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Dear Freshman Students and Parents,

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I take great pride in welcoming you and your student to Olentangy Orange High School (OOHS), home of the Pioneers! OOHS is an extraordinary school, with so much to offer, and we encourage all students and families to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities available to you over the next four years. As you get involved, it will be our pleasure to help you and your family transition into high school.

Let me also reassure you that most students find the transition to high school very positive and exciting. If there are any questions or concerns during this time, please ask anyone on the staff for help. We are all ready to partner with you to make your child comfortable and ready to learn.

Of most importance to your freshman is **Pioneer Orientation** on Friday, August 12. Please drop off your student at the school's main entrance by 9:00 a.m. and pick them up at 12:00 p.m. During **Pioneer Orientation**, your child will learn about the school, walk through their schedule, visit the lunch lines, meet OOHS Administrators, and generally acclimate to their new learning environment. If your child cannot attend *Pioneer Orientation*, he/she can come on August 15 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to walk their schedule and acclimate with a parent.

Prior to the first day of school, freshman parents must complete and submit an **Emergency Medical Authorization Form** online located in PowerSchool. Parents must log in to PowerSchool and select Back to School Forms. Students and parents will be able to access forms, schedules, locker and busing information online through PowerSchool beginning August 11. Please note, parents who have not updated their PowerSchool information, will not have access to the mandatory forms and schedules.

MANDATORY FORMS TO BE COMPLETED IN POWERSCHOOL:

- ☐ **The Emergency Medical Authorization Form** - Ohio law requires that you submit a new form each school year even if no information has changed. Please also include your **student's cell phone number** on the Emergency Medical Form. We will then be able to send out important text messages to your student regarding a change in schedule or school closings or delays.
- ☐ **Handbook Awareness Statement** – requires both parent and student electronic signature. This is section 7 of the Emergency Medical Form. Freshmen will receive a Student Handbook at Pioneer Orientation.

Other Back-to-School information found on the OOHS website:

- ☐ **OOHS Extracurricular Activities flyer** – This flyer lists all the clubs/sports offered at OOHS and the advisors/coaches associated with the activity.
- ☐ **Courier Subscription** – The Courier is Olentangy Orange High School's monthly newsletter.



- ☐ **Clinic Forms** – Prescription and/or over the counter medication forms
- ☐ **Food Service Information**
- ☐ **District calendar 2022-2023**
- ☐ **Possip Information**

When school resumes on Thursday, August 18, classes will begin at 7:20 a.m., and students will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. **The school WILL NOT be printing schedules for the first day of school.**

Freshmen will be given a paper copy of their schedule at Pioneer Orientation but need to print off a new schedule on Wednesday, August 17, and bring it on the first day of school for them to follow.

Please also mark these important back-to-school events on your calendars:

- **Curriculum Night** – Wednesday, August 24, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Labor Day** – No school for students or staff - Monday, September 5
- **Curriculum Professional Development Day** – No school – Monday, September 19

Finally, in order to stay informed as a parent, OOHS offers three valuable resources:

1. The [Orange High School website](#) has an abundance of information for students and parents.
2. *Pioneer Press* is a newsletter I send directly to parents by e-mail every Friday throughout the school year. It includes announcements, a calendar of upcoming academic events, and tells you everything you need to know to keep in touch with the goings-on at the school including immediate notifications of school delays and cancellations. If you updated your parent contact information in PowerSchool and have included an email address, you will automatically receive the Pioneer Press. Please call the office if you are not receiving this important communication.
3. Follow us on Twitter **@OOHSPrincipal**

Again, welcome to Olentangy Orange High School and to your freshman year! It is a pleasure to have you as a member of the Pioneer family. If you ever have a concern or question, please stop in and see me personally, give me a call, or send me an e-mail at Monica_Asher@olsd.us. I'm happy to help. I want to forge lasting friendships with students and families and look forward to getting to know each and every student. Best wishes for a successful 2022–2023 school year. **Go Pioneers!**

Proud to serve as your principal,

Monica Asher
Principal
Olentangy Orange High School