

## Olathe West Families-

This morning I had a lot of fun at the districtwide new teachers breakfast. It was great to see our teachers new to Olathe West! They are an incredible group of educators and we are lucky to have them join our team! They will be spending the next several days getting ready and learning all out Owl life! I have attached their bios and introductions for your review! All other teachers will be here next week. The life is quickly returning to the building and it feels good to have the hustle and buzz in the halls. I also get the sense some of you may be ready for us to take our turn with your kids - haha. I certainly understand that too! We are ready!

Note - I have received a few emails about this - there is no supply list for high school. Each teacher will have a class syllabus that will include any supplies needed!

### Things you need to know this week:

**1. Freshman Computer Checkout** - 9th graders will receive their laptops during the first week of school. They will be checked out during your student's science class. There is nothing that parents need to do prior to this.

**2. Freshman StudentVue Logins** - Freshman passwords are reset between middle school and high school. Students will receive a new password when they checkout their computers. Student schedules can still be accessed through ParentVue. **Please screenshot and text your student's schedule to them for the first day or feel free to print it for them!**

**3. Transfer or New to OW Students** - Students who will be new to Olathe West and are in grades 10-12 are invited for a short orientation and tour on August 13 from 9am – 10:30am. Students can enter Olathe West through the main entrance on the east side of the building. Assistant Principal Pat Butler will meet with them and give a tour of the building. These students will also checkout their laptops the first week of school.

**4. Senior Yearbook Portraits** - Senior yearbook pictures will be taken on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 3pm in the auditorium. This photo sitting is the formal senior yearbook picture so ties and more formal dress are appropriate. This is a free photo and there is no purchase required. These photos are for the yearbook headshots only. Sign-ups are also not required so please come dressed to impress for your senior yearbook photo. If you cannot make it for pictures on these dates, students will be able to take the photo during regular school picture days for underclassmen on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**5. School Pictures** - for 9-11<sup>th</sup> grades will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. More information about orders will be coming soon.

**6. Athletic and Activity Calendar** - Olathe West will have a new athletic and activities webpage which will include our school calendar: <https://gobound.com/ks/schools/olathewesths>. The calendar will also be embedded within the main Olathe West webpage. Search the Apple or Android app store for “Bound Sports” to add the app to your phone for quick and easy access to our school calendar, to purchase tickets to athletic events, and to access information regarding athletics and activities.

**7. Athletic Registration** - Athletic Registration for the upcoming 2025-26 school year will be completed using your ParentVUE user ID and Password. Instructions for this process are attached. ***If you have not completed the physical form for sports participation, DO NOT BEGIN the Athletic Registration, and go directly to Online Registration to enroll your student. Families can return to the site to complete athletic registration at any time.*** All athletic physicals must be dated after May 1, 2025. Email Athletic Director Pat Butler ([prbutler@olatheschools.org](mailto:prbutler@olatheschools.org)) with questions.

**8. Athletic Passes** - Athletic Passes for the 2025-26 athletic season are now available on our new athletic website: <https://www.gobound.com/ks/schools/olathewesths/tickets>. Athletic Passes are available for both adults and students. Passes allow entry into all REGULAR SEASON athletic events in the Olathe School District.

**9. Online Registration** - Registration is now open for the 2025-26 school year! About 100 of you still need to register so please help us get this completed this week!

**10. Freshman First Day** - The 9th graders first day is August 13th. This is a half day from 7:40am - 10:55am. This is an orientation day and only our 9th graders will attend this day.

**11. Yard Signs** - Yes - you can order them! See attachment for directions!

**12. First Day of School - All Students** - The school year starts for all students August 14th. This is a full day and we will be on a 7 period day.

**13. Freshmen Parent Meeting / Student Mixer** - We will have a 9th grade parent meeting on August 13th at 6pm in the auditorium. While the parents attend the meeting, our 9th grade students will have a welcome mixer. We will have a DJ and treats available. Please join us to learn all things OW and also bring your 9th grader!

**14. Back to School Night** - We will have our meet the teacher night on August 18th at 6pm. Parents will walk their student's schedule and meet all of the teachers. Please have your student's schedule on your phone or printed. We will not have schedules available. We hope you join us! Always a fun night!

**15. Attention, 11th and 12th graders interested in the ACT Prep/College Readiness course-** This course can help improve test-taking strategies, boost confidence, and raise your ACT scores. Contact your counselor to see if it fits into your schedule.

That's a lot! I am curious if you are still with me? If you are, shoot me an email and I will give the first 5 of you who reply a little OW swag! Teachers and staff are not eligible - and are not reading this far! Haha. Have a good weekend!

Holler if you need me!

Jay Novacek  
Principal

**Attachments:**

 [ParentVUE Step by Step for Athletic Registraion Portal.pdf](#) (228.7 KB)

 [Yard Sign.docx](#) (405.4 KB)

 [25-26 New Staff.pdf](#)