



“Notes from the Nest” is a weekly, informational email highlighting upcoming events. It is sent out on Fridays.

August 12, 2022





Next week

Monday (August 15) – 8 period day

Tuesday (August 16) – 8 period day

Wednesday (August 17) – odd block day

Thursday (August 18) – even block day

Friday (August 19) – 8 period day

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION:

If your student is going to be absent, leave early, or come to school late, please call 913-780-7111.

You can leave a message 24/7.

Attendance Line: 913-780-7111

Español: 913-780-7208

Email: lcCooksey@olatheschools.org

Select the option that applies to the attendance information you wish to communicate:

- PRESS 1: To report an all day absence
- PRESS 2: If your student will be late and you need to excuse their tardy
- PRESS 3: If your student needs a pass to leave during the school day
Please allow at least 30 minute notice for all passes to be issued
- PRESS 4: All other attendance information

If your student is arriving to school late, they need to show their photo ID (school ID, driver's license, or Student Vue) to the camera to be admitted. They will sign in at the attendance window and an electronic pass will be issued.

If your student is leaving the building, an e-Hallpass will be issued. This electronic pass will appear on the e-Hallpass dashboard for the student and their teacher. At the time of dismissal, your student will be released from class to go to the attendance window to pick up their pass. Once your student has checked out at Attendance he/she is free to leave the building. You are always welcome to come into the office, but it is not necessary.

ONW Yearbook

Did you miss the opportunity to snag a copy of the 2022 Evermore Yearbook? You're in luck! **We have secured extra copies of the 2022 Evermore, and they are available for purchase in TouchBase!** All you need to do is log in to TouchBase at <https://ks-olathe.intouchreceiving.com/> and you can find the 2022 Yearbook listed under "Yearbook-ONW" and Books-ONW"

Following your purchase, please email the Evermore advisers, Clayton Kistner and Maureen Dismang, at ckistner@olatheschools.org and mdismangonw@olatheschools.org so that we can prepare your book for pickup in the ONW main office.

Parents and guardians of the Class of 2023! The time has come for Senior Ads! Doesn't it seem like just yesterday your students were walking into their first day of kindergarten? What better way to honor your senior (and maybe embarrass them just a little bit with a very cute baby picture) than a Senior Ad in the 2023 edition of Olathe Northwest's yearbook, Evermore! **Senior Ads will be available for purchase until February 28th, 2023**, but early purchasers can benefit from early bird pricing as described below.

Senior Ads can be purchased in TouchBase, where you may have already preordered your 2023 Evermore. **Act quickly to take advantage of our early bird Senior Ad pricing until September 30th, 2022!** You may purchase an eight, fourth, half, or full page ad, which will include different photo and message limitations, as described below. **Please note that messages and photos must be submitted using the links below at the time of purchase on TouchBase, so all materials must be received by the Evermore staff before the early bird deadline to secure early bird pricing.** Senior Ads that have been purchased but not had their materials properly submitted before the early bird deadline are subject to full pricing.

Eighth page, no more than 35 words and 1 photo (portrait only)

Early bird price (*ends 9/30*): \$80

Regular price: \$100

Fourth page, no more than 35 words and up to 2 photos (portrait or landscape)

Early bird price (*ends 9/30*): \$130

Regular price: \$150

Half page, no more than 50 words and up to 5 photos (portrait or landscape)

Early bird price (*ends 9/30*): \$180

Regular price: \$200

Full page, no more than 75 words and up to 8 photos (portrait or landscape)

Early bird price (*ends 9/30*): \$275

Regular price: \$300

To purchase and submit materials for your Senior Ad, follow the steps below:

1. **PREPARE YOUR CONTENT:** Familiarize yourself with the Senior Ad size options, prices, deadlines, and submission guidelines. After choosing your Senior Ad size, start drafting a message to your senior that will accommodate the max word count. Be sure to include an appropriate signature (Love, Mom and Grandma). Additionally, gather the correct amount of photos you would like to use. Make sure these digital photos are properly sized and ready for uploading.
2. **PAY FOR YOUR SENIOR AD:** Purchase your Senior Ad on TouchBase at <https://ks-olathe.intouchrecepting.com/>
 - a. NOTE: Purchasing a Senior Ad does NOT secure a copy of the 2023 Evermore. Copies of the yearbook must be purchased separately, also in TouchBase.
3. **SUBMIT YOUR SENIOR AD MATERIALS:** Fill out the following Google Form to submit your senior's message and photos: <https://bit.ly/SeniorAdsONW>

Any questions? Contact the Evermore Yearbook advisers, Clayton Kistner and Maureen Dismang, at ckistner@olatheschools.org and mdismangonw@olatheschools.org **National Testing Day** This year, ONW will be participating in National Testing Day on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022. Although our freshmen, sophomore, and junior students will be automatically enrolled in a specific ACT test appropriate to their grade level, these students also have the option to register and pay for the PSAT test. Juniors taking the PSAT are considered for National Merit status and are eligible for scholarships based on the results of that assessment. Freshmen and Sophomores considering the PSAT in their Junior year are encouraged to take the PSAT as well as a practice for that exam in their junior year.

Wednesday, October 12th is a half day for students, and in lieu of classes, students will be participating in one of a few available assessments.

- **Freshmen** will be automatically enrolled in the Pre ACT 8/9 assessment but may choose to register and pay separately to take the PSAT.
- **Sophomores** will be automatically enrolled in a Pre ACT 10 assessment but also have the option to register and pay separately to take the PSAT.
- **Juniors** will also be automatically enrolled in a practice ACT (with no official score available). Juniors may decide instead register to take the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test or the PSAT. Juniors taking the PSAT will be considered for National Merit status.

PSAT Registration Directions:

For those students and families interested in the PSAT, there are a few important deadlines approaching:

1. Requests for accommodations for the PSAT must be submitted via the google form linked below no later than **5:00pm on Friday, August 19th**. Use the Google Form linked here (<https://forms.gle/ojNiZN7RcBB7bq466>) to request accommodations if your child plans to take the PSAT and has a 504 or IEP listing specific testing accommodations.

Please note, filling out this google form is not registration for the PSAT. *Please complete the steps below in addition to requesting accommodations.*

2. The deadline to sign up for the PSAT test is **11:59pm on Friday, September 2nd**. **Late registration for the PSAT is not available.**

To register for the PSAT, please follow the steps below:

- Parents, go to <https://ks-olathe.intouchrecepting.com/> and register to take the PSAT by midnight on Friday, September 2nd.
- They will click on the student who wants to take the PSAT, then click “Items at Student’s School.”
- They will click “PSAT”, then “Buy.”
- Proceed to checkout and enter payment information.

Please see the attached document for additional information about the assessments available on October 12.

THEATRE

Do you want to get involved? There are tons of on stage and backstage opportunities available to all students in the building all year long, regardless of their enrollment in a theatre class! Upcoming dates to look forward to:

- Tues. 8/16- Theatre Kick Off: Come find out what ONW Theatre is all about after school in the **auditorium** from 3:00-4:30!
- Wed. 8/24- Audition Q & A: If you plan to audition for the fall musical, attend this audition information meeting after school from 3:15-4:00 in the **choir room**!
- Thursday 8/25- Tech Try It: If you plan to apply for a tech crew, attend this event to learn more about the different tech crews! After school from 3:15-4:00 in the Scene Shop!

Free/Reduced Lunch application

Olathe Public Schools families,

We wanted to remind you that the federal funding support that has provided school breakfasts and lunches free to students for the past two years is coming to an end. With this in mind, please be advised of the following items.

- For the 2022-23 school year, families once again will pay full price for student breakfasts and lunches unless they apply and qualify for free-and-reduced meals through the district’s application process.
- The new free and reduced application for 2022-23 is available at <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/OLAS01>. Families must apply each year for free or reduced food service and student registration fees.
- Filling out the federal free and reduced application will be necessary before students will be able to qualify for and access free or reduced breakfast and lunches during the 2022-23 school year.

ONW Laptop Deployment (new students to building)

All new students to Olathe schools and incoming freshmen will be issued a dell laptop. Freshmen are receiving a slightly different device than our upperclassmen. As a result, we have distinguished

the times that our freshmen may pick up their device from the times we have available for upperclassmen.

Freshmen Only Deployment Times:

- Friday, August 12th – With Modern World History class
- Monday, August 15th – As needed

Upperclassmen Only Deployment Times:

- Thursday, August 11th – 10:30am – In Room 2307
- Friday, August 12th – 2nd Hour
- Monday, August 15th – As needed

Upperclassman returning to Olathe Schools will continue to be able to use their device from last year.

Adult Activity Passes



<https://usd233.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?depts=2>

Back to School Night

On Thursday, August 11, we will host our Back to School Night/Open House for parents to learn what their student's experience will look like this year and meet teachers. We will start at 6:45pm with 1st hour and work through the traditional school day; we will be finished at 8:40pm. The academies traditionally meet with freshmen and new parents at 6pm that evening.

Senior breakfast on 8/12/22

On the first day of school, Friday, August 12 from 7:15-7:50am, RPO is hosting a First Day of School Breakfast for SENIORS to celebrate their last first day as an ONW Raven. We are in need of parent donations for food, drinks, tableware, and gift cards for a raffle for the seniors. All donations need to be delivered by 3:00pm on August 11th, unless they are fresh, hot cooked items like Casey's Pizza, then they need to be delivered at 7:00am on Friday, August 12th. See the link below to donate. Thank you for helping make our seniors last first day a memorable one!

[ONW Seniors: ONW Senior Back to School Breakfast \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Raven Parent Organization – RPO

ONW Parents,

The Raven Parent Organization (RPO) is ONW's version of a PTA, supporting a number of activities and initiatives. One of the events that has historically been very impactful on our students is the Bill Cordes-School Unity Project, which has been scheduled for August 24th. After that we'll be diving right into Homecoming and all the other school activities that RPO helps support. In order to do this, we need your help! There is a suggested donation of **\$50 per family** to the Raven Parent Organization to ensure that we are able to continue supporting these events and so many others that directly benefit all of our students. Any donation amount is truly appreciated!

For more information about RPO or to make a donation, please visit <https://www.olatheschools.org/Page/7708>.

The following are contact points for our Raven Parent Organization.

Facebook: Raven Parent Organization

Twitter: @ONWRavens_RPO

Instagram: @onwravensrpo

Email: ravenparentorg3@gmail.com

Olathe Northwest 2022-23 Student Schedules and Building Open

Olathe Northwest student schedules will be available on Friday, July 29, 2022 by:

- Accessing Student Vue or Parent Vue
- Coming to ONW's front office and requesting a printed copy (on or after Monday, August 1)

Students may only pick up their own schedules; we cannot give schedules to students for their friends or siblings.

ONW students, particularly those who are new to the building, are welcome to walk their schedule/the building on Monday, August 1, from 12pm to 4pm or Thursday, August 4, from 8am to 4pm.

2022-23 School pictures

9th-12th grade students will have their school pictures for IDs, parent purchase, and yearbook taken on Wednesday, August 17 or Thursday, August 18. Once a schedule has been developed for which classes will have pictures on which day, we will share that.

Lockers

Hall lockers will be available for students to request this school year. Students received an email with the link to request a locker in mid-July (Monday, July 18). Students requesting a locker will keep that locker for the duration of their time at ONW. Lockers should be requested prior to July 28, though there will be another window of opportunity after school starts in August.

We do allow students to carry totes or backpacks during the school day in the high schools in Olathe.

Once lockers have been assigned, the locker number and combination will be viewable by students when logging into StudentVue.

Homecoming dates

HC week – October 3-8

Wednesday, October 5 – Powderpuff game and Bonfire

Thursday, October 6 – Parade and assembly

Thursday, October 6 – Football game against Shawnee Mission East at 7pm at CBAC

Friday, October 7 – no school

Saturday, October 8 – Homecoming Dance from 8pm to 11pm at ONW

Fall Sports

Please note that the fall sports season starts on Monday, August 15, after classes begin. A current physical form (completed after May 1, 2022) must be turned in prior to participating. Physical forms are available in the office or at <https://www.olatheschools.org/Page/9564>.

As we transition into the 2022/2023 school year of Athletics and Activities, the district will be moving to an online format to submit **Pre-Participation Physical, Concussion, Substance Abuse, and Transportation forms**. Please follow the steps listed below to help you complete this process.

- 1) Each student/family will need to log into their Touchbase account: <https://ks-olathe.intouchrecepting.com/> (this is the same account you login into to register for summer weights, or pay fees for the upcoming school year).
- 2) Once logged in select the 'Registrations' tab. This will give you the choice to choose a sport/activity that you would like to try out, play or participate in next year.

- 3) Next, you will see steps to access all the forms that need to be submitted for participation. **The Pre-Participation Physical packet will need to be printed and brought to your doctor appointment.**
- 4) After completing the physical packet and all pages needing signatures are signed, you can now scan and upload **(5 total pages)** to Intouch registrations. Please make sure all 5 pages are scanned before you upload. The concussion form, substance abuse, and transportation forms are to be signed electronically. No need to print these forms to submit.
- 5) Last step is to submit forms for approval. Once approved you will receive an confirmation email letting you know that your forms were submitted successfully.
- 6) If you will be participating in multiple sports or participating in a club or committee, you will need to go back to the registration page again and choose another sport or activity to register.

If you have any questions please contact Karen Sheets in the Athletics at kcsheets@olatheschools.org

Football Head Coach – Lorne Clark (lclarkonw@olatheschools.org)
 Soccer Head Coach – Chris Graham (cgrahamonw@olatheschools.org)
 Cross Country Head Coach– Chris Sales (christinesonw@olatheschools.org)
 Girls Golf Head Coach – Michael Grove (mgroveonw@olatheschools.org)
 Girls Tennis Head Coach – Drew Smith (dasmith@olatheschools.org)
 Volleyball Head Coach – Barry Lenth (brlenth@olatheschools.org)

Upcoming dates

August 9 Freshman Parent Orientation **6pm** (ONW auditorium)
 August 11 Only Freshmen attend (dismissal at 12:15pm) – busses run at normal time in the morning and at 12:15pm
 August 11 ONW Open House/Back to School Night, 6:45pm
 August 12 First full day of school (grades 9-12)
 August 15 Fall Sports practice begins
 August 17 School pictures for grades 9-11, seniors will take an ID only picture
 August 18 School pictures for grades 9-11, seniors will take an ID only picture
 August 26 Back to school mixer (9pm-11pm, after soccer game vs OE at CBAC)
 September 2 Student early release (11:15am)
 September 5 No school – Labor Day
 September 6 No school – Professional development day
 September 13 **Class of 2025** Awards Breakfast – invitations to honorees will be sent in August
 September 14 **Class of 2024** Awards Breakfast – invitations to honorees will be sent in August
 September 16 **Class of 2023** Awards Breakfast – invitations to honorees will be sent in August
 October 3-8 Homecoming Week
 October 5 Powder Puff/Bonfire
 October 6 Homecoming Parade

October 6 Last day of 1st quarter
October 7 No school – professional development
October 8 Homecoming Dance from 8pm-11pm at ONW