



# OHS Family News



Dear OHS Eagles,

We had another great week at Orchard Hills!

Reminders:

**NO SCHOOL on Monday, September 25th**



PICTURE DAY is **Wednesday, September 27th**. Please see the link below for more information.

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## Important Dates:

- [Printable MPS full year calendar can be found here.](#)
- September 25th- No School (Yom Kippur)
- September 27th- **Picture Day**- we are using Robert Taylor Photography this year
- September 29th- Wear Gold for Pediatric Cancer- [OHS Spirit Days](#)
- October 16th- 20th- Book Fair
- October 18- 20th- Early Release for Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 25th- Early Release at 1:25pm for students

**Picture Day**- Robert Taylor Photography will be here on Wednesday, September, 27th for Picture Day. You can order pictures through the link below:

- [Orchard Hills photo prepay active until Oct. 4 code "orh23"](#)  
School Code: orh23
- [Picture Day](#) (fliers will also go home in paper form with your child)

**Arrival & Dismissal**- Please see the important information below and in this [letter](#) :

- **Please remain in line and DO NOT pass other cars. The passing of cars presents a safety issue.**
- **Please follow directions by staff.**
- Parents should not exit vehicles unless absolutely necessary. Staff can assist and children can build independence.
- Cars can start to enter the driveway at **8:15am for arrival** & 3:15pm for dismissal.

**Preschool Families:** Please arrive between 8:35 am - 8:40 am

## OHS PTA Information



Check out the OHS PTA's first fundraiser of the year! [Photography by Elizabeth Marie](#) is partnering with the OHS PTA to offer photography sessions to benefit the OHS PTA! To schedule a session, [click here!](#)

The Giggling Pig afterschool program starts on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. **Please email your classroom teacher and Mrs. Paone ([lpaone@milforded.org](mailto:lpaone@milforded.org)) if your child(ren) is attending.**

[Giggling Pig After School Program- OHS PTA](#)

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## **TRUNK OR TREAT!!** Friday, October 20th 6:30- 7:30pm at OHS

The OHS PTA will be hosting the Trunk or Treat again this school year! There are limited parking spaces for decorated cars, so please sign up here: [OHS Trunk or Treat Car Sign Up - October 20 - 6:30-7:30](#)

**PTA Council-** The PTA Council is organizing a virtual Meet the Candidates event for Board of Education Candidates. This will be an opportunity for all BoE candidates to answer questions that are important to all of us. We would love your input! Please complete the following [form](#) and share any questions you have for the candidates. We would appreciate all questions to be submitted on the form no later than Friday, September 24th.

**OHS Spirit Days-** Please see the document for the [OHS Spirit Days](#). This is a working document, so please check back as some dates may change or be added.

**Birthdays/Celebrations-** At the elementary level, we do not use food as a part of our class celebrations (birthdays, holidays, end of year parties). Please do not send or bring in food or candy to your children's classroom for parties or other reasons. For birthdays or other special events, we invite family members in to read a book or do a craft with students as part of the celebration. Please coordinate any visits with the classroom teacher well in advance.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences-**

Greetings, MPS Families!

We are pleased to announce our Fall 2023 Elementary Conference Schedule:

- Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 1:45-3:45 p.m.
- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 1:45-3:45 p.m.

**\*Please note that we will have a modified early dismissal time on the conference days to accommodate the conference schedule. Therefore, students will be dismissed on October 18th, October 19th, and October 20th at 1:15pm.**

Parents/guardians will once again have the opportunity to select a conference time through My Conference Time. **All conferences will be in person unless a parent/guardian requests a**

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**Google Meet link directly from the teacher.** Fall conference sign up information will be live on our school website from Friday, October 6th, at 9:00 a.m. through Monday, October 16th, at 12:00 p.m. **If you prefer a virtual session, please contact the teacher to request a Google Meet link to conduct your conference virtually after you have confirmed your conference time through My Conference Time Online Scheduler.** We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning!

*Quick tip: Look for emails from "noreply@myconferencetime.com" when searching email for conference confirmation communications.*

## Community Connection Center

**Milford's Community providers information & updates can be found on our *NEW CCC district website along with the CCC's programs!*** To locate the CCC's web page go to **Milford's** main page and click on the Menu tab & scroll down under district Information to find the **Community Connections Centers!** This week's CCC News contains links to register for The Circle of Security Parenting Class, Milford Recreation Department's Adaptive Programs, an app called ConnTours that you can use to find historic places in Connecticut and the Durham Fair. **Remember that the **CCC Website**** is updated with links to community resources.

**Community Conversation:** Think Big! Dream Big! The link to an updated flier is here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1riOppnQyjGBWFFq-QdEeLPTtGDdDHfOZ/view?usp=sharing>

Warm Regards,  
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