



OLIVET HIGH SCHOOL

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WELCOME FROM MR. WAFFLE

It is always an exciting time preparing for a new school year as we look forward with anticipation for new adventures! We are excited for the Class of 2024 to take their turn in leading our student body through another great year, and we are equally excited to welcome the Class of 2027 and watch them mature and transform themselves over the next four years.

I look forward to reconnecting with those returning and meeting the new students and families during registration and other activities this year. You are always welcome to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at wafflet@olivetschools.org, call the high school office at 269-749-3671, or you can share questions, concerns and successes by using the [OHS Questions and Feedback Form \(https://bit.ly/OHSQuestionsAndFeedbackForm\)](https://bit.ly/OHSQuestionsAndFeedbackForm). Additionally, you can follow us on X (formally twitter), [@OlivetHS_Eagles](https://twitter.com/OlivetHS_Eagles) is our X account.

PREPARATION FOR 2023-2024

This has been a busy summer at the high school as we prepare for the new school year. It takes a team effort to prepare, and again this summer our custodians have done a great job getting the school ready for our students' return. Mrs. Collins did a great job getting schedules done early to allow students to see their courses so corrections could be done early. There is still more preparation to do, but our office staff is making sure we are ready for students and staff. Thanks to their work we will be ready for our students' return on August 23rd!

STAFFING

We are excited to introduce a new teacher at OHS. We hired Mrs. Rachel Gonzales to teach Spanish. We look forward to her being here and connecting with our students. Mr. Garrett Collins will be moving from a parapro position to a long term substitute teacher position for Special Education. With Mr. Collins changing roles we have just posted a parapro position. Here is the [link](#) to the posting if you or someone you know may be interested.

COMMUNICATION

As we get closer to the beginning of the year we may need to send timely information and need responses from students. It is very important that students check their email so they are up to date and can answer any questions we may have.

OHS REGISTRATION and PICTURE DAYS

Beginning August 9th, parents will complete registration forms online (see more details below). Guardians and students will also need to complete the electronic acknowledgements including OHS student handbook, athletic/extracurricular code of conduct, and internet/technology use. Please note that this will also need to be completed for any new students who enrolled over the summer. During designated registration days listed below, students will receive their locker assignments, have school pictures taken, receive their school chromebook if needed, and complete registration and acknowledgements if not already completed. If you are unable to attend the scheduled registration times, you may come into the office during normal office hours beginning August 16th. Seniors are required to have their picture taken for their school ID. All students are required to have their picture taken for their student identification card. If you wish to purchase pictures, picture packets will be available. You can view the [Picture Packet](#) electronically, or packets can be picked up in the HS office if you would like one early.

11th & 12th Grades

Monday, August 14, 2023

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

9th & 10th Grades

Thursday, August 17, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Reminder: Outstanding fines for books, calculators, chromebooks, etc. will need to be paid before students will be allowed to register - your cooperation in ensuring our students have quality materials is appreciated.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Back to school registration is done online. Student information, emergency contacts, application for free and reduced lunch, parent permissions and acknowledgements, and the student technology use agreement will be available to complete beginning Wednesday, August 9th. This process can be completed by logging onto Skyward. You will receive directions when registration opens. If parents need help accessing and completing these forms, devices will be set up during registration times. Completing this process is required for all students.

HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION for FREE and REDUCED SCHOOL MEALS and FAQ

As you may be aware, there is a bill to provide free lunch and breakfast to all students. At this time the proposal has not been finalized, and we have not been given direction for next steps. Although the primary goal of this assistance is to provide meals to students, there are other benefits and opportunities schools are eligible for based on the number of qualifying students. So, we are encouraging you to complete a free and reduced meal application form if you are, or may be a qualifying family. Note: Families must apply each year to be eligible to receive services.

To complete the application for Free/Reduced Meals you can go to the [OCS Food Service Webpage](#), which provides more information, including the [online application](#), which includes an FAQ when you begin the online application, and a link to a paper copy of the form. You will only need to complete one form per household and the form does need to be completed each year. In addition to the individual support provided to families, our school can receive additional support based on the number of students who qualify, so we encourage all families that may qualify to fill out the forms. If you have questions you can contact the food service director, Marj Wade at 269-749-4281 or email at WadeM@olivetschools.org. This information and any support provided are confidential. I encourage you to visit the [Food Service Web Page](#) for more information about our food service program, such as prices, offerings, online payments, and more.

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

The [OHS Student Handbook](#), [Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct](#), and [OHS Honor Code and Academic Integrity](#) are available on the OHS webpage. The [Athletic and Extracurricular Code of Conduct](#) covers expectations for participating in all athletics and school sponsored groups which includes but not limited to band, choir, theater, FFA, student council, Link Crew, robotics, and science olympiad. Students will also be required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct prior to participating in activities. We will also be covering the handbook with students by grade level during the first week of school.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Schedules for the 2023/24 school year have been released. Once you have had a chance to review your schedule, you will be able to request a change using the [Schedule Change Request Form](#). Using the form is mandatory to make a request. This spring, Mrs. Collins was able to review all schedules and make corrections and adjustments, but there still are conflicts to correct. As a result of her hard work schedules are more accurate, and match student requests. Class numbers are tight and there is not a lot of room for changes, so please understand that not all scheduling requests will be approved. If your request is based on an error, the counseling department will work to correct the mistake. However, if your request is based on your preference/desire to take another class this may not be approved. Additionally, classes will not be added or dropped after the first week unless there is an inappropriate placement of a student in a class or an extenuating circumstance, so students must check their schedules and make change requests before school starts..

Dual Enrollment: The opportunity for fall dual enrollment has ended. Please do not make requests to take a fall college class at this time. Dual enrollment students need to be accessing their college accounts and getting ready for classes. We do not get information about college classes, so the responsibility is on the students to get into their accounts and read their emails. Both LCC and The University of Olivet begin before we begin classes, and students must attend. Students must first check with our library before making a purchase of a college textbook, so students need to start preparing now.

LINK CREW HOSTS FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!

Thursday August 17th from 8:00 AM - noon, OHS Gym

Class of 2027 and new students don't want to miss this! (The OHS Link Crew leaders can't wait to meet you and help you be successful at OHS!) We are excited to help students new to our building get acquainted with our school, other students, and to start their high school career with fun, excitement, mentors, and tips to rock your time as an Olivet High School Eagle. This is a student-only orientation and not for parents. Attendance is highly recommended as this program will benefit freshmen and new students all year long. Lunch is provided after the orientation for all participants. Registration and pictures to follow. If you have questions about the orientation or Link Crew you can email the coordinator Ms. Abby Miller at millerab@olivetschools.org.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our first day of school is Wednesday, August 23th. We do not have school on Friday 9/1 or Monday 9/4. You can also see the High School events calendar at the bottom of the [OHS webpage](#). You can add this calendar to your personal calendar using the "+google Calendar" button located on the bottom corner of the calendar on our page.

SCHOOL START/END TIME CHANGE

School times have not changed. Grades 6-12 begin at 7:35, and students will be released at 2:31. Please note the bus times for CACC and BCAMSC, which can be found on the [Bell Schedule](#) for more specific information.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All Students will need to register vehicles driven which they plan to park in the Olivet Community Schools parking lots during the school day. If students drive multiple vehicles, they need to register each vehicle. Students can register their vehicle using [OHS 2023-24 Vehicle Registration](https://forms.gle/oHef7RmJukir3gPk8) (<https://forms.gle/oHef7RmJukir3gPk8>). There will also be computers set up during OHS Registration to register student driven vehicles. You will need the make, model, color, and license plate number of the vehicle your student will be driving to complete this process. Parking permits will be distributed when school begins.

PARKING

Any student that comes to the school during the school day, such as online and dual enrollment students must park on the office side of the building. This year students that leave during the day, but do not come back during the school day, will be allowed to park on the stadium side. This includes CACC and PM MSC students.

SENIOR PARKING SPOTS

The Olivet High School and Band Boosters have offered the opportunity to personalize a parking space that will be the student's spot to park for the entire year, check out the [flier](#) for more information. The last Painting Party day to decorate your space is August 19th. Please email Melissa Ryan at ryanm@olivetschools.org if you would like to purchase a parking space.

STUDENT TRANSPORTING THEMSELVES TO PARTNER SCHOOL (CACC, MSC, Dual Enrollment, Work Study)

Students are allowed the privilege of driving themselves to partner schools, but this does not apply to other school activities, which is a different process. Parents may provide authorization for students to transport themselves, other students, and ride with an authorized driver by completing the [OHS Student Transportation Authorization Form](#), which must be completed before a student can drive. **Note, if students are riding together, both the parent of the driver and the rider must provide authorization.** Parents will need to provide the names of the other students. Attendance will be taken on the CACC bus to identify students that are not following the authorization expectation. The right to drive to school, as well as leave school property for a school-sponsored activity is a privilege. Please read more about expectations on the authorization form.

CACC and MSC

The BCAMSC and the CACC begin classes on Thursday, August 24th. If your child is going to either of these centers please read the [CACC and BCAMSC Transportation Information](#).

ONLINE STUDENTS

Students taking online classes are expected to stay at Olivet, in the library, during the class period of the course. Students will participate in an orientation where they will learn how they can earn the privilege to get parent permission to leave school during that class period. Once granted permission to leave, online students must sign in and out at the office.

DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

Dual enrollment students are not expected to stay at Olivet during the dual enrollment course time period. However, if students do stay at Olivet they are expected to work in the library. Dual enrollment students must sign in and out at the office.

HOMEcoming WEEK: September 18 - 22, 2023

Homecoming Week is September 18-22nd, with the football game on the 22nd. Freshmen, you need to be thinking about a float building site, and a wagon for your float.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent involvement is a key to student success, so your attendance is critical. Since the block schedule allows students to complete a class in one semester, we will have two Parent/Teacher Conferences in the fall and two in the spring.

- Tuesday October 17th, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, October 19th, 12:00 - 3:00 PM, and 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Parent Meetings

We have parent meetings planned during the fall. The freshman parent meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the auditorium. During the meeting we will provide more support as students transition to high school. The parent meeting for the other grades will be later in September and October once we firm dates for corresponding events.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

All students are reminded that any completed [OHS Community Service Forms](#) must be submitted to Mr. Otto. It is not too early to begin working on the twenty hours of community service required to graduate. Don't wait until the last minute! Please see/call Mr. Otto if you need assistance in finding a placement to fulfill your hours.

ATHLETICS

The official first day of practice for all fall teams is August 7th. All athletes must have updated physical to participate (see more below). If you have questions please reach out to the head coach, or our athletic director, Mr. Seidl, seidlm@olivetschools.org. Schedules can be found on the athletic website by using the fall menu.

Athletic Physicals & Concussion Acknowledgement Forms

All student-athletes must pass a physical examination on or after April 15 of the previous school year and submit the completed form (signed by a physician and parent/guardian) to the athletic department prior to their first practice. Forms for athletic physicals can be obtained under the [files and links](#) menu on the olivetathletics.com Web site.

Varsity Coaches' Email Addresses

Cross Country: Misty Fitzpatrick (fitzpam@olivetschools.org)

Football: Gabe Priddy (priddyg@olivetschools.org)

Girls' Golf: Todd McLane (agolivetmi@hotmail.com)

Sideline Cheer: Tiffany Shumaker (shumakt@olivetschools.org)

Boys' Soccer: Betsie Williams (williamsbets@icloud.com)

Volleyball: Kim Lehman (lehmank@olivetschools.org) Bailey Hoffman (bailhoff9@yahoo.com)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On the last page I have provided the most up to date calendar of events for the year. Although adjustments may be made, this list should be very accurate. You can add the High School Events Calendar to your google calendar using this [link](#).

I know there is a lot of information being provided, but I hope it will help you plan for coming back to school and for the school year. Have a great end to your summer, and follow us on twitter to see all the things going on as students begin to come back.

Troy Waffle

OHS Principal

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Olivet High School Calendar

2023-24



First Semester

Second Semester

July 17	Student Schedules Released	January 23	Second Semester Begins
August 9	Online Registration Open	February 2	Winter Homecoming
August 14	11th/12 Grade Registration 1PM - 5PM	February 6	OHS Choir Concert
August 17	9th Grade/New Student Orientation 8AM-noon	February 12	OHS Band Concert
August 17	9th/10th Grade Registration 10AM - 2PM	February 14	Early Release
August 23	First Day for OHS Students	February 19	No School
August 24	First Day for BCAMSC and CACC	March 6	Early Release Day
August 25	Last Day to Change Classes	March 19	PT Conferences
September 1st & 4th	No School	March 20	PT Conferences
September 6	Freshman Parent Meeting 6PM - 7PM	March 22	No School
September 13	Early Release Day	March 25 - 29	Spring Break
September 18-22	Homecoming Week	April 8-12	Tentative State Testing Week
September 22	Homecoming Parade, Game, Crowning	April 17	Fine Arts Fest
October 17	PT Conferences - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	May 1	OHS High Honors Celebration
October 19	½-Day PT Conferences - 12:00 - 3:00 PM, and 5:00 - 8:00 PM	May 3-5	Spring Play
October 20	No School	May 8	OHS Band Concert
October 23	OHS Band Performance	May 11	Prom
October 25	Choir Concert	May 15	Cabaret
October TBD	Sophomore Parent Meeting	May 22	Early Release
October TBD	Senior Parent Meeting	May 24	Senior Scholarships and Awards
October 31	Early Release Day	May 24	Last Day for Seniors
November 7	No School - Teacher PD	May 27	No School - Memorial Day
November 11	Veterans Day Celebration	May 28	Senior Exams - AM Classes
November 17-19	Fall Musical	May 29	Senior Exams - PM Classes
November 22-24	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break	May 30	Graduation Practice (Mandatory) and Senior Walk-through
November 29	Early Release Day	May 31	Underclassmen Awards
December 13	OHS Band Concert	June 2	Graduation
December 19	7th-12th Grade Choir Concert	June 3	First Skinny Exam
December 22	Last Day of School before Holiday Break	June 4	4th/5th Block Exams
Dec 25-Jan 5	NO SCHOOL: Christmas Break	June 5	½ Day - 1st Blk, 2nd Skinny/3rd Blk Exams
January 8, 2024	School Resumes	June 5	Last Day of School
January 17	First Skinny Exam		
January 18	4th/5th Block Exams		
January 19	½ Day - 1st Block, 2nd Skinny/3rd Block Exams		
January 19	Last Day of First Semester		
January 22	NO SCHOOL: Records Day		



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