Oceanside Middle School

PARENT HANDBOOK 2016/2017

Be Safe, Be Respectful,

Be Responsible.

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REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

ADVISORY **7:42 – 7:49**

PERIOD 1 **7:52 – 8:34**

PERIOD 2 **8:37 – 9:19**

PERIOD 3 **9:22 – 10:04**

PERIOD 4 **10:07 – 11:07**

Lunch *(7-1: Café B & 7-4: Café A)* 10:07 – 10:27
Class 10:29 – 11:07

Class 10:07 – 10:45
Lunch *(7-2: Café B & 7-3: Café A)* 10:47 – 11:07

PERIOD 5 **11:10 – 12:10**

Lunch *(8-1: Café B & 8-4: Café A)* 11:10 – 11:30
Class 11:32 – 12:10

Class 11:10 – 11:48
Lunch (8-2: Café B & 8-3: Café A) 11:50 – 12:10
(For Semester 2, teams flip lunch)

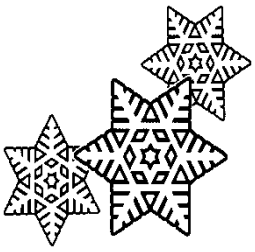
PERIOD 6 **12:13 – 12:55**

PERIOD 7 **12:58 – 1:40**

PERIOD 8 **1:43 – 2:25**

PERIOD 9 **2:28 – 3:10**

DELAYED OPENING



Delaying the opening of school by two hours enables us to provide instruction to our students for most of the day rather than closing school for the entire day. The decision to have a two-hour delayed opening would be made by the superintendent before 6:00 a.m. and will be communicated with an automated call, as well as on our website, www.oceansideschools.org.

The afternoon bus schedules and dismissal schedules would remain unchanged in all schools. The first bus pickup would begin at 9:10 a.m. and school would begin at 9:45 a.m.

2-Hour Delayed Opening Schedule	
Advisory	9:42 – 9:51 (9)
Period 1	9:54 – 10:18 (24)
Period 2	10:21 – 10:45 (24)
Period 3	10:48 – 11:12 (24)
Period 4	11:15 – 11:59 (44)
Period 5	12:02 – 12:46 (44)
Period 6	12:49 – 1:31 (42)
Period 7	1:34 – 1:58 (24)
Period 8	2:01 – 2:25 (24)
Period 9	2:28 – 3:10 (42)
• **Lunch remains the same** • **Group Guidance remains the same**	

CLUBS

Art Club - Students have the opportunity to explore many facets of art beyond their art class. This club is meant for students with a passion and a commitment to the creative process of making art and will be working on additional art projects after school.

Best Buddies - Pairs students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with typical students. Introducing Best Buddies into OMS, it is hoped that we are crossing the invisible line that too often separates those with disabilities from those without.

Builders Club – Works cooperatively with the Oceanside Kiwanis Club on community service projects. Here are a few of the projects that the students have participated in. Thanksgiving baskets for needy families, and a coat drive.

Computer Coding Club - Students will learn how programmers create games, apps, control robots and will learn the basics of computer programming. They will be able to create websites, games, by building computer code in a variety of contexts.

Drama Club – For students who love to perform or want to be involved in the production. Auditions will be held in the OMS auditorium (schedule & production to be announced). Rehearsal schedule will then be posted. There will be two performances of the production.

Garage Band – A recording studio app for students to create unique songs, mixes, remixes, soundtracks, etc. Touch instruments, use a built-in microphone, digital sampler and amplifier plug-in. Allows friends to form a "band" via bluetooth connection. Students choose the best music to create, Rock, R&B, EDM, Hip Hop, Jazz, etc. with or without any musical experience.

GSA - The Gay Straight Alliance club is founded on the belief that schools should be safe, supportive places for all students regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. We work on different, interactive school wide initiatives that promote acceptance and kindness for ***all*** of our students, and what it means to be an ally and upstander.

Int'l Foreign Language Club - Through food, fun and films, the international club will take a "virtual tour" around the world. Each week we will focus on a country, watch a film and eat authentic food from the country. We will also visit three restaurants!

Jr. Model Congress - Students learn what Congress does in the United States. We will each represent different states and congressional districts, learn about their beliefs and interests. Students will debate issues relevant to our school, state, country and world based on the places that we represent.

Jr. Nat'l Honor Society - Students are **invited** to join based on their grades for the first four quarters of middle school. Students must maintain a cumulative quarter average of 95 or above for the seventh grade year and can have no quarter grade for any class below 85. When asked to join students must complete a community service requirement.

Lego League First Robotics - is an exciting global robotics program that ignites an enthusiasm for discovery, science, and technology. Each year FLL teams across the world receive a challenge based on current, real-world problems. Club members will design, construct, and test a robot to perform missions that will compete in the Long Island FLL Qualifiers.

Literary Magazine - ***The Wave*** is the new school wide literary magazine that features more than just literature. This club welcomes any student who is looking for a creative outlet and a safe space to share ideas through writing poetry or short stories, drawing and photography.

Live Broadcasting Club – To provide students with an opportunity to broadcast news live to their classmates as real video journalists! Students will learn the various aspects of news broadcasting, how to research & cover a news story, & use of broadcasting equipment. Live news broadcasts will be shared with the school during advisory on Fridays.

Mathletes – For students interested in competing against the best math students at OMS and the best math students in Nassau County. Learn new mathematical skills, tricks, & concepts! Take real contests once a month, where you will compete as an individual and as a team against other students from other schools on your grade level.

Patriot Club – To spread and encourage Patriotism among students & community. We will acknowledge, honor & remember current & former U.S. military personnel who were part of the Oceanside community. Students will send care packages to U.S. troops & will fundraise for Operation Homefront & the Wounded Warrior Project.

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) – Students focus on positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies that can prevent other destructive decisions, i.e., underage drinking, other drug use, teen sucicide and teen violence. To set a healthier, safer course for their lives.

Technology Club - Students will be brainstorming and designing the Homecoming Float as well as constructing Team Spirit Plaques. Safety procedures and correct techniques will be taught before using hand and power tools.

Yearbook Committee – Students will cover all aspects of publishing the yearbook. Meetings will include taking photographs of staff, students and school events.

ATHLETICS

Fall Sports – Cross Country, Cheerleading, Football, Soccer, Swimming Varsity 7-12, Tennis.

Winter Sports I – Basketball (boys), Cheerleading, Volleyball (girls)
Winter Sports II – Basketball (girls), Volleyball (girls), Wrestling

Spring Sports – Baseball, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Softball, Track and Field, Tennis

All information regarding our sports program, including starting/ending dates, necessary forms for participation, team schedules and directions to locations are found on our athletic program website.

http://oceansideschools.org/sports/index.htm

SUPPORTING OMS STUDENTS

Team Meetings

Team meetings can be requested by parents, teachers or guidance counselors. To arrange a team meeting to discuss your child's progress. Please call the Guidance Office at 678-8523.

School Supplies

The PTA provides parents with the opportunity to purchase school supplies on-line and have them delivered to their home. Parents can also choose to buy school supplies on their own.

OMS Website

www.oceansideschools.org

On the OMS website you will find: extra help schedules, club schedules, athletic events, links to teacher websites, calendar of events, as well as many other valuable resources.

STUDENT/PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student Absences/Health Office

Parents are required to report student absences to the nurse's office at 678-8526. Please send an absence note with your child upon his/her return to school, even if you have called to notify us of his/her absence.

Physical exams are required for all 7th grade students and for those students participating in interscholastic sports.

In the event that a student needs to visit the nurses' office during the school day, the student is required to obtain a pass from his/her teacher.

Use of Cell Phones

Board of Education policy requires that cell phones not be used in school. Cell phones must be in a students' locker during the day. Phones are available for student use in the main office and the nurses' office.

Lateness

Students arriving during advisory will be marked late and sent to advisory with a late pass from the front desk. Students arriving after announcements will be sent to the guidance office in order to print their name in the lateness book and receive a late pass. Students who are late to school 4 times will be expected to serve a detention.

Leaving Early

When a student needs to leave before the end of the day, they need to be signed out in the guidance office. This includes 9th period, which is a regular scheduled class as their other classes.

Student Expectations

Oceanside Middle School is a safe and secure learning environment in which all students are entitled to be free from bullying. Therefore, we expect all of our students to adhere to the following guidelines:

Be Safe. Be Responsible.
Be Respectful

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TRANSPORTATION

In accordance with the policy set by the Board of Education, transportation to and from school is a privilege provided to students who live a specified distance from school. Students who ride the bus MUST:

- ◊ Carry and show their **bus pass** to the bus driver on a daily basis. Bus passes must be presented both in the morning and in the afternoon.
- ◊ Only board the bus to which they have been **assigned – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ◊ Should a student need a replacement bus pass, they report to the library. There is no charge for the first replacement. Additional replacement passes will be provided at a cost of $1.00.

Safety Rules

- ◊ Students must refrain from behavior which distracts the driver and endangers the health and safety of other students.
- ◊ School district buses may be equipped with a camera to video students while they are being transported to and from our schools as a means of preventing vandalism and unsafe behaviors. Should any student be caught vandalizing any part of a bus, parents will be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement.

Late Buses

- ◊ For students with 9th period classes, a 3:10 bus is available.
- ◊ Late buses depart from the back of the building at 3:45, 4:30 & 4:45 p.m.

If you drive your child to school. . .

Students should be dropped off and picked up in the rear of the building. In the interest of safety, please do NOT drop off or pick up in the front or side of the building.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any middle school parent / teacher conference days?

Unlike elementary school, there are no specific days set aside for conferences. However, you may request a conference at any time. The teachers are available by calling the main office 678-8518. The guidance counselors are available by calling the guidance office 678-8523. The parent, the teacher or counselor may initiate a parent conference.

Whom should I speak to if there is a problem with the bus?

You should speak to Ms. Bhatt about any bus problem at 678-8518.

What should I do if my child is being bullied by another student?

You should first alert the subject area teacher if the problem exists in the classroom. In addition, you should also notify the guidance counselor who will work with you to resolve the situation.

How can I feel more involved in the school?

Parents are an integral part of the OMS community. There are many ways to be involved. By participating in our PTA, read school emails, our OMS website, and now our district mobile app, which will offer you valuable information, as well as dates of upcoming events and meetings.

What about extra help?

Extra help schedules are posted on the website (www.oceansideschools.org). In addition, students are encouraged to make arrangements with individual teachers for extra help as needed.

Is there a dress code?

Yes, there is a dress code, please refer to Code of Conduct in digital student agenda book.

Problems? Concerns? Questions?

Who to Call at the Middle School

TRANSPORTATION ◊ Bus related: routes, times, bus passes, lost belongings ◊ Behavior or social misconduct	Administrative Assistant: Ms. D. Bhatt Transportation Specialist: Ms. J. Meltzer	678 – 8518 678 - 1211
CATEGORY	**WHO TO CALL**	**PHONE NUMBER**
HEALTH & ATTENDANCE ◊ Reporting of Absences ◊ Illness or injury, doctor's note, sports physicals, working papers, health concerns	School Nurse: Ms. T. O'Sullivan	678 - 8526
CLASSROOM ◊ Academics / Behavior	Classroom Teacher	678 - 8518
◊ Personal & Social concerns	Guidance Counselors Supervisor: Mr. G. Sloan 7-1/8-1: Ms. K. Dunne 7-2/8-2: Mr. R. Helmrich 7-3/8-3: Ms. R. Daly 7-4/8-4: Ms. D. Broderick	678 - 8523
FAMILY MATTERS ◊ Issues, concerns, advocacy.	Social Worker: Ms. P. Greenfield Psychologist: Dr. B. Fleisher Psychologist: Dr. K. Lamparello	678 - 8525
QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE ◊ General	Principal: Dr. A. Glickman-Rogers Assistant Principals: Mr. D. Keegan/ Mr. D. Trum	678 – 8518
◊ Special Education	Supervisor: Dr. K. Lamparello	678-8523
◊ Curriculum		
English	Director: Dr. B. Zirogiannis	678 – 1269
Social Studies	Director: Mr. M. Bickman	678 – 1269
Mathematics	Director: Ms. T. Mauer	678 – 1269
Family & Consumer Science, Technology, Physical Education	Supervisor: Mr. D. Trum	678 – 8518
Science	Director: Ms. K. Chapman	594 - 2359
World Language	Director: Dr. D. Rose	678 – 7533
Fine & Performing Arts	Director: Mr. R. Brase	678 – 1220
Athletics & Health	Director: Mr. J. Risener	678 - 7530

* All Staff can be reached via email with first initial and last name @oceansideschools.org