

Olathe West Families-

Happy Friday! We are off to a great start for the new school year! The freshmen were great on Wednesday and it was nice to have everyone back in the house yesterday and today. I enjoyed meeting many freshmen parents on Wednesday night and I look forward to seeing everyone at Meet the Teacher Night on Monday the 18th. Today, we held our first pep assembly and celebrated our softball and Track & Field teams that won 6A State Championships in May. The assembly culminated with the unveiling of the new state championship banners which will hang in our gym for all of time!

I've had a few questions about the school day schedule. I went ahead and attached the bell schedule again. Feel free to print and stick it on the fridge. We will be on the regular schedule next week.

You guys are doing a great job on drop off and pick up before and after school. A few reminders - do not pick up your student in the LEFT lane. The left lane is a NO STOPPING zone. Please make sure you are parked on a curb to pick up your kids. When leaving our campus on Hedge, if you need to go north, please turn right and utilize the roundabout and return back to the north. DO NOT try and turn left on Hedge as you leave. You will back traffic up. Lastly, our pick up lane is like the airport. You do not have to wait in line. Utilize the left moving lane and pull down to find an opening on the curb - just like KCI! Again - great job so far - we will be even better if we follow these tips!

Meet the Teacher Night is Monday, August 18th. There are a few pre-meetings that only specific groups need to attend a bit earlier. They are listed below but include - students in AP/College Now classes, all seniors, and public safety students. Mr. Butler is going to explain how to navigate the senior year for senior parents - try to attend if possible! **Please have your student's schedule on your phone. We will not have schedules printed that night!**

See schedule for Monday:

Pre-Meetings (Only for those in these groups)

5pm – 5:45pm Public Safety Academy Parent Meeting – Meet in Public Safety

5:15pm – 5:45pm Senior Meeting - Auditorium

5pm – 5:45pm AP/College Now Students Only – Flex Theatre

Meet the Teacher Schedule

Hour 1 6:00pm-6:15pm

Hour 2 6:20pm-6:30pm

Hour 3 6:35pm-6:45pm

Hour 4 6:50pm-7:00pm

Hour 5 7:05pm-7:15pm

Hour 6 7:20pm-7:30pm

Hour 7 7:35pm-7:45pm

Things you need to know this week:

1. PSAT - Students interested in taking the PSAT, this will take place on Oct. 15th. Attached is more information and how to get signed up. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 5th. Questions: contact bdfrick@olatheschools.org

2. Postsecondary Planning Events: See attached flyer for upcoming events throughout the district. Contact your student's counselor with any questions.

3. Schedule Change Deadline: Monday, August 18th, is the last day for students to request a schedule correction. Please have your student schedule an appointment with their counselor if a correction is needed.

4. Gift Card Drive - I sent an email on Monday about our annual gift card drive. Please find that email and consider helping us out! All gift cards go directly back to students. You can drop them off in the front office, have your student drop them off, or even bring them to Meet the Teacher Night! I appreciate it!

5. Game Day Spirit Pack - Click here for [OWL Spirit Game Day Shirts Are Now Available](#). You can purchase gear for our Spirit Game Days (Pink Out, White Out, Red, White & Blue, Camo & Tie-dye)—lots of styles & sizes. Store closes on August 27th. Limited Spirit Packs (5 shirts for \$50) will be available for purchase on Monday Night, August 18th, during Back-to-School Night.

6. College Credit in High School - Parents of students enrolled in an AP or [College Now](#) course this year are highly encouraged to attend "College Now & AP Explained" on August 18 at 5:00 pm in the Flex Theatre. Questions about these programs can be directed to your student's [counselor](#).

7. School Pictures - for 9-11th grades will be on August 20th and 21st. Freshmen and sophomore students will take pictures on the 20th. August 21st will be for juniors and a make up day for those students absent on the 20th. Once the pictures are ready, you will receive an email with a code to access your student's photos. This usually takes about two weeks before they are ready for purchase. There is no cost to take the picture for the yearbook.

8. Senior Yearbook Portraits are Ready! – If your senior took their yearbook portrait on August 4th or 5th, you may view and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login> using the following information:

OLATHE WEST HIGH SCHOOL: Event Code: FE272625. Also Needed: Synergy Student ID#

Seniors who still need to have their portrait taken may do so during picture day on August 20th and 21st from 7:15am - 7:40am.

9. 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.

10. 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) with questions.

11. 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.

12. Xello Family Account - If you haven't set up your family Xello account yet, you will receive an email from Xello.world soon. Xello helps students explore careers that align with their skills and interests. Click the link to learn more. Counselors will be available in the commons during Back to School Night on August 18th to answer any questions. [Xello for families](#) [Xello para familias](#)

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

14. 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.

Okay - that's it from me!

Dad joke of the week: Did you hear about the guy who's afraid of escalators? He takes steps to avoid them.

Have a good weekend! Sports practices start on Monday! Meet the Teacher Night is on Monday! See you Monday!


Holler if you need me.

Jay Novacek
Principal

Attachments:

 [Postsecondary Planning Events.pdf](#) (150.0 KB)

 [OW PSAT flyer.pdf](#) (218.4 KB)

 [Bell Schedule 2025-2026.jpg](#) (105.2 KB)

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