Up Meeting.

• If you have any questions about the Move-Up process please contact Anna Sommers at anna.sommers@oxfordschools.org
OMS Student Services Team

Ancillary Team
Dr. Tom Harwood-Psychologist
Meridith Cervenak-School Social Worker
Allison Conz-Speech & Language Pathologist

CI & ASD Teachers
Stephanie Learning-CI Teacher
Matthew Mueller-ASD Teacher

Resource Room Teachers
Sara Kaurich-6th grade
Rebecca Gibbons-6th grade
Maegan Roy-7th grade
Anne Oliver-7th grade
Marie Murphy-7th & 8th grade
Lauren Kerner-8th grade
Josh Smokovitz-8th grade

ParaProfessionals
Paula Foster-Learning Center
Lisa Saluk-Learning Center
Jodi Foster-CI/ASD Classroom
Shareen DiGasbarro-CI/ASD Classroom
LeeAnn Rice-CI/ASD Classroom
6th Grade Schedule

Advisory
Math: 1 class period
Language Arts: 1 class period
Science: 1 class period
Geography: 1 class period
World Language: 1 class period

Music Students
full year Band, Choir, or Orchestra
1 semester Physical Education
1 semester Project Lead The Way I
(Intro to Engineering)

Non-Music Students
full year Physical Education
1 semester Project Lead The Way I
(Intro to Engineering)
1 marking period Intro to Theatre
1 marking period Art
Blue & Gold Teams

• The 6th Grade is divided into two teams – Blue & Gold

• Each team is made up of four core classes: Language Arts, Math, Geography and Science

• Students will have the same teacher for the core classes all year

• Elective classes such as Art, Physical Education, PLTW and World Language Class are mixed between Blue House & Gold team students

• All 6th grade students will have the same lunch period
- 25 minute period with teacher mentor, 4 times a week

Advisory

- Olweus Bullying Program Lessons & OHS Bully Buster Partnership
- Character Education/IB Learner Traits
- Staff vs. Students Sporting Events
- Team and Community Building
- Academic Review
- Service, Charity, Diversity, and Problem Solving Lessons
6th Grade Clubs/Activities

**Clubs:**
- Drama/Theater
- OMS Play
- Homework Club
- World Drummers
- Honors Orchestra
- Bike Club
- Robotics Team
- Computer Club
- Art Club
- 6th Grade Lunch Book Club
- Chess Club
- Equestrian Club
- Recycling Club

**Athletics:**
A current physical is required to practice/try out/compete
- Cross Country
- Football (over 140 lbs)
- Wrestling
- Track & Field
- Cheerleading
Attendance Policy

Be IN class, ON time!

- Parents/Guardians must call the attendance line for excused absences: 248.969.1891
- Students must report to class and abide by class rules
  - Skipping class is a disciplinary offense
  - Excessive absences will result in a concern letter sent home after day 10, 15 and 20. Support from Youth Assistance and the Oakland County Truancy Program is available.
- Perfect Attendance is recognized each quarter (no tardies/no absences) with cookies and milk!
Dress Code

Most Common Offenses:

- Too-short shorts, skirts or dresses
- Jeans with holes (above finger-tip length)
- Low-cut tops
- Belly-showing tops

Oxford Secondary Schools follow the same dress code.

We have air conditioning in the warm months & heat in the cold months
Medication Procedures

• Medication procedures at OMS are the same as your student’s elementary school. Students are not permitted to carry medication on their person.

• Please make sure that you fill out the appropriate paperwork.

• We are happy to assist you should you have any questions 😊

• Medical Action Plans are important! Please complete & share with us.
Electronic Use Policy

Students may have electronic devices at school. **IN LOCKERS.**

- i-Pads, iWatches
- Chromebooks/Laptops
- Cell Phones:
But Here’s the Catch…

Student’s Responsibility:
• Keep it turned off, in a locker
• Be responsible
• Be careful when bringing valuable items to school.
• Use at designated times - if teachers allow use as part of a lesson

Parent’s Responsibility:
• If an electronic device is confiscated a 2nd time for being used at an undesignated time, a parent must come to pick it up.
• Please do not call or text your student during the day and expect an answer. If you need to contact your son/daughter, please call the office.
Cell Phones ARE NOT a Necessity.
Connections Between Programs:
- Learner Profile
- Transdisciplinary Themes
- Transdisciplinary Skills
- Project Based Assessment Types
MYP: Teaching and Learning
Conceptual Based Approach

Helps students to:
• Create a mental blueprint to process and organize information
• Make connections between classes
• Easily transfer knowledge to the world around them
Assessment: The Difference

MYP students will become familiar with rubrics.

In each subject, students will be given feedback on their ability to perform various tasks and not solely based on knowledge of “the material.”

Students are given autonomy to develop their own solutions to problems. We want to create independent thinkers.

Emphasis on reflection as a learning tool
End of Programme Project

PYP- Exhibition

MYP- Personal Project. These current 5th graders will participate in this project during their 10th grade year
OMS Dean of Students

Mr. Banks

Job description: “All things to do with students!”

Attendance, Truancy, Discipline, Mentoring, Supervision, Student Support
Counseling Support

Why would I see a Counselor?

The Counseling Office is a place to go to talk to someone. You may see a counselor if:

- You are having problems with friends
- You are struggling with your classes
- You are having problems at home/family
- You are thinking of hurting yourself
- Someone is hurting you
Tips for Success at OMS
...from the 6th Grade Team
Please Follow Along on the Yellow Orientation Flyer

• “Use Haiku!”
• “Check PowerSchool!”
• “Get Organized!”
• “Homework is a Given.”
• “Absences Happen...Here’s How to Keep Caught Up.”
• “Get Involved!”
• “Social Relationships...Meet New Friends!”
• “Better Everyday...What We Are All About at OMS!”
• Practice with a combination lock
The Transition to 6th Grade...

5th to 6th Grade Transition Schedule:

**February 12** - Band, Orchestra & Choir teachers visit Elementary Schools- students will learn about the OMS Music Program

**March 3 & 5** - OMS Counselors visit Elementary Schools - students will learn about the OMS scheduling process

**Counselor visits:**
- Tuesday, March 3:
  - Clear Lake: 9:05 am - 9:35 am
  - Leonard: 10:30 am - 11:00 am
- Thursday, March 5:
  - Lakeville: 9:00 am - 9:30 am
  - OES: 10:00 am - 10:30 am

**March 13** - Course selection form is due to 5th grade teacher

**May 26 or 27** - 5th grade field trip to OMS with their class

**OMS Visits -**
- Wednesday, May 26
  - OES & Leonard
- Thursday, May 27
  - Clear Lake & Lakeville

**August 19** -
- WEB Day - Where Everybody Belongs - at OMS from 1:00 pm - 5:30 pm (for students only)
- 6th Registration - at OMS from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (for parents and students)
Save the Date...

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
1pm-5:30pm, followed by registration
WEB Student Orientation

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
1:00pm - 5:30pm (Late Lunch Included)

Followed by…

6th Grade Registration
5:30pm-7:30pm

*Information update must be completed prior to 8/14.
Watch for email reminders in August!
Welcome
Class of 2027!