

Olmsted Falls Middle School
PTA Council Meeting
November 1, 2024

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I. [OFMS Parent Newsletter](#)

- A. [OFMS MS Activity Calendar \(Live Link\)](#) & [OFMS Activity Calendar 2024-2025 PDF](#)
- B. [Daily Announcement Link](#)
- C. [OFMS Website Link](#)

II. Heja Text Notification System - We are using the app, Heja, for OFMS parent communication. Click the link, download the app & join your child's respective class.

- [Class of 2030-2031](#) (6th Grade 2024-2025 School Year
 - Code: HB-002222 - <https://heja.io/download/HB002222>
- [Class of 2029-2030](#) (7th Grade 2024-2025 School Year)
 - Code: UE-719251 - <https://heja.io/download/UE719251>
- [Class of 2028-2029](#) (8th Grade 2024-2025 School Year)
 - Code: UO-805098 - <https://heja.io/download/UO805098>
- [OFMS Washington DC Trip Parent Phone Chain 2024-2025](#)
 - Code: TO-990031 - <https://heja.io/download/TE990031>

III. Parent Engagement Survey

- A. [Navigating Google Classroom for Parents Video Guide](#)
- B. [OFCS Student & Family Technology Support](#)
- C. [PowerSchool Grade Access - PowerSchool App & PowerSchool Portal](#)
- D. Forthcoming
 1. What to Expect for Grades 6, 7, & 8 - Ideas from OFMS Parents
 2. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Parents - Ideas from OFMS Parents

IV. [The Bulldog Way: PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports at OFMS](#)

- A. PBIS Tier 2 Intervention Plans
 1. Each small team is identifying 5-7 students that need additional support in the areas of academics, behavior, and/or organizational skills
- B. PBIS Lunch Tables of the Month
 1. Community Partnership with Chick-fil-a in North Olmsted
 2. The Cow came to OFMS on October 28, 2024, and helped celebrate each grade level table of the month
- C. PBIS Kindness Lesson: Gratitude - STAR Classes - Tuesday, November 19, 2024

V. Professional Development & Professional Learning Focus for 2024-2025 - OFMS

A. Cohort Design Teams - John Benson - Cleveland.Com Article - [Olmsted Falls City Schools offering teachers new perspectives](#)

1. Teachers met in cross grade and cross subject area cohort teams to engage in structured conversations about ways to enhance their lessons, units, and instructional activities to be engaging for students.
2. We have 12 cohorts with 3-5 teachers in each cohort.
3. Each teacher brought a lesson to share with their cohort team.
4. The other teachers in the cohort asked specific and focused questions designed to help the teacher enhance the engagement of their lesson.
5. Teachers shared their lessons and suggestions with their department and will report back to their cohort on changes and/or enhancements they made to their original lesson at the next meeting of our cohorts.
6. Pre and Post Survey Data

Pre PD Day Teacher Survey			
"I feel confident in my own ability to use the design elements to design classroom units, lessons, and/or activities."	"I feel confident in my ability to offer my colleagues support to help them use the design elements to design units, lessons, and/or activities that are engaging for students."	"I feel confident that I can learn about enhancing the engagement of my units, lessons, and/or activities by sharing with my colleagues how I use the design elements in my classroom."	"I feel confident that I can learn from my colleagues how to enhance my classroom, units, lessons, and/or activities by using the design elements..",
78% of our teachers responded that they were either confident (45%) or extremely confident (33%).	65% of our teachers responded that they were either confident (39%) or extremely confident (26%).	70% of our teachers responded that they were either confident (30%) or extremely confident (40%).	76% of our teachers responded that they were either confident (32%) or extremely confident (44%),
We would expect our teachers to increase their confidence level by the end of the year.			

"The time spent with my colleagues in my cohort was meaningful."	"I intend to redesign some or all of the lessons I brought in order to make it more engaging based on the feedback I got from my colleagues. "	"Are you willing to allow teachers to observe your class through the lens of student engagement?."
OFMS teachers responded as follows: Agree (34%) and Strongly Agree (56%).	OFMS teachers responded 100% in the affirmative.	68% of OFMS teachers responded that they would be willing to have colleagues observe them.

We would expect this data set to either increase or stay the same in the case of 100% of teachers

planning to make changes to their lesson and/or unit based on colleague feedback.

B. This We Believe - American Middle Level Education Essential Attributes

Connection Between OFMS Benefits-Based Accountability & American Middle Level Education Essential Attributes

Responsive (Interests-Focused , Aligned to Need, Learning to Think Ahead)	Challenging (Creativity)	Empowering (Student Voice)	Equitable (Interests-Focused , Aligned to Need)	Engaging (Schlechty Center Design Elements)
Exploration Day Career Day Career Speakers Polaris Grade 8 Field Trip Polaris Grade 6 Career Expo Clubs & Activities Intramural Fridays Formative Assessments Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Courses in Grade 7 & 8 GEMS Club (Girls in Engineering, Math, & Science) PBIS Chess Club Video Game Club Magic The Gathering Club Learning stations PBIS Tier 2 Intervention Plans	Explorer Courses Explorer Course Electives in Grades 7 & 8 World Language for High School Credit Algebra & Geometry for High School Credit Project-Based Learning Academic Team Power of the Pen Bulldog Theatre Company (BTC) Jazz Band Golden Harmonies Percussion Ensemble Solo & Ensemble Contest for Choir & Band Paw Print Newspaper Club Open ended application problems	Principal Aspiration Council (PAC) Dr. Knight - Cultural Awareness Activities Student Surveys Student Focus Groups Exploration Day WEB Leaders LEAD Student Council Builders Club Helping Hands ROX (Ruling Our Expectations) Bulldog Buddies (Pairing of 8th Grade Models with 6th Grade Students) Peer editing Readers & Writers Workshop	Explorer Course Electives in Grades 7 & 8 Clubs & Activities Helping Hands Support for Students with Special Needs at School Social Events Peer Models in Moderate-Intense Classrooms John's Safe Place Inclusion of Students with Special Needs included in Washington DC Trip Classroom Guidance Lessons Test retakes Monthly cultural highlights and recognition information	Teacher Professional Learning - Cohort Design Groups Teachers work within their grade level content area/department teams to plan lessons that are engaging for students Whole Child Approach - Arts, Athletics, & Academics Working with Peers Movement in classroom Choice of presentation formats Letters and cards to senior citizens and veterans

VI. Student Council Dance

A. Friday, November 22, from 5:30-7:30 PM

B. \$5.00 at the door only

VII. Student-Led Conferences

A. Monday, November 4, 2024, 4:00-7:30 PM

B. Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 4:00-7:30 PM

C. Scheduling Email to Parents emailed on Monday, October 7, 2024 - [Scheduling Letter](#)

VIII. [OFMS Activities & Clubs by Grade Level 2024 2025](#) & [OFMS Activities & Clubs Database](#)

A. GEMS Club - All Grades

1. Girls in Engineering, Math, & Science (GEMS)

2. Tuesdays

3. 3:30-4:30 PM

4. Begins Tuesday, November 19, 2024

B. Ski Club

1. Parent Meeting - Monday, November 11, 2024, 6:00-6:30 PM

2. Dates: January 10, 17, 24, 31, & February 7, 2025

3. Departure from OFMS - 4:15 PM

4. Return to OFMS - 9:30 PM

5. Students will either bring their equipment in the morning and store in a secure area or their parents will bring their child's equipment by 4:00 PM on the ski club days

6. Optional - Students will have the option of purchasing pizza, chips, and a beverage to have between 3:30-4:15 PM while we wait to depart. Cost is \$40.00 for the 5 weeks.

7. Registration Fee is \$355 (rentals, if needed, are included).

8. There is a Transportation Fee of \$30.00 that all students pay separately to OFMS

9. Students that have their own equipment may purchase a season pass (Ohio Pass/EPIC Season - \$300.00) and then pay the transportation fee of \$30.00 to OFMS, which is a savings of \$55.00.

C. [Wrestling - Grades 7 & 8](#)

1. Wrestling begins on Friday, November 15, 2024, @ 3:30-6:00 PM

IX. [OFMS Grading Periods 2024-2025](#)

X. [OFMS Bell Schedules by Team 2024-2025](#)

XI. Staff Jeans Day for Charity - PTA Scholarships for OFHS Seniors

A. Staff Jeans Day - Thursday, December 19, 2024

XII. John's Safe Place - OFMS has a dedicated quiet space in our guidance office - [JCH Foundation](#)

XIII. Washington DC Trip

A. Date: Wednesday, March 26, Thursday, March 27, & Friday, March 28, 2025

B. Cost: \$620.00

C. Parent Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 2024, @ 7:00 PM

1. Deposit of \$50.00 Due: Friday, October 4, 2024

a) [OFMS DC Parent Meeting Agenda October 2, 2024 - PDF](#)

b) [OFMS DC Parent Meeting Agenda October 2, 2024 - Links](#)

D. Parent & Student Meeting: January 29, 2025, @ 7:00-8:00 PM

E. Final Payment Due: Friday, January 31, 2025

