



# Oak Park and River Forest High School *District 200*

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## **Incoming Freshmen Enrollment Information Session**

Ms. Kris Johnson, Director of Student Services  
Dr. Julie Lam, Director of Student Learning

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 & Wednesday, December 14, 2022**



*Welcome to OPRF!*

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Incoming Freshmen  
Parent Night





# Agenda for the Evening

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- Message from Principal Parker
- OPRF Building Leadership
- Let's take a "Walk" Through Your OPRF Folder
- Key Information Regarding the Transition to High School
- Important Dates
- Questions?

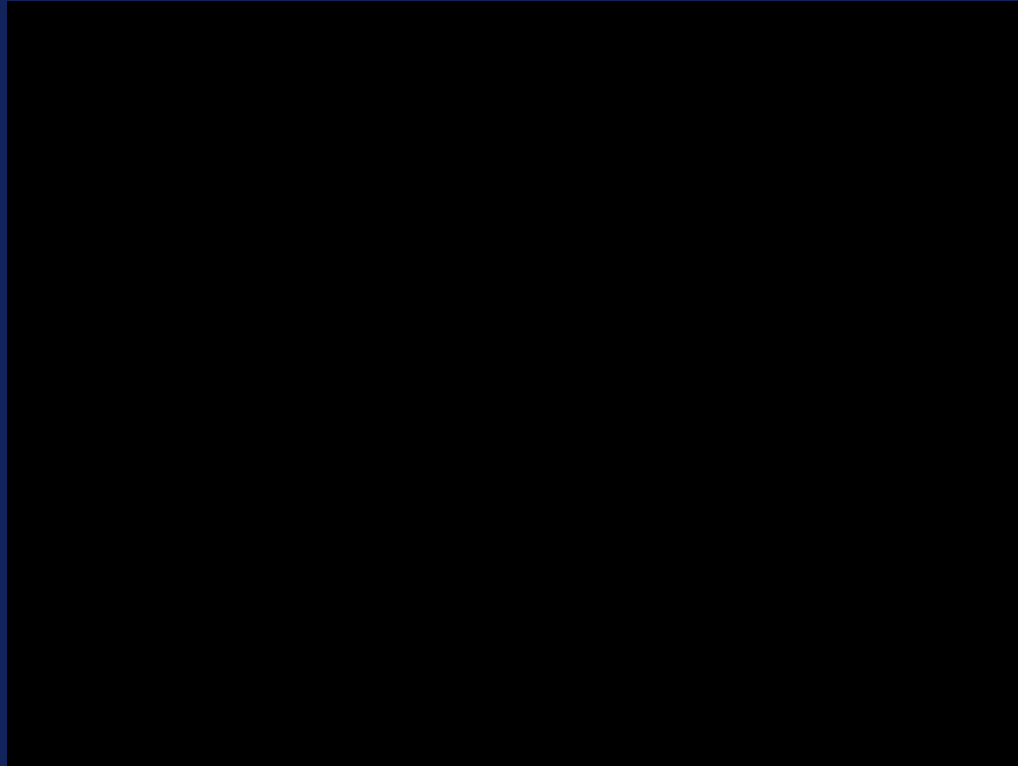




# Message from Principal Lynda J. Parker

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# OPRF Building Leadership

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# OPRF Transition to High School Folder

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- Letter from Kris Johnson and Julie Lam / Important Dates
- Academic Catalog for 2023 - 2024
- Incoming Freshman Guide
- Information about Athletics
- Information from our School Nurses







# 8th Grade to Freshman Transition

- **OPRF Support Systems**
  - Pupil Support Services Teams (PSS)
    - School Counselor
    - Social Worker
    - Dean
    - Team Secretary
  - Student Resource Center and Library
    - Makerspace
    - Media Production Room
    - Quiet Study
    - Student Help Desk
    - Tutoring
  - Testing Center
  - ELL - English Language Learner Supports
  - Tiered intervention courses







# What we expect from our students...

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## Student Responsibilities:

- Establish relationships with your teachers.
- Stay on top of your academics and ask for help when you need it.
- Be punctual and regular in attendance to all classes and commitments.
- Budget your time and stay organized.
- Eat balanced meals and get at least eight hours of sleep on nights preceding school days.
- Follow the behavior expectations of the school.
- Get to know your counselor and start thinking about your life after high school.





# ....and these things too!

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## Student Responsibilities:

- Recognize that you learn from your failures as well as your successes.
- Become aware of your personal strengths and weaknesses.
- Set realistic and challenging goals and regularly assess those goals.
- Become actively involved in school. Support school activities as both a participant and as a fan.
- Nurture a healthy family relationship. Involve your family in your experiences and in your plan for success.



# What we expect from our families...

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## Family Responsibilities:

- Provide a quiet study area in the home.
- Talk about school and stay connected to Family Access.
- Insist on punctual and regular attendance to school and to all classes and study halls during the school day.
- Ensure that your child gets balanced meals and sufficient rest.
- Establish and maintain good communication with your child's teachers and counselor.
- If problems arise, reach out to your child's counselor for help.





# ...and these things too!

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## Family Responsibilities:

- Help your child celebrate success and learn from failure. Let them know you are in their corner!
- Celebrate your child's strengths and provide tools to see and work on their blindspots.
- Help your child set realistic yet challenging goals.
- Know your child's friends and their families.
- Encourage involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Encourage your child to get out of their comfort zone.
- Attend activities and support your child's involvement in the school.



# Freshman Course Load

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## Your Child's Freshman Year:

- Freshmen are limited to six (6) courses including Physical Education/Health Education per semester.
  - If freshmen choose, a performance class (band, orchestra, chorus, or acting) for non GPA-bearing weight can be added to their schedule.
  - Freshmen not enrolled in a music or acting performance course or in a curricular intervention program will be enrolled in freshman LAUNCH, Freshman Study Hall, or Academic Strategies.
- The maximum number of courses a sophomore, junior, or senior may take is seven (7) each semester.

## Summer School:

- Students who desire to take courses in the summer term are encouraged to take them at OPRF.
- Students may enroll in up to three (3) courses for summer school each year.
- Summer School registration for freshmen will open February 20, 2023\*.
- Summer school is scheduled for **June 12 - July 20, 2023\***.
  - Period 1: 8:00 AM - 10:15 AM (1 semester credit)
  - Period 2: 10:25 AM - 12:40 PM (1 semester credit)
  - Period 3: 12:50 PM - 3:05 PM (1 semester credit)
- Summer School runs Monday through Thursday.
- More information will be available at Future Huskies Night in January.

*\*Tentative*



# Graduation Requirements

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Subject	43 Credits Total	Comments
English*	8	N/A
Math*	6	2 algebra credits, 2 geometry credits, 2 other math credits
Science*	4	2 must be lab science credits
History*	4	2 World History, 2 A.U.S. History
Civics*	1	Civics must be taken at OPRFHS. Students must also pass the Constitution test.
World Language Culture	1	N/A
Fine/Performing Arts	1	N/A
Applied Arts	1	N/A
Digital Literacy	1	N/A
Financial Literacy	1	Financial Literacy or AP Economics fulfill this requirement
Health Ed.*	1	Health Ed is taken during as a part of the freshmen year core PE program.
Drivers Ed./Safety Ed.	1	Students who take Drivers Ed outside of OPRF will have to enroll in another PE course.
Physical Education	6	
Electives	7	N/A





# OPRF Incoming Freshmen Course Placement Process

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- OPRFHS believes there is value in evaluating a student's patterns of achievement.
- In partnership with our local partner schools, we will be working to better understand your child and how to support them at OPRFHS by using multiple points of data from their middle school performance, including courses, grades, and multiple MAP test scores.
- We no longer administer a placement exam for students coming from our public feeder schools.
- More information can be found at <https://www.oprfhs.org/students/incoming-freshmen>.





# Counselors: People to Know!

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# Important Dates for Incoming Freshmen

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- January 19, 2023** Future Huskies Night - Open House from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
- January 24, 2023** Course Selection Night for Incoming Class of 2027 (**VIRTUAL**) at 6:30 PM
- January 27, 2023** Deadline to submit *Course Selection Google Form* to counselor + deadline to request course level changes via Google form posted on OPRFHS website
- May 2023** Information regarding online enrollment and residency verification will be emailed to parents / guardians.
- May 1, 2023** **For prospective athletes:** You can begin completing the DHS *Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination Form*> Both sides need to be completed and it needs to be signed by a physician. All immunization dates should be included. If needed, submit signed *Medication Authorization Form*. All health forms should be submitted to OPRFHS Health Services.
- May 15, 2023** Completed State of Illinois *Proof of Dental Exam Form* due.
- August 2023** **TBD** / Freshman Schedule and Book Pick-Up Day. All students must have cleared residency to receive a schedule.
- August 14, 2023** Husky Kickoff Day (Freshman Orientation). This is the First day of classes for freshmen.
- August 14, 2023** Freshmen Parents / Guardians Evening Meeting / 7:00 PM in the OPRF Auditorium
- October 13, 2023** Completed DHS *Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination Form* due.





# Useful Resource Links

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## Useful Resources for Incoming Families

- [2023-2024 Key Dates](#)
- [Academic Catalog](#)
- [Accommodating Transgender Students and Gender Nonconforming Students](#)
- [Athletics](#)
- [Daily Bell Schedules](#)
- [Clubs and Activities](#)
- [College & Career Planning Information](#)
- [Helpful Parent Resources](#)
- [Incoming Freshmen](#)
- [Summer School](#)



*You made it!*

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*Questions?*





# Thank you for coming out tonight!

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On behalf of the Offices of Student Services and Student Learning,  
Welcome to the Huskie Family!

*“Those Things That Are Best”*

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