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"Home of the Oakland-Craig Knights"

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OCHS Knight Families,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024-25 school year! Along with the entire Junior-Senior High staff, I look forward to welcoming your child back to OCHS!

Before proceeding, I would like to welcome our new staff members to Oakland-Craig:

*Mr. Mike Finley - 7-12 Skilled and Technical Sciences
*Mr. Bryan Dunn - JAG Facilitator, (Jobs for America's Graduates)
*Mrs. Alex Howser - K-12 Vocal Music
*Mr. Nathan Beutler - 4-12 Instrumental Music
*Mrs. Cheri Droescher - Special Education Paraprofessional

School will begin for 7-12 students on Thursday, August 15th at 8:10 a.m. and will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. There will be no lunch or breakfast served the first day. Regular school days will begin at 8:10 a.m. and will be dismissed at 3:41 p.m. Friday afternoon dismissal will be at 2:28 p.m. Breakfast will also be served for students beginning at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

As we welcome you back, we will have special events set aside in the Junior-Senior High Gym for the following groups:

***New Student Registration**

Thursday, August 8th and Friday, August 9th 9:00-noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

***Forms and Fees Office Day**

Friday, August 9th from 9:00-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Parents and students can pick up and drop off all school and medical forms @ the OCHS Office, including all needed technology items to start the year. Lunch balances and the student technology form can be paid, as well. This is also a great time for parents to drop off medications that need to be taken at school for the following week. A table just inside the OCHS door will also house forms for all junior and senior high students for you during business hours. All students will receive their devices on the first day of school if their technology forms and fees have been paid.

***7th Grade Parent and Student Orientation and Building Tours**

Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the OCHS Gym
This is for all 7th grade students and their parents. This orientation typically lasts one hour. All forms are available for 7th grade students this night, as well.

***OCHS High School Schedule Changes**

On Monday, July 29th, schedules for 9-12 students will be opened to view on PowerSchool. If students would like to change their schedule, they can email Mrs. Magnusson, our school counselor, at amagnusson@ocknights.org. Mrs. Magnusson will also be available to meet with students about their schedules in person on

August 8 & 9th at the high school building. As always, we will use the school notification system to provide information to families. We will also over a Remind option for grade-level specific information. If you have changed your phone number, email address, physical address, or any other pertinent information, please notify Mrs. Wilson in the office to update your information.

In case you would like to fill out your paperwork earlier than the 9th, the office is open each day from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. beginning August 2nd. Lunch balances can also be paid on the O-C App. Athletic physicals and NSAA waivers can also be delivered to a coach on the first day of practice. Please know that an athlete cannot participate in practice or competition without a completed physical turned in to the district, per state regulations.

The student handbook is available online for your viewing. If you would like a copy of the updated handbook printed, please contact the OCHS Office. If you have any questions regarding the handbook, please reach out to me directly for any clarification at mburton@ocknights.org or by calling OCHS.

I would also like to remind families that safety during drop off and pick up is a priority for our students. Please drop your child off on Davis Street before the 8:10 bell each morning and pick up after school on Davis St. or the Lutheran Church Parking Lot. If you are picking up your child during the day, a visitor's spot is located for you on the east side of the building nearest the main entrance.

Our goal is to have each of your children in school with us every day! Oakland-Craig has a long history of strong academic achievement and numerous athletic and extracurricular successes. We understand that there are appointments and special events that might take your child out of school throughout the year. Please make every effort to bring doctors notes to the office upon returning and to contact Mrs. Wilson in the office by school phone or email at awilson@ocknights.org to notify the school of any absences as soon as it is known to you. We also expect students to complete their homework for appointments, vacations, and school activities before returning to school from the event if the student knew of the event prior.

I would also like to welcome you to take part in the *Remind* process for coaches and sponsors that your student works with. A monthly email is also sent out to you that has both the superintendent and principal's newsletters. In addition, you can view all student announcements on the O-C Webpage by clicking on *OCHS Announcements*. This will provide you with the exact information that is read to students each morning.

We look forward to working with each of you throughout the year with one common goal; let's work hard to move our communities forward and do so with respect and kindness.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Michelle Burton
7-12 Principal